

Parapsychology Knowledge Assessment

Parapsychology · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Which organization was founded in 1882 to investigate phenomena such as telepathy and mediumship?

- A) The Parapsychology Association
- B) The Society for Psychical Research
- C) The Rhine Research Center
- D) The American Society for Psychical Research

2. Joseph Banks Rhine, a pioneer in the field, is most famous for popularizing which experimental tool?

- A) The Ganzfeld effect
- B) The Zener cards
- C) The Ouija board
- D) The Kirlian camera

3. What is the term for the alleged ability to move physical objects using only the mind?

- A) Clairvoyance
- B) Precognition
- C) Psychokinesis
- D) Telepathy

4. In parapsychology, what does the acronym ESP stand for?

- A) Extra-sensory perception
- B) External psychic power
- C) Experimental spirit projection
- D) Extended sensory processing

5. The Ganzfeld experiment is a procedure designed to test for which phenomenon?

- A) Near-death experiences
- B) Telepathy
- C) Poltergeist activity
- D) Automatic writing

6. Which scientist conducted extensive research on remote viewing at the Stanford Research Institute?

- A) Harold Puthoff
- B) William James
- C) Sigmund Freud
- D) Carl Jung

7. The 'Sheep-Goat Effect' in parapsychological research refers to the difference in test results between what two groups?

- A) Young and old participants
- B) Skeptics and believers
- C) Men and women
- D) Trained and untrained subjects

8. What is the study of purported psychic phenomena related to the time of death called?

- A) Cryptozoology
- B) Thanatology
- C) Parathanatology
- D) Near-death studies

9. Which professional organization, founded in 1957, is currently an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science?

- A) Parapsychological Association
- B) The Rhine Institute
- C) Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man
- D) The Institute of Noetic Sciences

10. What term describes the act of gaining information about an object or person through extrasensory means?

- A) Telekinesis
- B) Clairvoyance
- C) Precognition
- D) Retro-cognition

11. Who was the primary researcher at Duke University who statistically analyzed results from Zener card trials?

- A) J.B. Rhine
- B) Henry Sidgwick
- C) Frederic Myers
- D) Richard Hodgson

12. What is the name of the phenomenon where individuals claim to perceive future events before they occur?

- A) Clairvoyance
- B) Telepathy
- C) Precognition
- D) Psychometry

13. In the context of parapsychology, what is a 'fringe science' as defined by its relationship to mainstream academic disciplines?

- A) Science that is fully accepted
- B) Science that lacks empirical evidence for standard validation
- C) Science that is only practiced at night
- D) A branch of quantum physics

14. Which famous magician was known for debunking many psychics and mediums in the 20th century?

- A) Harry Houdini
- B) David Copperfield
- C) Penn Jillette
- D) Derren Brown

15. What is the definition of 'psi' within the field of parapsychology?

- A) A specific type of ghost
- B) The unknown factor in psychic experiences
- C) A measurement of psychic energy
- D) The speed of telepathic signals

16. The term 'telepathy' was coined in 1882 by which individual?

- A) Frederic Myers
- B) Arthur Conan Doyle
- C) William Crookes
- D) Oliver Lodge

17. Which of the following is considered a 'pseudo-science' by most of the mainstream scientific community?

- A) Experimental physics
- B) Parapsychology
- C) Neuroscience
- D) Cognitive psychology

18. What technique involves sensory deprivation to facilitate the study of possible telepathic communication?

- A) Ganzfeld technique
- B) Meditation study
- C) Hypnotic regression
- D) Remote viewing

19. What did the 'Stargate Project' primarily investigate for the U.S. government?

- A) UFO landings
- B) Remote viewing
- C) Animal telepathy
- D) Near-death experiences

20. What is 'retro-cognition' in the study of parapsychology?

- A) Knowing the future
- B) Knowing the past
- C) Moving objects in reverse
- D) Communicating with the unborn

21. What is meant by the term 'spontaneous case' in parapsychology?

- A) A laboratory experiment
- B) An unprompted, naturally occurring psychic experience
- C) A fake event created for profit
- D) A study conducted on animals

22. Who was a prominent American psychologist and philosopher who helped found the Society for Psychical Research?

- A) William James
- B) B.F. Skinner
- C) Abraham Maslow
- D) John Watson

23. Which type of test involves identifying symbols on cards hidden from view?

- A) Rorschach test
- B) Zener card test
- C) Ganzfeld test
- D) Turing test

24. What does 'clairaudience' refer to?

- A) Seeing hidden objects
- B) Hearing voices or sounds through extrasensory means
- C) Smelling distant scents
- D) Feeling physical touch from spirits

25. Which university once housed the Parapsychology Laboratory directed by J.B. Rhine?

- A) Harvard University
- B) Duke University
- C) Yale University
- D) Stanford University