

Foundations of Philosophical Thought

Philosophy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is often called the 'father of Western philosophy' and is known for his method of asking questions?

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

2. What is the branch of philosophy that studies the nature of knowledge and how we know what we know?

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

3. Which ancient Greek philosopher founded the school known as the Academy in Athens?

- A) Socrates
- B) Plato**
- C) Epicurus
- D) Zeno

4. What term describes the study of the principles of correct reasoning?

- A) Metaphysics
- B) Logic**
- C) Ontology
- D) Politics

5. In ethics, what do we call a rule or belief that guides a person's behaviour regarding what is right and wrong?

- A) A Fact
- B) A Law
- C) A Principle**
- D) An Opinion

6. Which branch of philosophy explores the nature of beauty and art?

- A) Aesthetics**
- B) Ethics
- C) Logic
- D) Physics

7. What is the primary focus of Metaphysics?

- A) The study of government
- B) The study of human emotions
- C) The study of reality and existence**
- D) The study of planetary motion

8. Aristotle was a student of which famous philosopher?

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

9. What is a 'syllogism' in the study of logic?

- A) A type of musical instrument
- B) A form of reasoning with two premises and a conclusion**
- C) A historical document
- D) A Greek dance

10. Which philosopher is well known for the statement 'I think, therefore I am'?

- A) John Locke
- B) René Descartes**
- C) David Hume
- D) Immanuel Kant