

Advanced Existentialist History

Existentialism · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. In which year did Jean-Paul Sartre deliver his influential lecture 'Existentialism is a Humanism' at the Club Maintenant in Paris?

- A) 1943
- B) 1945
- C) 1946
- D) 1948

2. Søren Kierkegaard published 'Either/Or' under which specific pseudonym in 1843?

- A) Victor Eremita
- B) Johannes de Silentio
- C) Climacus
- D) Anti-Climacus

3. How many volumes comprise the original 1943 publication of Jean-Paul Sartre's major ontological treatise 'Being and Nothingness'?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

4. Friedrich Nietzsche's 'Thus Spoke Zarathustra' was composed and published in four distinct parts between which years?

- A) 1878-1882
- B) 1883-1885
- C) 1885-1889
- D) 1890-1892

5. Martin Heidegger's 'Being and Time' (Sein und Zeit) was first published in the 'Jahrbuch für Phänomenologie und phänomenologische Forschung' in what year?

- A) 1923
- B) 1925
- C) 1927
- D) 1929

6. Albert Camus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957. At the time, how old was he, making him the second-youngest recipient in history?

- A) 42
- B) 44
- C) 46
- D) 48

7. Simone de Beauvoir's 'The Second Sex' (Le Deuxième Sexe) was first published in two volumes in France in which year?

- A) 1947
- B) 1949
- C) 1951
- D) 1953

8. Karl Jaspers introduced the term 'Axial Age' in his 1949 book, but in which year did he publish his foundational work 'Philosophy' (Philosophie), which spanned three volumes?

- A) 1928
- B) 1932
- C) 1935
- D) 1940

9. Gabriel Marcel, a key Christian existentialist, was elected to the Académie française in what year?

- A) 1952
- B) 1955
- C) 1958
- D) 1960

10. Maurice Merleau-Ponty's 'Phenomenology of Perception' was published in French in 1945. What is the original French title?

- A) Phénoménologie de la perception
- B) La Phénoménologie
- C) Perception et existence
- D) L'Être et la perception

11. How many years did Friedrich Nietzsche spend in total silence and mental incapacity before his death in 1900?

- A) 5 years
- B) 8 years
- C) 11 years
- D) 15 years

12. In 1938, Jean-Paul Sartre published his first novel. What is the title?

- A) The Age of Reason
- B) Nausea
- C) The Flies
- D) Intimacy

13. Fyodor Dostoevsky, often cited as a precursor to existentialism, published 'Notes from Underground' in which year?

- A) 1860
- B) 1864
- C) 1868
- D) 1872

14. William Barrett's influential 1958 book 'Irrational Man' is credited with introducing existentialism to which specific demographic?

- A) The French elite
- B) The American public
- C) The German academy
- D) The Soviet intelligentsia

15. The term 'existentialism' was popularized by Gabriel Marcel, who attributed it to Sartre in a meeting of which group in 1945?

- A) Le Club des Existentialistes
- B) L'Art et la Pensée
- C) Le Cercle d'Études
- D) Les Temps Modernes

16. In which year did Martin Heidegger resign his rectorship at the University of Freiburg?

- A) 1933
- B) 1934
- C) 1936
- D) 1939

17. How many 'Stages on Life's Way' did Søren Kierkegaard identify in his 1845 work of the same name?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five

18. Jean-Paul Sartre co-founded the journal 'Les Temps Modernes' in 1945 alongside which other notable figure?

- A) Albert Camus
- B) Maurice Merleau-Ponty
- C) Simone de Beauvoir
- D) Raymond Aron

19. What is the exact number of 'Meditations' contained in Miguel de Unamuno's 1913 work 'Tragic Sense of Life'?

- A) 8
- B) 10
- C) 12
- D) 15

20. In what year did Albert Camus die in a car accident in Villeblevin, France?

- A) 1958
- B) 1959
- C) 1960
- D) 1961