

## Philosophy

### Pre-test

- 1 What is the Date Today? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2b What is the name of God? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 What is your favorite color? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 What is the average airspeed of an unladen swallow? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>.
- 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, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>.

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](http://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.

12 What's God?