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TEST FOR THE COMBINED LOGIC AND CRITICAL THINKING

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Choose the best answer for the following questions and write the capital letter of your choice on the answer sheet (1 pt each)

1. Which of the following explains what philosophy is about?

- A. Philosophy has no specific subject matter that it is impossible to comprehend its meaning at all.
- B. The best way to understand philosophy is to philosophize which requires us to have a clear knowledge of the history of philosophy.
- C. Analysis, comparison and evaluation are the mechanisms philosophy uses to answer fundamental questions.
- D. B and C

2. Which of the following statement is correct?

- A. Philosophy doesn't have its own unique feature that is not included in the social and humanistic discipline.
- B. If we did not do philosophy in the critical sense then we could not have beliefs about life and the universe which are held uncritically.
- C. Since philosophers view things from different point of view and assumptions, they could not hope to agree in principles to live by.
- D. Philosophy is an attempt to bring religious, historical, and scientific inquiry together to give us insight for our lives.
- E. All except A

3. Knowing how to develop and integrate our experiences, thought, feelings, and actions for ourselves help mainly to develop the human character of _____

- A. Intellectual independence
- B. Open mindedness
- C. Creative thinking
- D. Self awareness

4. Which of the following statements is correct?

- A. The etymological meaning of philosophy which is the love of wisdom is not sufficient by itself to understand philosophy

- B. Philosophy raises questions that move us from the profound speculations to a phenomenal fact.
- C. Someone who we call encyclopedic has necessarily a critical habit and eternal vigilance about all things and question the apparent.
- D. What makes someone a great philosopher is not the ability to evaluate and compare views but the produced philosophy.
- E. A and B

5. What can truly be said about intuition as a source of knowledge?

- A. Knowledge is derived from conscious reasoning
- B. Knowledge is often experienced as a sudden flash of insight which makes it safe method of obtaining knowledge.
- C. Knowledge derived from them can be accepted as true because it has been sanctified over time as tradition.
- D. It has the advantage of bypassing the limitation of human experience.
- E. B and C

II. Write 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is incorrect (0.5 pt each)

1. Our willingness to accept some concepts and beliefs uncritically can be explained by doing philosophy. **FALSE**
2. Criticism is not the essence of philosophy but the final end (purpose) of it. (1pt) **FALSE**
3. Aristotle thinks that we have a choice not to philosophize but it is better to do it since it makes us wiser. **FALSE**
4. Learning and mastering the theories produced by philosophers imply our ability to philosophize. **FALSE**
5. Philosophers that focus on the analysis of language mainly attempt to develop a generalized world view and life views as well as traditional moral philosophy. **FALSE**
6. Philosophy is a self reflective activity which takes nothing for granted except its own nature. (1pt) **FALSE**
7. Normative ethics is a category of ethics that attempts to justify moral principles to specific moral problems. **FALSE**
8. Empiricists emphasize thought and logic as the source of human knowledge. **FALSE**