

Philosophy

Pre-test

- 1 What is the Date Today? _____.
- 2 What is your name? _____.
- 3 What is your favorite color? _____.
- 4 What is the average airspeed of an unladen swallow? _____.^{1.}
- 5 What grade do you believe you will earn for this course? _____.
- 6 Rate your level of appreciation of Philosophy on a scale of 0 to 4, 0 indicating no appreciation and 4 indicating full appreciation. _____.^{2.}
- 7 In random order, what are the ten most important things in your life? Elaborate on additional paper or back.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____
 - i. _____
 - j. _____
- 8 What are your five top goals / desires Elaborate on additional paper or back.
 - a. _____ Why? _____
 - b. _____ Why? _____
 - c. _____ Why? _____
 - d. _____ Why? _____
 - e. _____ Why? _____.

1. The answer to question 4 is, according to www.style.org (May 2010) Although a definitive answer would of course require further measurements, published species-wide averages of wing length and body mass, initial Strouhal estimates based on those averages and cross-species comparisons, the Lund wind tunnel study of birds flying at a range of speeds, and revised Strouhal numbers based on that study all lead me to estimate that the average cruising airspeed velocity of an unladen European Swallow is roughly **11 meters per second**, or **24 miles an hour**.

2. Appreciation is not knowledge. Rather, appreciation is to be taken here as an aesthetic value, emotional value, care or interest.

9 Rate the ten most important things in your life in order of importance?

- a. _____ Why? _____
- b. _____ Why? _____
- c. _____ Why? _____
- d. _____ Why? _____
- e. _____ Why? _____
- f. _____ Why? _____
- g. _____ Why? _____
- h. _____ Why? _____
- i. _____ Why? _____
- j. _____ Why? _____.

10 Thought Experiment: Imagine that for some reason outside your control you **MUST** abandon one of your goals / desires. Which will you abandon, and on what **philosophical** basis?

11 You probably appeal to something other than an item listed in your answer to questions 7 or 8 to make your choice at question 9? Explain and discuss.