

Introduction to Western Philosophy

Philosophy · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Who is often considered the 'father of Western philosophy' for his method of questioning?

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

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

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

3. Which Greek philosopher was a student of Socrates and wrote 'The Republic'?

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

4. What is the name of the branch of philosophy that deals with right and wrong behavior?

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

5. Aristotle was the teacher of which famous historical conqueror?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Alexander the Great**
- C) Genghis Khan
- D) Napoleon

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

- A) A type of poem
- B) A logical argument structure**
- C) A scientific theory
- D) A form of government

7. Which philosopher famously stated, 'I think, therefore I am'?

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

8. Aesthetics is the branch of philosophy that focuses on the nature of what?

- A) Beauty and art**
- B) Truth and facts
- C) Right and wrong
- D) Government and power

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

- A) Thomas Hobbes
- B) René Descartes**
- C) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- D) Baruch Spinoza

10. Which ancient school of philosophy taught that the goal of life is to achieve peace of mind by avoiding pain?

- A) Stoicism
- B) Epicureanism**
- C) Existentialism
- D) Nihilism

11. The term 'Philosophy' comes from Greek words that mean what?

- A) Love of wisdom**
- B) Study of stars
- C) Power of speech
- D) Nature of earth

12. Which philosopher argued that all people have 'natural rights' to life, liberty, and property?

- A) John Locke**
- B) Karl Marx
- C) Friedrich Nietzsche
- D) Søren Kierkegaard

13. Logic is the study of what?

- A) Human emotions
- B) Correct reasoning**
- C) Social behavior
- D) Physical movement

14. Which Greek philosopher established a school in Athens known as the Lyceum?

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

15. What does 'Metaphysics' primarily investigate?

- A) The nature of reality and existence**
- B) The rules of grammar
- C) The history of war
- D) The structure of cells

16. Which of these is a famous dialogue written by Plato featuring his teacher?

- A) The Apology**
- B) The Prince
- C) Common Sense
- D) Critique of Pure Reason

17. Stoicism, a philosophy founded in Athens, emphasizes which of the following?

- A) Emotional outbursts
- B) Self-control and fortitude**
- C) Total luxury
- D) Avoiding all books

18. Who is known for the 'Allegory of the Cave'?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato**
- C) Thales
- D) Democritus