

Junior Philosophy Foundations

Philosophy · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Who is often called the 'father of Western philosophy' because he was the teacher of Plato?

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

2. Which Greek philosopher founded a school in Athens known as the Academy?

- A) Plato**
- B) Epicurus
- C) Zeno
- D) Diogenes

3. What is the name of the branch of philosophy that deals specifically with the nature of knowledge and how we know what is true?

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

4. In logic, what is a series of statements intended to determine the degree of truth of another statement called?

- A) An opinion
- B) An argument**
- C) A hypothesis
- D) A guess

5. Which philosopher is famous for the statement 'I think, therefore I am'?

- A) John Locke
- B) David Hume
- C) René Descartes**
- D) Immanuel Kant

6. What term describes the branch of philosophy focused on the study of 'right and wrong' behavior?

- A) Ethics**
- B) Metaphysics
- C) Politics
- D) Ontology

7. Which ancient philosopher was a student of Plato and later became the tutor of Alexander the Great?

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

8. What is the term for a logical error where a statement does not follow from the previous statements?

- A) Fallacy**
- B) Paradox
- C) Syllogism
- D) Analogy

9. Which philosophical movement emphasizes that knowledge comes primarily from sensory experience?

- A) Rationalism
- B) Empiricism**
- C) Stoicism
- D) Nihilism

10. What is the study of the nature of beauty and art called?

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

11. Which famous ancient school of philosophy taught that people should be indifferent to pain and pleasure?

- A) Epicureanism
- B) Stoicism**
- C) Cynicism
- D) Platonism

12. What is a 'Syllogism' in the study of logic?

- A) A type of question
- B) A structure of logical reasoning**
- C) A belief in many gods
- D) A form of poetry

13. Who wrote the 'Republic', a famous work about the ideal city-state and justice?

A) Socrates

B) Plato

C) Aristotle

D) Epicurus

14. Which field of philosophy asks questions about the nature of reality and existence?

A) Metaphysics

B) Epistemology

C) Ethics

D) Logic

15. What did the philosopher Thales of Miletus propose was the primary 'stuff' of the universe?

A) Fire

B) Water

C) Earth

D) Air