

Fundamentals of Parapsychology

Parapsychology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which term describes the study of phenomena that appear to exist outside the current laws of physics and science?

- A) Biology
- B) Parapsychology**
- C) Chemistry
- D) Geology

2. What is the common term for the hypothetical ability to move physical objects using only the mind?

- A) Telepathy
- B) Clairvoyance
- C) Psychokinesis**
- D) Precognition

3. Which term refers to the direct communication of thoughts or feelings from one person to another without using sensory channels?

- A) Telepathy**
- B) Levitation
- C) Aura
- D) Divination

4. What is 'precognition' in the context of parapsychology?

- A) Reading someone's past
- B) Predicting future events**
- C) Moving objects with light
- D) Talking to animals

5. What is the Zener card test primarily used to investigate?

- A) Memory retention
- B) Extrasensory perception**
- C) Physical strength
- D) Auditory range

6. Who was a famous researcher who popularized the study of extrasensory perception at Duke University in the 1930s?

- A) Sigmund Freud
- B) J.B. Rhine**
- C) Charles Darwin
- D) Isaac Newton

7. Which of the following is considered a primary goal of the scientific method when evaluating claims of paranormal activity?

- A) Proving magic exists
- B) Finding natural explanations**
- C) Creating new religions
- D) Ignoring all physical laws

8. What is 'clairvoyance' defined as in parapsychological literature?

- A) Ability to see through walls
- B) Gaining information about distant objects or events**
- C) Communication with the deceased
- D) The ability to fly

9. What does the term 'anomalous' mean in a scientific context?

- A) Standard and expected
- B) Something that deviates from what is normal or expected**
- C) A type of chemical reaction
- D) A historical myth

10. In parapsychological experiments, what is a 'control group' used for?

- A) To add extra mystery
- B) To ensure results are not due to chance or external variables**
- C) To make the experiment longer
- D) To confuse the participants

11. Which of these is a common methodology used in parapsychology to test for extrasensory perception?

- A) The Zener card test**
- B) The periodic table test
- C) The blood pressure test
- D) The photosynthesis test

12. What is meant by the term 'skepticism' in the study of paranormal claims?

- A) Disbelieving everything without question
- B) Critically examining claims based on evidence**
- C) Only believing in ghosts
- D) Fear of the unknown

13. What is 'biopsychology' often contrasted with in terms of scientific consensus?

- A) Physics
- B) Mathematics
- C) Parapsychology**
- D) Geography

14. What is the Ganzfeld procedure used to study?

- A) Sensory deprivation and telepathy**
- B) Physical fitness
- C) Plant growth
- D) Geological shifts

15. Which of these is considered a 'pseudo-science' by most of the mainstream scientific community?

- A) Physics
- B) Chemistry
- C) Astrology**
- D) Astronomy

16. What does the 'replication' of an experiment mean?

- A) Deleting the data
- B) Repeating the experiment to see if the same results occur**
- C) Changing the rules halfway through
- D) Making up the results

17. What does the field of parapsychology generally exclude from scientific study?

- A) Telepathy
- B) Psychokinesis
- C) Established laws of gravity**
- D) Clairvoyance

18. What is the definition of 'ESP' in the study of parapsychology?

- A) Electronic Signal Processing
- B) Extrasensory Perception**
- C) External Sensory Power
- D) Energy Source Potential