

Philosophy Essentials for Teens

Philosophy · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Who is often considered the 'father of Western philosophy' for his method of questioning?

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

2. Which philosopher wrote 'The Republic', a famous work about justice and government?

- A) Socrates
- B) Plato**
- C) Nietzsche
- D) Kant

3. What is the famous phrase attributed to René Descartes regarding his own existence?

- A) I think, therefore I am**
- B) To be or not to be
- C) Knowledge is power
- D) Life is a dream

4. Which school of ancient Greek philosophy emphasized living in accordance with nature and controlling one's emotions?

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

5. Aristotle was the student of which influential philosopher?

- A) Heraclitus
- B) Socrates
- C) Plato**
- D) Thales

6. Which field of philosophy deals with the study of knowledge and how we know what we know?

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

7. The study of 'right and wrong' and moral conduct is known as:

- A) Ethics**
- B) Aesthetics
- C) Ontology
- D) Political Philosophy

8. Which philosopher is associated with the 'categorical imperative', a rule for moral action?

- A) David Hume
- B) Immanuel Kant**
- C) John Locke
- D) Jean-Paul Sartre

9. What is the branch of philosophy that studies the nature of beauty and art?

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

10. John Locke is widely regarded as one of the most influential thinkers of which philosophical movement?

- A) Existentialism
- B) Empiricism**
- C) Nihilism
- D) Structuralism

11. Who tutored Alexander the Great?

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

12. What is the philosophical belief that nothing has inherent meaning or value, often associated with Friedrich Nietzsche?

- A) Nihilism**
- B) Hedonism
- C) Humanism
- D) Idealism

13. In logic, what is a 'syllogism'?

- A) A type of question
- B) A form of reasoning**
- C) A historical period
- D) A painting style

14. Which philosopher is known for his work on the 'Social Contract' theory?

- A) Thomas Hobbes**
- B) Karl Marx
- C) Marcus Aurelius
- D) Diogenes

15. The branch of philosophy called 'Metaphysics' is primarily concerned with:

- A) The nature of reality**
- B) The rules of grammar
- C) The history of science
- D) The study of human biology

16. Which ancient philosopher lived in a large ceramic jar to demonstrate his rejection of material possessions?

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

17. What is the primary focus of 'Logic'?

- A) The study of valid reasoning**
- B) The study of physical matter
- C) The study of societal norms
- D) The study of religious texts

18. Which philosopher is credited with the statement 'Man is the measure of all things'?

- A) Protagoras**
- B) Democritus
- C) Anaximander
- D) Heraclitus

19. 'Existentialism' focuses primarily on:

- A) Universal math laws
- B) Individual freedom and choice**
- C) The study of insects
- D) The history of empires

20. Which philosopher wrote the 'Meditations', a series of personal reflections on Stoic philosophy?

- A) Marcus Aurelius**
- B) Seneca
- C) Epictetus
- D) Cicero