

Historical Milestones in Philosophy

Philosophy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which work by Immanuel Kant was explicitly motivated by his reading of David Hume's skepticism regarding causality?

- A) Critique of Pure Reason
- B) Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics**
- C) Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals
- D) The Metaphysics of Morals

2. In which city was the library of the Lyceum, founded by Aristotle, primarily situated during the Peripatetic school's peak?

- A) Alexandria
- B) Ephesus
- C) Athens**
- D) Stagira

3. The 'School of Names' (Mingjia) was a Chinese philosophical school known for its focus on logic and language during which historical period?

- A) Warring States Period**
- B) Spring and Autumn Period
- C) Tang Dynasty
- D) Han Dynasty

4. Who was the primary translator responsible for introducing the works of Neoplatonist philosopher Plotinus to the Renaissance humanist circle in Florence?

- A) Marsilio Ficino**
- B) Pico della Mirandola
- C) Erasmus of Rotterdam
- D) Thomas More

5. Which ancient Greek philosopher was famously acquitted of impiety in 399 BCE but later executed after a second trial?

- A) Socrates
- B) Anaxagoras
- C) Diagoras of Melos
- D) None of the above**

6. The 'Vienna Circle', a group of logical positivists, was formally dissolved following the rise of which political event?

A) The Great Depression

B) The Anschluss

C) The signing of the Treaty of Versailles

D) The formation of the Weimar Republic

7. Which of the following philosophers served as the tutor to Alexander the Great at the Macedonian court of Pella?

A) Plato

B) Aristotle

C) Speusippus

D) Xenocrates

8. What is the title of the work by Thomas Aquinas that served as the primary synthesis of Aristotelian philosophy and Christian theology?

A) Summa Contra Gentiles

B) De Ente et Essentia

C) Summa Theologica

D) Commentary on the Sentences

9. Which philosopher is historically credited with the 'ontological argument' for the existence of God in the text 'Proslogion'?

A) Anselm of Canterbury

B) Augustine of Hippo

C) Boethius

D) Duns Scotus

10. Which philosophical work by Friedrich Nietzsche was the only one published during his lifetime that featured a narrative protagonist modeled after a Persian prophet?

A) Beyond Good and Evil

B) Thus Spoke Zarathustra

C) The Gay Science

D) The Genealogy of Morals