

**Test Bank, Chapter 1**

**Quiz questions set 1. On the Life of Socrates. True or False?**

1. Socrates was born in the Greek city-state of Sparta.  
F
2. Socrates was a conscientious objector (“CO”) during the Peloponnesian War.  
F
3. Chareaphon was the father of Socrates.  
F
4. ^Socrates’s mother was known as “the Pythia.”  
F
5. The Oracle of Delphi was a woman.  
T
6. The Oracle of Delphi was a male priest.  
F
7. Thales was Socrates’s teacher.  
F
8. ^Plato was Socrates’s student.  
T
9. Socrates was Plato’s teacher.  
T
10. Xenophon was one of Socrates’s students.  
T
11. The Pythia was a priestess.  
T
12. ^The Oracle of Delphi was believed to be channeling the god Jupiter.  
F
13. The Oracle of Delphi told Socrates that he was an ignorant man.  
F
14. An elenchus was a Greek sea snail.  
F
15. According to the text, Socrates is considered the historical founder of critical thinking.  
T
16. ^As a teenager, Socrates was interested in physics.  
T
17. Socrates did not consider himself a teacher.  
T
18. Socrates’ mother was a midwife.  
T
19. The teenage Socrates was what we would call an “egghead.”  
T
20. Xanthippe was the wife of Socrates.  
T
21. ^Socrates won medals for bravery in combat but insisted they be awarded to others instead.  
T
22. Socrates was a war hero.  
T
23. Eleven of Socrates’s students wrote memoirs of their conversations with him.  
T
24. Youth were not allowed in the agora.

- T
25. ^Socrates refused to talk with anyone under the age of 21.  
F
26. Socrates was a life-long bachelor.  
F
27. Socrates had three sons.  
T
28. ^Spartan soldiers feared Socrates in battle.  
T
29. Socrates made his living as a teacher.  
F
30. Aristophanes presents Socrates in a very favorable light.  
F
31. Socrates believed in God or the gods.  
T
32. Socrates spoke of his daimon.  
T
33. ^Socrates taught that each person makes up his or her own truth.  
F
34. Socrates wrote no books and led no armies.  
T
35. Plato was the teacher of Socrates.  
F
36. Socrates said that some of his teachers had been women.  
T
37. Socrates is one of the philosophers known as the “Pre-Socratics.”  
F
38. ^Socrates’s wife once dumped a bucket of pee on him.  
T
39. The agora was the marketplace in central Athens.  
T
40. One of Socrates’s friends was a cobbler.  
T
41. Socrates preferred to associate with the wealthy and powerful.  
F
42. Socrates’s friend Simon was a cobbler.  
T
43. Socrates was a cobbler by trade.  
F
44. ^Socrates was a teenage egghead.  
T

### Quiz questions set 2. True or false?

1. Critical thinking may be defined fully as “how to refute false beliefs.”  
F
2. The account of truth advanced by Socrates is called the correspondence theory of truth.  
T
3. Thales was Socrates’s mother.  
F

4. Socrates was a citizen of Athens.  
T
5. Plato was Socrates's teacher.  
F
6. Socrates said that some of his teachers had been women.  
T
7. Socrates became wealthy by charging a fee for teaching his students.  
F
8. ^Socrates is the founder of Socrates Café.  
F
9. Socrates was elected President of Athens and served with dignity.  
F
10. Thales is the founder of critical thinking.  
F
11. Socrates had one son, whom he named Plato.  
F
12. All Greek citizens had to serve in the military.  
T
13. One of Socrates's friends was a cobbler.  
T
14. ^By mid-life, Socrates would have been recognized wherever he went in Athens.  
T
15. Aristophanes wrote a comedy satirizing Socrates.  
T
16. ^Socrates refused to attend the comedic play that poked fun at him.  
F
17. Socrates wrote a number of famous plays.  
F
18. The Athenians built public theaters holding up to 15,000 people at once.  
T
19. Socrates believed that there are good reasons to believe in a supreme deity  
T
20. Socrates advocated a version of the design argument.  
T
21. Socrates was a good sport when he was made fun of at the theater.  
T
22. ^Socrates owned a restaurant in downtown Athens called Socrates Café.  
F
23. Truth is defined in the text as whatever you believe.  
F
24. Socrates was born outside the city gates of Athens.  
T
25. ^Socrates never learned to read or write; he was illiterate all his life.

- F
26. Socrates was religious.
- T
27. Socrates thought of his daimon as a “divine voice.”
- T
28. Socrates sued Aristophanes for slander.
- F
29. Socrates practiced what is today called voluntary simplicity.
- T
30. Socrates was a lifelong bachelor.
- F

**Quiz questions set 3. Multiple Choice. Correct answers are marked with an asterisk.**

1. ^Socrates was born in
  - a. Persia.
  - b. Egypt.
  - c. India
  - d. \*Greece.
2. Socrates served in the
  - a. Persian military.
  - b. \*Athenian military.
  - c. Spartan military.
  - d. Peace Corps.
3. Plato was
  - a. \*a philosopher.
  - b. a military figure.
  - c. a poet
  - d. a sculptor.
4. ^Sophroniscus was
  - a. Socrates’s sister.
  - b. Socrates’s wife.
  - c. Socrates’s daughter.
  - d. \*Socrates’s father.
5. Phaenarete was
  - a. \*Socrates’s mother.
  - b. Socrates’s wife.
  - c. Socrates’s daughter.
  - d. Socrates’s sister.
6. Socrates claimed to be a
  - a. teacher.
  - b. writer.
  - c. \*midwife of ideas
  - d. artist.
  - e. poet.

- f. architect.
- 7. ^Socrates and his wife had
  - a. one child
  - b. two children
  - c. \*three children
  - d. no children.
- 8. Plato was
  - a. \*a student of Socrates.
  - b. Socrates's teacher.
  - c. Socrates's son.
  - d. Socrates's commanding officer in the army.
- 9. Xanthippe was
  - a. Socrates's sister.
  - b. \*Socrates's wife.
  - c. Socrates's daughter.
  - d. Socrates's mother.
- 10. ^Simon the Cobbler was
  - a. Socrates's son.
  - b. Socrates's father.
  - c. Socrates's brother.
  - d. \*none of the above.

#### Quiz questions set 4. On the nature of philosophy. True or False?

- 1. According to the text, philosophy and myth have this in common: Both offer explanations of the world.  
T
- 2. According to the text, philosophy and myth differ in this way: Philosophy, but not myth, attempts to explain the world on the basis of reason and observation.  
T
- 3. According to the text, Socrates is the founder of philosophy.  
F
- 4. According to the text, philosophy began in ancient Egypt and spread from there to Greece.  
F
- 5. According to the text, Thales wrote his theory down and passed it around for critical comments.  
T
- 6. Thales was an Egyptian philosopher who carried philosophy to the Greeks.  
F
- 7. The word philosophy comes from the Greek word for "love of wisdom."  
T
- 8. According to the text, Thales is considered the founder of philosophy.  
T
- 9. Myth and philosophy have this in common: Both offer explanations of the world and answers to fundamental questions.  
T
- 10. Myth and philosophy have this in common: Both offer reasoned arguments and careful observation in support of their answers to fundamental questions.

**Quiz questions set 5. Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer.**

(Correct multiple-choice answers are marked with asterisks.)

1. Xenophon was...
  - a. a student of Socrates
  - b. a famous general
  - c. a statesman
  - d. \*both a and b
  - e. none of the above
2. The pythia was...
  - a. a priestess
  - b. an oracle
  - c. a channeler of a god
  - d. \*all of the above
  - e. none of the above
3. The temple at Delphi was dedicated to...
  - a. Zeus
  - b. Athena
  - c. \*Appolo
  - d. Socrates
  - e. Plato
4. An elenchus is a form of:
  - a. mathematics
  - b. \*cross examination
  - c. garden snail
  - d. military combat
  - e. duel
  - f. none of the above
5. Socrates wrote...
  - a. one book
  - b. two books
  - c. three books
  - d. \*no books
6. According to the text, philosophy originated in:
  - a. Athens
  - b. Egypt
  - c. The Greek city-state of Thebes
  - d. The Greek city-state of Sparta
  - e. \*The Greek seaport of Miletus
7. According to the text, critical thinking is:
  - a. Constantly criticizing your own views and the views of others
  - b. Oppositional thinking
  - c. \*Evaluating beliefs and values on the basis of rational standards
  - d. A kind of thinking that takes place unconsciously
8. He invented the Socratic method:
  - a. \*Socrates

- b. Plato
  - c. Pluto
  - d. Aristotle
  - e. Moses
9. Simon was a
- a. officer in the Athenian army
  - b. \*cobbler
  - c. stonemason
  - d. shield-maker
10. Pericles was
- a. \*a great Athenian statesman
  - b. a teacher
  - c. a cobbler
  - d. one of Socrates's brothers

### Quiz questions set 6. Short Answer Questions

1. In commonsense terms, what is an elenchus?
2. In your own words, explain the logical structure of an elenchus.
3. What answer did the Oracle give to Charephon?
4. Why did Socrates not write a book?
5. How did Socrates react to the Oracle's pronouncement?
6. Who was Simon the cobbler?
7. What is significant about the friendship between Socrates and Simon?
8. What is the agora and why was it a significant part of Socrates's life?
9. Express Socrates's Design argument in your own words.
10. Express the atomist critique of Socrates's Design argument in your own words.
11. How is Socrates characterized in *The Clouds*? Is the picture accurate?
12. Argue for, or against, Socrates's argument for God's existence.
13. What is myth? How does it differ from philosophy?
14. What is philosophy? How does it differ from myth?
15. In your own words, briefly explain how philosophy began.
16. Compare and contrast: Myth and philosophy. What do they have in common? How do they differ?
17. Why is the following statement not *philosophical*? "I believe it because it is in the Bible."
18. How might Socrates have reconciled his philosophical beliefs and his religious practices?