Introduction to Existentialism

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1. Which of these philosophers is most famous for writing about existentialism?

A) Jean-Paul Sartre
B) Isaac Newton
C) Galileo Galilei
D) Albert Einstein

2. Existentialism is a type of philosophy that focuses on the importance of:

A) The moon
B) The individual
C) Mathematics
D) Building robots

3. Jean-Paul Sartre was born in which country?

A) Japan
B) France
C) Australia
D) Canada

4. Simone de Beauvoir was a famous writer associated with:

A) Existentialism
B) Astronomy
C) Marine biology
D) Baking

5. Philosophy is the study of:

A) Cooking recipes
B) The nature of knowledge and life
C) How to drive cars
D) Animal grooming

6. Existentialists believe that people should make their own:

A) Choices
B) Pancakes
C) Shoes
D) Weather

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7. Friedrich Nietzsche is often studied in the context of:

A) Philosophy
B) Chemistry
C) Gymnastics
D) Gardening

8. Where did Jean-Paul Sartre live during his life?

A) In the ocean
B) In France
C) On Mars
D) In a treehouse

9. Existentialism became very popular in the:

A) 19th and 20th centuries
B) Stone Age
C) Dinosaur era
D) Year 3000

10. A core idea in existentialism is that people are responsible for their own:

A) Height
B) Actions
C) Eye color
D) Age

11. Which of these is a book?

A) Being and Nothingness
B) A toaster
C) A rock
D) A raindrop

12. Albert Camus wrote books that are part of:

A) Existentialist thought
B) Recipes
C) Traffic laws
D) Computer code

13. Philosophy helps people think about the:

A) Way the world works
B) Taste of salt
C) Speed of light
D) Number of toes

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14. Existentialists talk about the importance of being:

A) Authentic
B) Invisible
C) Very tall
D) Blue

15. The word 'existentialism' comes from the word:

A) Existence
B) Exit
C) Exam
D) Example

16. Many existentialist philosophers lived in:

A) Europe
B) The North Pole
C) The Sun
D) A desert island

17. Existentialists believe that life has meaning because:

A) We create it ourselves
B) It is written on a rock
C) A robot tells us
D) The TV says so

18. Simone de Beauvoir was known for her:

A) Writing
B) Weightlifting
C) Piano playing
D) Soccer skills

19. Philosophers are people who ask:

A) Big questions
B) For cookies
C) How to swim
D) For directions

20. Existentialism is a school of:

A) Philosophy
B) Cooking
C) Sports
D) Painting

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21. Jean-Paul Sartre won a prize for his:

A) Literature
B) Running
C) Swimming
D) Fishing

22. Thinking about who you are is a part of:

A) Philosophy
B) Geography
C) Algebra
D) Chemistry

23. Existentialism is about human:

A) Experience
B) Growth
C) Height
D) Age

24. Many famous existentialist books were written in:

A) French
B) Sign language
C) Code
D) Binary

25. Existentialist thinkers focused on the life of:

A) The individual
B) A goldfish
C) A robot
D) A cloud

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