

**Multiple Choice**--Select the best answer and record its letter on your answer sheet.

- 1) The belief that all knowledge comes from experience is referred to as  
a) epistemology      b) positivism      c) scientism      d) empiricism      e) rationalism
- 2) Immediate insight that occurs without conscious awareness is termed  
a) intuition      b) revelation      c) introspection      d) explicit knowledge      e) tacit knowledge
- 3) Someone whose worldview has an important place for scientism would most likely value all of the following **except** which? a) positivism      b) rationalism      c) revelation      d) explicit knowledge
- 4) All of the following might conceivably be part of a description of what is meant by explicit knowledge **except** which? a) can be put into words or symbols      b) like a map of reality  
c) ineffable      d) abstracted from direct experience      e) knowledge by description
- 5) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**?  
a) positivism / phenomenalism      b) universe is mysterious / Ionian Enchantment  
c) faith / trusting, belonging      d) epistemology / knowledge      e) logos / word of God
- 6) Someone whose worldview has an important place for "The Collective Cognitive Imperative" theme would most likely justify some key belief by referring to  
a) superstition      b) its testability  
c) a trusted authority      d) some standard or criterion      e) grace
- 7) A belief that is firmly held based on the authority of others, but is actually incompatible with existing facts or based on faulty premises or reasoning is termed \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) real belief      b) useful fiction      c) superstition      d) healthy belief      e) dogmatic belief
- 8) Healthy beliefs are those which you hold  
a) without any doubts or uncertainty      b) after feeling strong peer pressure forces  
c) for perceived physiological health benefits despite considering them to be useful fiction  
d) for perceived psychological health benefits despite being unconvinced of their validity
- 9) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the "Scientific Method" theme would most likely justify accepting some key statement as a scientific one by referring to  
a) its testability      b) a trusted authority      c) some standard or criterion      d) reason
- 10) Which of the following is **least likely** to have a legitimate place in a discussion involving the justification of belief based on faith? a) grace      b) unshaken trusting confidence in authority  
c) word of God      d) religious skepticism      e) scientific skepticism
- 11) Most likely, which of the following hypothetical people would believe in the existence of absolute knowledge or universal truth with the greatest level of certainty?  
a) a 20th century Postmodernist      b) a late 17th century Enlightenment thinker  
c) a 21st century quantum physicist      d) a late 19th century ethical relativist
- 12) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the concept of righteousness probably would not believe in  
a) moral relativism      b) absolute moral codes  
c) the word of God      d) religious fundamentalism

13) \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the notion that there can be two equally good, but mutually exclusive, even contradictory descriptions or explanations of something, and that one's conception of certain aspects of Reality might require allowing these to peacefully coexist together inside one's head! a) The Uncertainty Principle b) grace c) tacit knowledge d) complementarity e) relativism

14) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the "Humbly Unsure" theme would a) be unimpressed with the complexity of the world b) be generally skeptical of true believers c) feel comfortable discussing life's big questions d) metaphorically often see shades of gray e) metaphorically take up an inappropriate amount of space and leave little room for others

15) Which of the following statements regarding the goals of scientists is **wrong**?  
a) Obtaining reproducible results is an important goal of scientific investigation.  
b) Some philosophical relativists question science's objectivity and progress toward goals  
c) Eventually reducing uncertainty in measurements to zero is an important goal of scientists  
d) Scientists wish to extend their conceptual framework to adequately describe all of Reality

16) \_\_\_\_\_ believe that their society's values and way of living are superior to those of other cultures. a) ethical relativists b) ethnocentrists c) authoritarian personalities d) perfectionists e) misogynists

17) It is rather **inconceivable** that a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ might also be someone whose worldview has an important place for the "I Know What's Best For You" theme.  
a) egalitarian b) evangelist c) propagandist d) pusher e) dogmatist

18) All of the following can be reasonably connected with an intolerant orientation **except** which? a) scientism b) righteousness c) exclusive d) liberalism e) fascism

19) Micromanaging typically involves all of the following behaviors **except** which?  
a) uncaring b) meddling c) intervening d) controlling e) nit-picking

20) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**?  
a) scapegoating / unfairly discriminating b) feminism / equal treatment of men & women  
c) permissiveness / liberal d) xenophobia / fear of nationalists  
e) failure to practice what you preach / hypocritical behavior

21) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the "Magic" theme might be most likely to engage in a) integrating b) reducing c) introspection d) Yoga e) divination

22) The definitions of which of these terms most critically involves or places fundamental importance on the **method** involved?  
a) creative thinking b) science c) intuition d) extra-sensory perception e) praying

23) All of the following would either be impossible to use or totally lose significance if computers did not exist **except** which? a) chaos theory b) artificial intelligence  
c) "Dancing With Systems" worldview theme d) algorithms

24) Teachers seeking to promote \_\_\_\_\_ might be concerned with the taxonomy of educational objectives. a) creative thinking b) higher order thinking c) reductionism  
d) global education e) systematic problem solving approaches

25) Strong emotions and feelings have a rightful place in all of the following **except** which?  
a) artistic creation b) creative thinking c) global education d) Yoga e) mysticism

- 26) Causality is not applicable \_\_\_\_ a) in using Newton's 2nd Law b) in classical physics  
c) in describing single quantum events d) where cause precedes effect
- 27) An individual who had a cosmic consciousness type experience would be said to possess \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge because of it. a) theological b) empirical c) explicit d) tacit
- 28) Interfering with nature and creating conditions or events that favor making a particular observation or establishing a particular hypothesis is a way of describing \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) reverse engineering b) feedback c) an experiment d) the scientific method e) causality
- 29) Early 20th century physicists who refused to believe in the reality of atoms because they couldn't directly observe them were \_\_\_\_\_. a) positivists b) empiricists  
c) engaged in quantum quackery d) cyberneticists e) theorists
- 30) All of the following are the result of science and technology's successes at extending the human senses **except** which?  
a) infrared imaging allowing seeing in the dark b) imaging atoms c) extra-sensory perception  
d) discovering the universe is expanding e) figuring out what stars are made of
- 31) Which of the following worldview themes can involve narrowing consciousness and trancelike behavior? a) Focused Vision b) Global Vision c) Scientific Method  
d) Collective Cognitive Imperative e) Dancing With Systems
- 32) All of the following involve trusting in the authority of someone **except** which? a) faith  
b) the "Religious Fundamentalism" worldview theme c) "Scientific Method" worldview theme  
d) "The Collective Cognitive Imperative" worldview theme
- 33) Someone for whom which theme below is an important part of their worldview would be most likely to believe that consciousness resides in the soul or the spirit?  
a) "Vitalism" b) "Mysticism" c) "Magic" d) "Scientific Materialism" e) "Skeptic"
- 34) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the "Vitalism" theme would most likely believe all of the following **except** which? a) that astral bodies leave physical bodies  
b) that scientists will someday create life in a lab c) in the reality of Ch'i (or Qi)  
d) that kundalini activates chakras  
e) that reports of near death experiences suggest there is life after death
- 35) Human souls have been thought of in all of the following ways **except** which?  
a) the vital spirit in all human beings b) the part of a human being that is immortal  
c) the feeling /emotional domain of one's personality d) where a transcendent God dwells within
- 36) The belief that God exists within, remains within, and acts within the physical universe is associated with a) the Distant God conception b) the Secular Humanists' conception  
c) immanence d) transcendence
- 37) In which of the following conceptions is God capable of performing miracles?  
a) in deists' b) in atheists' c) in agnostics' d) in the Distant God conception  
e) in the conception of those who believe in "the grace of God"
- 38) In all of the following conceptions God is concerned with matters of right and wrong **except** which one? a) in religious fundamentalists' b) in panentheists' c) in the brights'  
d) in the Authoritarian God conception e) in the Critical God conception

- 39) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**? a) polytheism / belief in many gods  
 b) anthropomorphic God / God has human attributes c) theophobia / fear of God  
 d) bicameral mentality / people hear voices of gods e) deism / God is personal
- 40) Which of the following is most strictly consistent with monotheism?  
 a) deism b) ditheism c) the Christian Trinity d) pantheism e) none of these
- 41) \_\_\_\_\_ can be described as initiating communication with God, a Deity, higher power, Cosmic Mind, etc. a) religion b) introspection c) praying d) revelation
- 42) Some religious scholars charge that by holding onto literal interpretations of sacred religious texts, religious fundamentalists are demanding that religions built on \_\_\_\_\_ be instead taken as religions built on reason. a) charisma b) myths c) history d) the word of God e) prophets
- 43) \_\_\_\_\_--which some equate with experiencing God-- involves impossible to describe feelings of elation, awakening, joyousness, sense of immortality, etc that elevates one above ordinary people and places him or her on a enlightened, higher plane of existence.  
 a) cosmic consciousness b) charisma c) revelation d) divination e) grace
- 44) For religious fundamentalists, the word of God as it appears in sacred texts provides the basis for  
 a) an historical metaphorical interpretation b) moral relativism c) an absolute moral code  
 d) charisma e) grace
- 45) Conceivably, communication between God and individuals might most directly occur by which of the following means?  
 a) through revelation b) via angels c) via a medium d) via sacred religious books
- 46) \_\_\_\_\_ is the idea that there is a design or purpose inherent in everything and belief that events unfold toward some divinely specified ultimate end or that everything strives to fulfill some purpose. a) existentialism b) the illusion of central position c) grace  
 d) teleology e) creationism
- 47) Modern biblical creationists reject all of the following **except** which?  
 a) intelligent design b) evolution c) the geological time scale d) the Big Bang Theory
- 48) According to evolutionary biologists, \_\_\_\_\_ is the mechanism that explains the appearance of design in nature without invoking the presence of a designer.  
 a) mutation b) intelligent design c) teleology d) natural selection e) DNA replication
- 49) In their Big Bang Theory, astrophysicists assert that  
 a) the Earth is at the center of the universe b) the universe shows evidence of intelligent design  
 c) long ago the universe was incredibly hot & compact, then was disturbed and began expanding  
 d) the Earth formed soon after the Sun contracted from gas and dust e) God does not exist
- 50) Whereas Biblical creationists believe the Earth is less than 10,000 years old and see Noah's flood as an important event in shaping the Earth's surface, geologists interpret the latter using  
 a) plate tectonics b) the theory of evolution c) radiometric dating d) natural selection
- 51) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**?  
 a) scientifically accepted age of Earth / 4.5 million years b) ozone layer / protects Earth  
 c) 1962 Cuban Missile crisis / manmade global catastrophe averted  
 d) diameter of Milky Way Galaxy / over 100, 000 light years  
 e) eschatology / End Times

- 52) All of the following catastrophes which conceivably could end life on Earth are most properly referred to as cosmic catastrophes **except** which? a) nearby star explodes as supernova b) big asteroid hits the Earth c) interstellar virus traveling on meteorite brings plague to Earth d) Sun dramatically expands & brightens e) Earth's climate changes due to enhanced greenhouse
- 53) All of the following are necessarily connected with belief in evil spirits **except** which? a) ditheism b) religious dualism c) Armageddon theology d) exorcism e) angels
- 54) Someone whose worldview has an important place for both the "Apocalypticism" and "Religious Fundamentalism" themes might conceivably also embrace all of the following **except** a) belief in End Times b) messianic fervor c) end of game strategy d) overshoot & collapse
- 55) The manmade global catastrophe that conceivably could change the human species quality of life most quickly and dramatically would be associated with \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) global nuclear war b) population increases leading to overshoot & collapse  
c) damage to the ozone layer d) greenhouse gases cause global warming, climate change
- 56) \_\_\_\_\_ refers to a philosophical orientation that emphasizes individual choice, decision-making, and responsibility -- including the responsibility to put meaning into a seemingly irrational world that has no discernible purpose. a) sentience b) teleology  
c) altruism d) existentialism e) rationalism
- 57) The belief that God's ultimate goal as Creator was producing human beings is consistent with a) deep ecology b) existentialism c) Secular Humanism  
d) selfish gene theory e) the Chain of Being idea
- 58) Anthropologists believe that the first members of the "homo" genus appeared around \_\_\_\_ years ago. a) 10,000 b) 30,000 c) 250,000 d) 2.5 million e) 10 million
- 59) Which of the following has been used to try to explain the persistence of altruism in human behavior a) deep ecology b) the ethical behavior evolutionary pyramid  
c) the social function of religion d) selfish gene theory e) both c) and d)
- 60) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**?  
a) righteousness / guiltless b) reincarnation / Wheel of Life c) salvation / sin  
d) anthropocentrism / Chain of Being e) problem of evil / computational theory of the mind
- 61) Someone whose worldview has an important place for the "Free Will" theme would accept the important role in guiding human behavior of  
a) determinism b) volition c) fatalism d) pre-destination e) accidentalism
- 62) \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to model human actions in terms of stimulus and response.  
a) behaviorism b) compatibilism c) causality d) computational theory of the mind
- 63) Which of the following associations is **inappropriate**? a) accidentalism / random events  
b) automatism / lack consciousness c) belief in fatalism / living in poverty  
d) gene / basic physical and functional unit of heredity e) compatibilism / promotes fatalism
- 64) With the development of \_\_\_\_\_ the scientific consensus shifted in a way that allowed the possibility that free will guided human behavior.  
a) the theory of evolution b) the computational theory of the mind c) quantum mechanics  
d) the double helix model of DNA e) pre-destination theory

- 65) The belief that "the whole is more than the sum of the parts" \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) characterizes reverse engineering    b) characterizes reductionism    c) characterizes wholism  
 d) characterizes emergent properties    e) both choices c) and d)
- 66) All of the following can be identified more with wholism than reductionism **except** which?  
 a) the human left brain    b) global education    c) deep ecology    d) integrating    e) lumpers
- 67) Which of the following worldview themes can be identified more with reductionism than wholism?  
 a) Dancing With Systems    b) Mysticism    c) Scientific Method    d) Global Vision
- 68) A wholistic rather than reductionistic approach to health appreciates the importance of  
 a) the problem of evil    b) the mind / body problem    c) the mind / body connection  
 d) none of the above    e) none of the above
- 69) Which of the following worldview themes can be identified more with wholism than reductionism?  
 a) The Artistic Worldview    b) Focused Vision    c) Anthropocentrism  
 d) Scientific Materialism    e) Skeptic
- 70) Some see an eastern analog of western science's "Newton's 3rd Law" in the Law of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) Maya    b) Prana    c) Ch'i (Qi)    d) Karma    e) Yoga
- 71) Magical thinking is    a) part of the "Magic" worldview theme    b) a stage in some children's development  
 c) a psychiatric disorder in some adults    d) all of the above    e) choices b) & c)
- 72) Which of the following worldview themes can be identified with perceiving the universe as more chaotic than orderly?  
 a) Dancing With Systems    b) Scientific Materialism  
 c) Scientific Method    d) Global Vision    e) The Artistic Worldview
- 73) Belief in which of the following can be identified with perceiving the universe as more orderly than chaotic?  
 a) causality    b) compatibilism    c) miracles  
 d) the efficacy of prayer    e) the power of positive thinking
- 74) \_\_\_\_\_ is the belief that all things, living or non-living, possess a spirit or soul that is separate from their physical form.  
 a) shamanism    b) vitalism    c) animism    d) mysticism
- 75) All of the following are terms that can be connected with systems theory **except** which?  
 a) feedback    b) levels of organization    c) information theory    d) complexity theory    e) cognition
- 76) Enlightenment philosopher Rene Descartes once said "\_\_\_\_\_ is the origin of wisdom."  
 a) knowledge    b) curiosity    c) doubt    d) free inquiry    e) thinking
- 77) Which of the following orientations or practices has the most in common with academic freedom?  
 a) liberalism    b) censorship    c) valuing customs    d) conservatism    e) brainwashing
- 78) Free inquiry is believed to be most fundamentally important to maintaining  
 a) traditions    b) theocracy    c) democracy    d) separation of church and state    e) choices c) & d)
- 79) In distinguishing between types of ignorance: problems vs. mysteries, it has been claimed that whereas the 1-\_\_\_\_\_ focuses on problems, mysteries are the stuff of 2-\_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 1-reason, 2-faith    b) 1-reductionism, 2-wholism    c) 1-thinking, 2-feeling  
 d) 1-science, 2-religion    e) 1-analytical thinking, 2-creative thinking
- 80) Abstract generalized ideas and understanding that replace a set of sensory experiences and memories of them are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) values    b) theories    c) concepts    d) ideals    e) customs