

Historical Milestones in Philosophy

Philosophy · Practice Test · 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