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Answer Key: Salty Steaks and Moral Mistakes: 10th Grade Ethics Bake-Off

Crack the code of everyday decisions by putting yourself in the shoes of a local business owner or a tech developer facing a fork in the road.

1. An architect decides to use sustainable, recycled materials for a new library solely because they believe 'stewardship of the earth' is a universal law everyone must follow. This reflects which perspective?

Answer: B) Deontology (Duty-based)

Deontology focuses on following universal rules and moral duties, regardless of the personal benefit or even the final outcome.

2. A scientist refuses to falsify data to get a promotion because they value the character trait of _____, a central focus of Virtue Ethics.

Answer: B) Integrity

Virtue Ethics prioritizes developing good character traits (virtues) like integrity, honesty, and bravery.

3. A Utilitarian would agree that an action is 'good' if it results in the greatest amount of happiness for the most people.

Answer: A) True

Utilitarianism is a consequentialist theory that measures morality by the outcome of 'total happiness' or utility produced.

4. A student finds an answer key to a final exam. They choose not to use it because they ask themselves, 'What kind of person would I be if I cheated?' What framework are they using?

Answer: C) Virtue Ethics

Virtue Ethics shifts the focus from the action itself to the character and identity of the person making the choice.

5. In a _____ dilemma, a person is stuck between two choices where both options involve conflicting moral principles.

Answer: D) Ethical

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Ethical dilemmas occur when two moral requirements conflict, making it difficult to choose a clearly 'right' path.

6. Deontology teaches that it is okay to break a rule as long as the ending of the story is happy for everyone.

Answer: B) False

Deontologists believe that certain actions are inherently right or wrong, regardless of the consequences or the 'happy ending'.

7. A city council must decide between repairing a small bridge used by 50 people or upgrading a water filtration system used by 5,000. Why would a Utilitarian choose the water system?

Answer: C) Because it provides the most benefit to the largest number of citizens

Utilitarianism focuses on maximizing the 'sum' of well-being across the entire population.

8. Immanuel Kant is a famous philosopher often associated with _____ ethics, which emphasizes following moral rules.

Answer: A) Deontological

Kant's 'Categorical Imperative' is a foundational concept in deontology, arguing we should act only according to rules we would want to become universal laws.

9. A software developer discovers a bug that slightly overcharges customers. Avoiding a PR nightmare, they decide to fix it quietly without a refund. If they justify this by saying 'most customers won't notice and the company stays stable,' they are using:

Answer: B) Consequentialism (Utilitarianism)

The developer is looking at the 'ends' (stability) to justify the 'means' (not refunding), which is a hallmark of consequentialist thinking.

10. Virtue ethics focuses more on 'Who should I be?' rather than JUST 'What should I do?'

Answer: A) True

Unlike deontology or utilitarianism which focus on rules or outcomes of specific acts, virtue ethics focuses on the inherent character of the person.