Historical Occultism and Esoteric Traditions

Occultism & Esoterica · Practice Test · 12 Questions

1. Which 15th-century scholar was commissioned by Cosimo de' Medici to translate the Corpus Hermeticum, directly influencing the Renaissance revival of Neoplatonism?

A) Marsilio Ficino
B) Pico della Mirandola
C) John Dee
D) Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa

2. The 'Rosicrucian Manifestos' of the early 17th century, specifically the Fama Fraternitatis, were published anonymously but are historically attributed to which German theologian?

A) Robert Fludd
B) Johann Valentin Andreae
C) Michael Maier
D) Thomas Vaughan

3. In 1582, which occultist and advisor to Queen Elizabeth I famously documented his 'Enochian' sessions, claiming to communicate with angels via a scrying crystal?

A) Edward Kelley
B) Simon Forman
C) Elias Ashmole
D) John Dee

4. Which seminal work by Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa, published in 1533, became the foundational textbook of Renaissance magic and occult philosophy?

A) De Occulta Philosophia
B) Monas Hieroglyphica
C) Steganographia
D) Arbatel de Magia Veterum

5. The 'Order of the Golden Dawn,' established in London in 1888, was co-founded by which three individuals?

A) Mathers, Westcott, and Woodman
B) Crowley, Mathers, and Yeats
C) Waite, Crowley, and Mathers
D) Westcott, Waite, and Yeats

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6. Who authored 'The Secret Teachings of All Ages' (1928), a comprehensive encyclopedia of esoteric, Hermetic, and Rosicrucian symbolic philosophy?

A) Manly P. Hall
B) Israel Regardie
C) Dion Fortune
D) Eliphas Levi

7. During the 18th century, which figure founded the 'Rite of Memphis-Misraim' and claimed to possess the secrets of Egyptian alchemy and Freemasonry?

A) Cagliostro
B) Saint-Germain
C) Martinez de Pasqually
D) Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin

8. The publication of 'Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magie' in 1854 by Eliphas Levi is credited with coining which modern term?

A) Occultism
B) Theosophy
C) Ceremonial Magic
D) Spiritism

9. Which 19th-century esoteric society was founded by Helena Blavatsky and Henry Steel Olcott in 1875 to study comparative religion and occult phenomena?

A) The Theosophical Society
B) The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn
C) The Order of the Temple of the Orient
D) The Anthroposophical Society

10. The 'Key of Solomon,' a grimoire famously analyzed by S. Liddell MacGregor Mathers, dates back to at least which century in its manuscript tradition?

A) 14th century
B) 10th century
C) 17th century
D) 6th century

11. Which influential occultist, known for his work 'The Equinox,' was once a member of the Golden Dawn before forming the A.'.A.'. and joining the O.T.O.?

A) Aleister Crowley
B) Arthur Edward Waite
C) Samuel Liddell MacGregor Mathers
D) William Wynn Westcott

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12. The 'Pistis Sophia' is a primary source for the study of which ancient esoteric tradition, rediscovered in a Coptic manuscript in the 18th century?

A) Gnosticism
B) Manichaeism
C) Hermeticism
D) Mithraism

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