

Introduction to Existentialism

Philosophy · Practice Test · 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