

Introduction to Existentialism

Philosophy · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which broad area of study does existentialism belong to?

A) Philosophy

B) Astronomy

C) Botany

D) Chemistry

2. Who is widely considered to be the 'Father of Existentialism'?

A) Aristotle

B) Søren Kierkegaard

C) Confucius

D) John Locke

3. Which country was the philosopher Søren Kierkegaard from?

A) Japan

B) Denmark

C) Brazil

D) Canada

4. Which French philosopher famously wrote 'Existentialism is a Humanism'?

A) Jean-Paul Sartre

B) René Descartes

C) Plato

D) Immanuel Kant

5. What key phrase is famously associated with Jean-Paul Sartre's philosophy?

A) Existence precedes essence

B) I think, therefore I am

C) Knowledge is power

D) Time is money

6. Which prominent female French philosopher wrote 'The Second Sex' and explored existentialist ideas?

A) Marie Curie

B) Simone de Beauvoir

C) Joan of Arc

D) Florence Nightingale

7. Which European country was Jean-Paul Sartre born in?

- A) France**
- B) Spain
- C) Italy
- D) Germany

8. Who wrote the famous essay 'The Myth of Sisyphus'?

- A) Albert Camus**
- B) Mark Twain
- C) Charles Dickens
- D) Leo Tolstoy

9. According to existentialism, what gives a person's life its ultimate meaning?

- A) A dictionary
- B) Individual choices and actions**
- C) Random chance
- D) Mathematical formulas

10. What does 'free will' mean in philosophy?

- A) The ability to make choices**
- B) Getting free books
- C) Automatic rules
- D) Predicting the weather

11. In which century did existentialism become especially popular across the world?

- A) 12th century
- B) 15th century
- C) 20th century**
- D) 5th century BCE

12. What does the concept 'existence precedes essence' mean?

- A) People are born with fixed jobs
- B) People exist first, then define themselves through actions**
- C) Machines are smarter than humans
- D) Books write themselves