

Foundations of Philosophy

Philosophy · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Who is traditionally considered the first Western philosopher?

A) Thales of Miletus

B) Socrates

C) Plato

D) Aristotle

2. In which ancient city did the philosophical school known as the Academy originate?

A) Rome

B) Sparta

C) Athens

D) Thebes

3. Which philosopher is credited with developing the 'Socratic method' of questioning?

A) Epicurus

B) Socrates

C) Heraclitus

D) Pythagoras

4. What is the title of the seminal work by Plato that describes an ideal state?

A) The Ethics

B) The Logic

C) The Republic

D) The Metaphysics

5. Which Chinese philosopher is credited with founding the school of thought known as Confucianism?

A) Laozi

B) Sun Tzu

C) Confucius

D) Mencius

6. Who is the author of the 'Meditations on First Philosophy'?

A) René Descartes

B) John Locke

C) David Hume

D) Immanuel Kant

7. Which ancient Greek philosopher was the student of Plato and the teacher of Alexander the Great?

A) Diogenes

B) Aristotle

C) Epicurus

D) Zeno

8. What concept, meaning 'the way', is central to the philosophy of Daoism?

A) Karma

B) Dharma

C) Dao

D) Nirvana

9. Who is often cited as the father of modern philosophy due to his statement 'I think, therefore I am'?

A) Baruch Spinoza

B) Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz

C) René Descartes

D) Thomas Hobbes

10. Which branch of philosophy is primarily concerned with the study of knowledge and belief?

A) Ethics

B) Epistemology

C) Aesthetics

D) Logic

11. Who wrote the 'Critique of Pure Reason', a foundational text in modern philosophy?

A) Immanuel Kant

B) Arthur Schopenhauer

C) Friedrich Nietzsche

D) Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

12. Which school of ancient Greek philosophy founded by Zeno of Citium emphasized self-control and fortitude?

A) Stoicism

B) Epicureanism

C) Cynicism

D) Skepticism

13. What term refers to the branch of philosophy that deals with the nature of beauty and art?

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

14. Which philosopher is famously associated with the 'Allegory of the Cave'?

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

15. Who was the primary figure behind the philosophy of Epicureanism, which sought the pursuit of modest, sustainable pleasure?

- A) Epicurus**
- B) Democritus
- C) Zeno
- D) Pyrrho