

Philosophical Foundations: Key Concepts and Thinkers

Philosophy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. The word "philosophy" originates from ancient Greek, combining "philo" and "sophia." What do these two words mean together?

- A) Love of knowledge
- B) Love of wisdom**
- C) Study of reality
- D) Search for truth

2. Which ancient Greek philosopher is famously associated with the statement "The unexamined life is not worth living"?

- A) Plato
- B) Aristotle
- C) Socrates**
- D) Pythagoras

3. What was the name of the influential school founded by Plato in Athens, often considered one of the first institutions of higher learning in the Western world?

- A) The Lyceum
- B) The Stoa
- C) The Academy**
- D) The Garden

4. Which philosopher is renowned for his foundational statement, "Cogito, ergo sum," meaning "I think, therefore I am"?

- A) John Locke
- B) David Hume
- C) René Descartes**
- D) Baruch Spinoza

5. Which branch of philosophy is primarily concerned with the nature of knowledge, belief, and justification?

- A) Metaphysics
- B) Ethics
- C) Aesthetics
- D) Epistemology**

6. Who was the student of Plato and later became the tutor to Alexander the Great, making significant contributions to logic, ethics, politics, and biology?

- A) Thales
- B) Socrates
- C) Aristotle**
- D) Anaximander

7. Which German philosopher developed the concept of the Categorical Imperative, a central ethical principle based on universalizability and treating humanity as an end in itself?

- A) Friedrich Nietzsche
- B) Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
- C) Immanuel Kant**
- D) Arthur Schopenhauer

8. What is the primary area of inquiry for metaphysics within philosophy?

- A) The study of moral principles
- B) The study of beauty and art
- C) The study of existence, being, and reality**
- D) The study of reasoning and argumentation