

Esoteric Traditions and Occult History

Occultism & Esoterica · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. Who is the purported author of the 'Emerald Tablet', a foundational text of alchemy that outlines the principle 'as above, so below'?

- A) Paracelsus
- B) Hermes Trismegistus
- C) John Dee
- D) Albertus Magnus

2. In Theosophy, what is the term used by Helena Blavatsky to describe the alleged ancient masters who guide the spiritual evolution of humanity?

- A) Mahatmas
- B) Archons
- C) Aeons
- D) Bodhisattvas

3. Which 15th-century Italian philosopher is credited with synthesizing Hermeticism, Neoplatonism, and Kabbalah in his work 'Oration on the Dignity of Man'?

- A) Marsilio Ficino
- B) Giovanni Pico della Mirandola
- C) Giordano Bruno
- D) Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa

4. The 'Grimorium Verum' is a 18th-century occult grimoire that claims to be a translation of a work originating in which city?

- A) Memphis
- B) Rome
- C) Jerusalem
- D) Paris

5. Which occult organization, founded in 1888, counted W.B. Yeats and Aleister Crowley among its members during its most influential period?

- A) The Golden Dawn
- B) The O.T.O.
- C) The Theosophical Society
- D) The Rosicrucian Fellowship

6. In John Dee's system of Enochian magic, what is the name of the language he claimed to have received from angels?

- A) Enochian
- B) Angelical
- C) Atlantean
- D) Sumerian

7. Which classic work of 17th-century Rosicrucianism depicts the symbolic initiation of Christian Rosenkreuz?

- A) The Chemical Wedding
- B) The Monas Hieroglyphica
- C) Fama Fraternitatis
- D) The Silent Language

8. What is the significance of the 'Qabalah' in the context of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn?

- A) It is a system of Hebrew mysticism adapted for ritual magic
- B) It is an Islamic practice of alchemy
- C) It is a strictly Eastern meditation technique
- D) It is a form of early scientific classification

9. Eliphas Lévi, the 19th-century occultist, is best known for popularizing which visual representation of the occult in his work 'Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magie'?

- A) The Baphomet
- B) The Philosopher's Stone
- C) The Tree of Life
- D) The Sigil of Lucifer

10. Which 16th-century occult philosopher wrote 'De Occulta Philosophia libri III', a comprehensive survey of magical theory?

- A) Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa
- B) John Dee
- C) Robert Fludd
- D) Marsilio Ficino