

Fundamentals of Parapsychology

Parapsychology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which academic discipline is defined as the scientific study of 'psi'--phenomena that appear to defy classical physical laws?

- A) Parapsychology**
- B) Metaphysics
- C) Theology
- D) Astrology

2. Who was the first president of the Society for Psychical Research (SPR), founded in London in 1882?

- A) William James
- B) Henry Sidgwick**
- C) J.B. Rhine
- D) Frederic Myers

3. J.B. Rhine, a pioneer in the field, established the first parapsychology laboratory at which university in the 1930s?

- A) Harvard University
- B) Stanford University
- C) Duke University**
- D) Oxford University

4. What is the term commonly used in parapsychology to describe the ability to perceive information hidden from normal senses?

- A) Clairvoyance**
- B) Psychokinesis
- C) Apparition
- D) Synchronicity

5. In parapsychological experiments, what specific cards were famously used by J.B. Rhine to test for extrasensory perception?

- A) Tarot cards
- B) Zener cards**
- C) Playing cards
- D) Flash cards

6. Which term refers to the direct influence of mind on a physical system, often studied in laboratory settings?

- A) Telepathy
- B) Precognition
- C) Psychokinesis**
- D) Out-of-body experience

7. The term 'psi' was introduced by psychologist Berthold Eric Schwarz and popularized by whom to replace the more ambiguous term 'psychical'?

- A) Robert Thouless**
- B) Charles Richet
- C) William McDougall
- D) Louisa Rhine

8. What is the primary objective of the Ganzfeld experiment in parapsychology?

- A) To test psychokinesis on metal
- B) To induce a state of sensory deprivation to measure telepathy**
- C) To record electromagnetic fields in haunted locations
- D) To analyze sleep patterns during prophetic dreams

9. Which researcher is noted for his work on the 'Sheep-Goat' effect, which examines how belief influences performance in ESP tests?

- A) Gertrude Schmeidler**
- B) Ian Stevenson
- C) Dean Radin
- D) Susan Blackmore

10. Ian Stevenson, a professor at the University of Virginia, is best known for his long-term research into which topic?

- A) Near-death experiences
- B) Cases of children who claim to remember previous lives**
- C) The physics of poltergeists
- D) Animal telepathy

11. The Parapsychological Association, founded in 1957, was formally accepted as an affiliate of which major scientific body in 1969?

- A) The Royal Society
- B) The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**
- C) The National Academy of Sciences
- D) The British Psychological Society

12. Which phenomenon involves an individual reporting a sense of being outside of their own physical body?

A) Lucid dreaming

B) Out-of-body experience (OBE)

C) Hallucination

D) Auto-hypnosis