

Foundations of Occult History

Occultism And Esoterica · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which 16th-century figure is famous for his work on Hermeticism and the creation of the Enochian language?

A) John Dee

B) Aleister Crowley

C) Eliphas Levi

D) Franz Bardon

2. What is the name of the traditional deck of cards used in divination, typically consisting of 78 cards?

A) Oracle

B) Tarot

C) Lenormand

D) I Ching

3. The study and practice of turning base metals into gold is known as what?

A) Astrology

B) Numerology

C) Alchemy

D) Theurgy

4. Which secret society, founded in the late 19th century, was dedicated to the study of the Qabalah and ceremonial magic?

A) The Illuminati

B) The Rosicrucians

C) The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn

D) The Freemasons

5. Which term refers to a symbolic diagram used in ritual magic to represent a spirit or deity?

A) Sigil

B) Mantra

C) Talisman

D) Amulet

6. Who authored the influential book 'The Secret Teachings of All Ages' published in 1928?

- A) Manly P. Hall**
- B) Helena Blavatsky
- C) William Butler Yeats
- D) Arthur Edward Waite

7. The practice of predicting the future through the study of celestial bodies is called:

- A) Palmistry
- B) Astrology**
- C) Cartomancy
- D) Geomancy

8. What is the name of the ancient Greek philosophical tradition that heavily influenced Western esotericism?

- A) Stoicism
- B) Cynicism
- C) Hermeticism**
- D) Epicureanism

9. In the context of Western esotericism, what does the term 'Macrocosm' generally refer to?

- A) The human body
- B) The entire universe**
- C) The underworld
- D) A singular atom

10. Which famous occultist founded the religion of Thelema?

- A) Aleister Crowley**
- B) Austin Osman Spare
- C) Gerald Gardner
- D) Dion Fortune

11. What is the practice of divination by interpreting lines and patterns on the palm of the hand called?

- A) Chiromancy**
- B) Hydromancy
- C) Pyromancy
- D) Aeromancy

12. Which occult group was a precursor to the modern study of Theosophy in the 19th century?

A) The Theosophical Society

B) The Ghost Club

C) The Society for Psychical Research

D) The Golden Dawn

13. The 'Tree of Life' is a central symbol in which mystical tradition?

A) Taoism

B) Kabbalah

C) Zoroastrianism

D) Shinto

14. What is the name for a charm believed to provide magical protection to the wearer?

A) Sigil

B) Amulet

C) Rune

D) Glyph

15. Who is considered the founder of the Theosophical Society?

A) Helena Blavatsky

B) Annie Besant

C) Rudolf Steiner

D) Alice Bailey