

Update To Quiz Feature - Four New Quiz Sections - Your Help To Review These Would Be Appreciated!

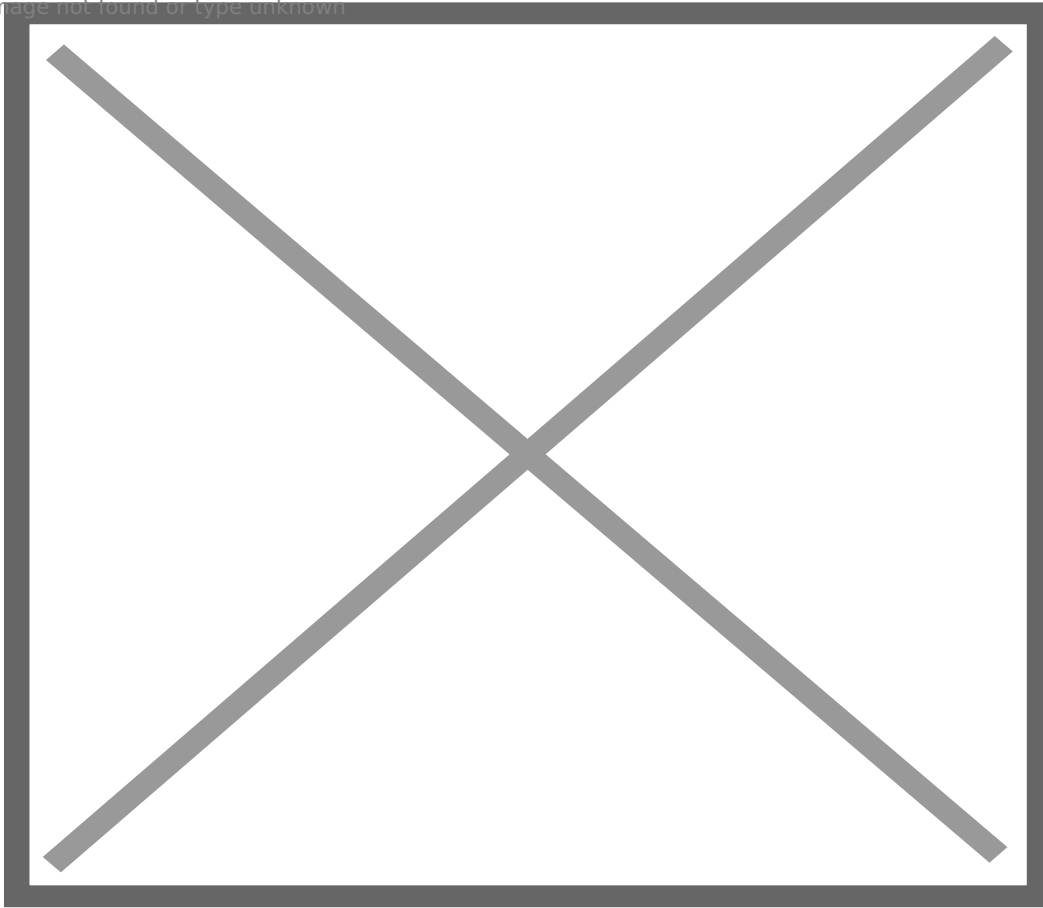
Post by "Cassius" of June 26, 2024 at 2:30 PM

Over the last ten days with help from [Remus](#) and others, we've added a significant number of new quiz questions to the quiz section. There are three new basic sets of questions on Epicurean Canonics, Physics, and Ethics, and the "Norman DeWitt's Epicurus and His Philosophy" quiz is also new. I think most of the questions are pretty good, and I am confident that the answers are pretty close to correct, but before we let these get too far out into the wild it would be helpful if our regulars go through these and see if they disagree with any of the question/answer combinations.

I am learning that developing multiple-choice questions is something of an art, and we'll continue to appreciate volunteer assistance for developing new ones.

For the moment, please help us check out the latest quizzes here:

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Post by “TauPhi” of June 26, 2024 at 4:07 PM

I checked out the Ethics one. My suggestions/observations:

- in question about fears change 'which irrational fears' to '... fear(s)'. Otherwise you already suggest more than one fear which makes majority of options apparently incorrect
 - there are 2 questions in a row about categories of desires which are almost identical
 - these are followed by another asking about how many categories there are. The correct answer is set to 4. If I'm wrong, ignore this one, but I always thought there are 3: natural and necessary, natural but unnecessary and empty ones
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Post by “TauPhi” of June 26, 2024 at 4:38 PM

Well, I thought, why not to check the remaining two as well?

I didn't see anything wrong with the canonic one.

Physics one is my favourite of the three but I have few suggestions:

- there are two very similar questions about these topics: shapes of the atoms, the swerve, and nature of atomic motion - please consider removing 3 repetitive ones
- in the question about the number of different shapes of the atoms (the first one on the topic) two answers may be correct: 'uncountable' is set as the correct one but I don't see how 'finite' is wrong
- in question 12 (if I remember correctly) there's a typo in one of the answers. 'atoms and either' probably should be 'atoms and ether'

Post by “Martin” of June 27, 2024 at 9:54 AM

The question "What is the primary cause of atomic motion?" does not make much sense in Epicurean physics. "Atomic weight" as the answer is wrong because there is no primary cause since the atoms have already been in motion since an eternity in Epicurean physics.

Post by “Cassius” of June 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Martin: Think there is a better way to word that? Simply change it to "Why do atoms move?" I need to look back at the way it is worded in Lucretius and the letter to Herodotus.

Post by “Bryan” of June 28, 2024 at 12:14 AM

[Quote from TauPhi](#)

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Certainly true! I selected "uncountable" and never read to "uncountable but not infinite." At least I think that is what happened. That was my only issue -- great quiz!

42c. And of each shape: the similar ones are completely infinite → but in their differences: they are not completely infinite, but only innumerable.

[Hicks] The like atoms of each shape: are absolutely infinite → but the variety of shapes: though indefinitely large, is not absolutely infinite.

[Bailey] And so in each shape: the atoms are quite infinite in number → but their differences of shape: are not quite infinite, but only incomprehensible in number.

Post by “Cassius” of June 28, 2024 at 5:39 AM

The "number of shapes" question and the others questioned should now be updated. Thanks all and please continue to report questions.