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MULTIPLE CHOICE - Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) What did all the pre-Socratic philosophers have in common?
 - A) They believed in a supreme being.
 - B) They stemmed from the outlying borders of the Roman world.
 - C) They attempted to explain the secrets behind the appearances in the world by repeating the tales of the gods.
 - D) They attempted to create general theories of the cosmos by using observation and reason.

- 2) Which of the following is an argument posed by Thales?
 - A) Everything has an individual characteristic and there is no unity behind the plurality of things.
 - B) The world is a disjointed grouping of unrelated fragments.
 - C) If there is change, there must be some thing that changes, yet does not change.
 - D) The first principle and basic nature of all things is fire.

- 3) _____ is a method of explanation that takes an object that confronts a person on the surface as being one kind of thing and shows that the object can be broken down to a more basic kind of thing at a deeper but less obvious level of analysis.
 - A) Arianism
 - B) Dualism
 - C) Reductionism
 - D) Neologism

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- 4) Which of these views held by Anaximander contradicts Thales' theory about the basic nature of all things?
- A) The ultimate stuff behind the four basic elements could not itself be one of the elements. It would have to be an unobservable, unspecific, indeterminate something-or-other, which he called the Boundless.
 - B) The whole world as people know it was the result of a cosmic error. But justice will be done; the world will eventually be destroyed, and "things" will return to their one true form, which is fire.
 - C) Of all the elements, water and earth were the most obvious in their transformations: Rivers turn into sand (in the shape of deltas), water turns into ice.
 - D) The principle of entropy held that the four basic elements have a tendency to achieve superiority over the other. This in turn refutes the view that only water could be the essence of life.
- 5) Which of the following characteristics of the Milesians eventually become part of the Western scientific tradition?
- A) a desire for complex explanations to explain the truths of the universe
 - B) a reliance on Mythos to prove theories
 - C) a commitment to reductivism
 - D) a commitment to naturalism
- 6) Pythagoras held the view that
- A) during any century, the number of births is equal to the number of deaths.
 - B) a correct description of reality must be expressed in terms of mathematical formulas.
 - C) nothing ever changes; motion is an illusion.
 - D) the number nine was divine and that is why the solar system had nine members.
- 7) Which of the following beliefs of Heraclitus contradicts Xenophanes' belief concerning the basic composition of things?
- A) All things are water.
 - B) All things are fire.
 - C) All things are air.
 - D) All things are earth and water.

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- 8) Parmenides argued that Being has no holes (no vacuum) because, if Being is, there can't be any place where Being is not. From this argument it follows that
- A) the soul is important for existence.
 - B) the universe is in a constant state of motion.
 - C) change is the key feature of reality.
 - D) motion is impossible.
- 9) Identify the belief supported by Empedocles.
- A) Nothing ever changes; motion is an illusion.
 - B) Numbers are the fundamental building blocks of reality.
 - C) Change is the only constant.
 - D) Reality is composed of a plurality of things.
- 10) The beliefs of the Greek atomists in the year 370 B.C.E. were primarily based on _____.
- A) monism and relativism
 - B) relativism and randomness
 - C) materialism and determinism
 - D) reductionism and reductivism

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Answer Key

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- 1) D
- 2) C
- 3) C
- 4) A
- 5) D
- 6) B
- 7) B
- 8) D
- 9) D
- 10) C