

Foundations of Philosophy

Philosophy · Practice Test · 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