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Think You Can Solve These 3rd Grade Big Brain Dilemmas?

Critical evaluation of moral rules and character traits beyond simple right and wrong through complex social scenarios and philosophical synthesis.

1. A student finds an abandoned video game in the park. If they follow 'Rule-Based Thinking' (Deontology), what is their primary reason for returning it?

- A. They hope the owner gives them a cash reward
- B. They want to be known as the smartest kid in school
- C. They believe that 'stealing is wrong' is a rule everyone must follow
- D. They think the owner will be happy and they like happy people

2. True or False: A 'Virtue' is a positive character trait, like bravery or fairness, that a person practices until it becomes a habit.

- A. True
- B. False

3. If a leader chooses to build a library instead of a private pool because the library helps 500 people while the pool helps 5, they are using _____ logic.

- A. Selfish
- B. Utilitarian
- C. Accidental
- D. Historical

4. Imagine you see a classmate being teased. A person practicing 'Virtue Ethics' would help because:

- A. The teacher told them they had to do it
- B. They want to show they are a compassionate person
- C. They are afraid they will get in trouble if they don't
- D. They want to get out of doing their homework

5. True or False: An ethical dilemma is a simple choice where one answer is obviously perfect and the other is obviously terrible.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Following the 'Golden Rule'—treating others as you wish to be treated—is most similar to the ethical theory of _____.

- A. Biology
- B. Economics
- C. Deontology
- D. Physicalism

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7. A scientist has one dose of medicine. She can give it to one very sick person or split it to save three slightly sick people. Choosing the three people is based on:

- A. Maximum outcome (Utilitarianism)
- B. Personal friendship
- C. Random luck
- D. Strict rules (Deontology)

8. When you must choose between being honest (telling the truth) and being loyal (protecting a friend), you are facing a moral ____.

- A. Solution
- B. Dilemma
- C. Habit
- D. Virtue

9. True or False: A person who focuses on 'Duty' believes that you should always do what is right, even if the result makes people unhappy.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these questions is a 'Virtue Ethicist' most likely to ask themselves before making a hard choice?

- A. How many people will be happy if I do this?
- B. What is the specific rule written in the handbook?
- C. What would a kind and courageous person do?
- D. Will I get a gold star for doing this?