

Theological History and Figures

Theology · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. In what year did the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council, begin?

- A) 325 AD
- B) 313 AD
- C) 381 AD
- D) 451 AD

2. How many 'Theses' did Martin Luther famously write in 1517?

- A) 12
- B) 45
- C) 95
- D) 100

3. Thomas Aquinas, author of the Summa Theologica, died in which year?

- A) 1225
- B) 1274
- C) 1300
- D) 1325

4. The Great Schism, which divided the Church into Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, officially occurred in which year?

- A) 1054
- B) 1095
- C) 1150
- D) 1204

5. How many articles of faith are commonly identified in the Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)?

- A) 25
- B) 33
- C) 39
- D) 42

6. John Calvin was born in which year?

- A) 1483
- B) 1509
- C) 1517
- D) 1536

7. The Council of Trent, which addressed the issues of the Protestant Reformation, lasted from 1545 until which year?

- A) 1550
- B) 1563
- C) 1575
- D) 1580

8. How many volumes comprise the standard edition of Karl Barth's 'Church Dogmatics'?

- A) 5
- B) 10
- C) 13
- D) 20

9. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is traditionally said to have lived during which century?

- A) 8th century BCE
- B) 6th century BCE
- C) 4th century BCE
- D) 2nd century BCE

10. The Edict of Milan, which established religious toleration in the Roman Empire, was issued in which year?

- A) 306 AD
- B) 313 AD
- C) 325 AD
- D) 330 AD

11. Augustine of Hippo, author of 'Confessions', died in which year?

- A) 354 AD
- B) 410 AD
- C) 430 AD
- D) 476 AD

12. The 'Five Pillars of Islam' represent the core beliefs and practices of the faith; how many main categories are there?

- A) 3
- B) 5
- C) 7
- D) 10

13. In 1870, the First Vatican Council defined the dogma of papal infallibility under which Pope?

- A) Pius IX
- B) Leo XIII
- C) Pius X
- D) Benedict XV

14. The Bhagavad Gita is a core religious text containing how many verses?

- A) 500
- B) 700
- C) 950
- D) 1200

15. The Synod of Dort, which produced the Five Points of Calvinism, concluded in which year?

- A) 1610
- B) 1619
- C) 1625
- D) 1648

16. Ulrich Zwingli, a leader of the Swiss Reformation, was killed in battle in which year?

- A) 1525
- B) 1531
- C) 1540
- D) 1555

17. How many books are contained in the standard Protestant canon of the Old Testament?

- A) 39
- B) 46
- C) 66
- D) 73

18. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian executed by the Nazis, died in which year?

- A) 1942
- B) 1943
- C) 1944
- D) 1945

19. The 'Apocrypha' (or Deuterocanonical books) added to the Catholic Bible at the Council of Trent were formally canonized in which year?

- A) 1546
- B) 1563
- C) 1580
- D) 1600

20. The Second Vatican Council, which modernized many Catholic practices, ran from 1962 to which year?

- A) 1965
- B) 1967
- C) 1970
- D) 1975