

Foundational Knowledge in Occultism and Esoterica

Occultism & Esoterica · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Who is widely considered the 'father of modern occultism' and a key figure in the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn?

- A) Aleister Crowley
- B) Eliphas Levi
- C) Papus
- D) Samuel Liddell MacGregor Mathers**

2. The concept of the 'Magnum Opus' or Great Work is central to which alchemical tradition, often involving spiritual transformation as well as material change?

- A) Astrology
- B) Alchemy**
- C) Numerology
- D) Divination

3. Which influential occultist and ceremonial magician founded the Thelema system, famously stating 'Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law'?

- A) Manly P. Hall
- B) Samael Aun Weor
- C) Aleister Crowley**
- D) Gerald Gardner

4. The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, a significant magical organization founded in the late 19th century, drew heavily from what esoteric tradition?

- A) Shamanism
- B) Kabbalah and Hermeticism**
- C) Norse Mythology
- D) Sufism

5. Who authored 'The Kybalion', a foundational text that presents the core teachings of the Hermetic philosophy in a concise manner?

- A) Helena Blavatsky
- B) Three Initiates**
- C) G. I. Gurdjieff
- D) Carl Jung

6. What is the primary focus of Tarot card readings, a practice with roots in the 15th century, often used for divination and self-exploration?

- A) Predicting specific future events with certainty
- B) Exploring symbolic archetypes and psychological states**
- C) Calculating astrological charts
- D) Interpreting ancient hieroglyphs

7. The concept of 'As Above, So Below' is a central tenet of Hermeticism, suggesting a correspondence between what two realms?

- A) Past and Future
- B) Microcosm and Macrocosm**
- C) Physical and Emotional
- D) Spiritual and Material

8. Which esoteric movement, founded by Helena Blavatsky in the late 19th century, sought to unify science, religion, and philosophy, and explore ancient wisdom traditions?

- A) Rosicrucianism
- B) Theosophy**
- C) Spiritualism
- D) Christian Science