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Chapter 1

Introduction to Philosophy

1. Which attribute is not recognized as a feminine force of nature in the Vedic tradition?
 - A. Speed*
 - B. Strength
 - C. Effort
 - D. Power

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

2. Which worldview has been understood as being highly patriarchal, resulting in the widespread subordination of women?
 - A. Animism
 - B. Buddhism
 - C. Confucianism*
 - D. Daoism

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

3. Which phrase is a literal translation of the Greek word for "philosophy"?
 - A. Wise one
 - B. Venerable sage
 - C. Lover or pursuer of wisdom*
 - D. Seeker of self

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

4. Which of the following is NOT true of Thales of Miletus?
 - A. He believed the fundamental substance of all matter was water.
 - B. He believed the soul was immortal.
 - C. He developed a way to weigh things through water displacement.*
 - D. He traveled to Egypt to learn astronomy.

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Medium

5. Which of the following was NOT a theory held by one or more early Greek philosophers?
- A. There are natural explanations for natural phenomena.
 - B. Tides are determined by the phases of the moon.*
 - C. Movement is an illusion.
 - D. Reality is made up of bits of matter flowing through a void.

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

6. Which philosopher held that music could heal and that human souls were continuously reincarnated?
- A. Pythagoras*
 - B. Parmenides
 - C. Xenophanes
 - D. Democritus

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Medium

7. True or false? According to Wilfrid Sellars, philosophers seek to understand the widest possible range of things.
- A. True*
 - B. False

Text Section: 1.1 What is Philosophy?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

8. Which of the following is NOT a source of evidence commonly used in philosophy?
- A. Common sense
 - B. Intuition
 - C. Divination*
 - D. History

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

9. Which way of approaching philosophy uses a methodology similar to that used by psychologists?

- A. Thought experiments
- B. Conceptual analysis
- C. Experimental philosophy*
- D. Enumeration

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

10. A set of beliefs is considered coherent if _____.

- A. most of them can be true at the same time
- B. all of them can be true at different times
- C. all of them can be true at the same time*
- D. none of them can be true at any time

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Hard

11. Which of the following is NOT one of the four methods of analysis?

- A. Thought experiments
- B. Descriptions
- C. Predicates
- D. Definitions*

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

12. What phrase does the text use to describe the process of accepting the negative logical and moral consequences of personally held beliefs?

- A. Accepting reality
- B. Kicking the can
- C. Biting the bullet*
- D. Rejecting reflective equilibrium

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Easy

13. Which process requires the revision of a theoretical and principled stance based on practical judgments about particular cases?

- A. Accepting trade-offs
- B. Coherence
- C. Thought experiments
- D. Reflective equilibrium*

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

14. Which of the following is a common way to test one's moral theories that makes use of hypothetical scenarios?

- A. Deductive logic
- B. Thought experiments*
- C. Developed descriptions
- D. Listing predicates

Text Section: 1.2 How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth?

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

15. According to Socrates, what kind of life is not worth living?

- A. Untraveled
- B. Untested
- C. undefended
- D. Unexamined*

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

16. Which of the following is NOT seen as a viable explanation for why Socrates asks his interlocutor to provide the subject matter for discussion?

- A. It is part of his pedagogical method.
- B. He is happy to learn from others.
- C. He is setting a trap to humiliate the other person.
- D. He is shy and hesitant to share his own thoughts.*

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Easy

17. Which of the following is NOT considered a goal of Socrates's technique of questioning others about their beliefs?

- A. To show that ethics are ultimately not important*
- B. To aid others in self-exploration
- C. To test ways of thinking for internal justification
- D. To test ways of thinking for internal consistency

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

18. True or false? Socrates is seen as a midwife in philosophical conversations because he helps others discover truth on their own.

- A. True*
- B. False

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

19. True or false? Confucianism honors *ahimsa* as one of the highest virtues.

- A. True
- B. False*

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Medium

20. Which of the following is NOT part of Socrates's harm principle?

- A. All people desire what is good.
- B. Bad choices are made out of ignorance.
- C. People harm themselves when they harm others.
- D. Some people do good things out of ignorance.*

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Understand

Difficulty: Medium

21. In Indian philosophy, what is considered the cause of suffering?

- A. An unexamined life
- B. Attachments to temporary things*
- C. Social inequality
- D. Temptation and sin

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

22. True or false? Socrates believed you can harm a good man's character and make him do evil.

- A. True
- B. False*

Text Section: 1.3 Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

23. Which of the following is NOT an area where mid-career salaries for philosophy majors are comparable to other fields?

- A. Finance
- B. Cybersecurity*
- C. Engineering
- D. Mathematics

Text Section: 1.4 An Overview of Contemporary Philosophy

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

24. Which statement best summarizes the value of a philosophy degree?

- A. Philosophers can be found nearly anywhere, doing useful work and making good money.
- B. Philosophy majors can be founders of successful companies.
- C. Philosophy majors are highly successful on the LSAT.
- D. All of these*

Text Section: 1.4 An Overview of Contemporary Philosophy

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy

25. True or false? According to recent federal data, 73 percent of academic jobs are not on a tenure track.

- A. True
- B. False*

Text Section: 1.4 An Overview of Contemporary Philosophy

Bloom's Level: Remember

Difficulty: Easy