

Chapter 01 Dark Blue Velvet

Multiple Choice Questions

1. _____ is defined as the philosophical study of art and of value judgments about art.

- A. Aesthetics
- B. Epistemology
- C. Logic
- D. Metaphysics

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2. Which of the following branches of philosophy does NOT involve questions related to values?

- A. Moral
- B. Metaphysics
- C. Social
- D. Political

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3. In philosophy, what is an argument?

- A. a factual disagreement between people
- B. giving reasons for a belief
- C. a shouting match
- D. any verbal attempt to persuade

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4. Thinking that a person's position is frightening because the person himself is frightening would be an obvious mistake in reasoning. This is an example of the fallacy of _____.

- A.** *argumentum ad hominem*
- B. switching the burden of proof
- C. false dilemma
- D. *reductio ad absurdum*

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5. The fallacy of _____ occurs when someone brings an irrelevancy into a conversation.

- A. appeal to emotion
- B.** red herring
- C. straw man
- D. begging the question

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6. The fallacy of _____ amounts to transferring the qualities of a spokesperson to his or her insights, arguments, beliefs, or positions.

- A. red herring
- B. begging the question
- C. straw man
- D.** *argumentum ad hominem*

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7. What fallacy is it when an argument assumes only two options when in fact there are more?

- A. straw man
- B.** false dilemma
- C. begging the question
- D. appeal to emotion

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True / False Questions

8. Philosophy once included modern disciplines like physics and biology.

TRUE

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9. Philosophical issues are rarely about values.

FALSE

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10. Traditionally, philosophy has been divided into four main branches.

TRUE

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11. Art and beauty are primarily topics within social philosophy.

FALSE

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12. Metaphysics, the theory of knowledge, is the branch of philosophy concerned with questions related to knowledge.

FALSE

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13. Critical thinking skills that come with the practice of philosophizing can stand one in good stead when faced with the problems life generously provides.

TRUE

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14. If I refute a view that isn't your view and claim to have refuted you, then I have committed the "straw man" fallacy.

TRUE

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15. Philosophy requires objectivity, reasonableness, and an open mind.

TRUE

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