

Nail Senior Ethics Theories Quiz

Synthesize complex moral frameworks and analyze high-stakes scenarios through comparative logic and deontological critiques.

1. W.D. Ross proposed 'prima facie' duties to address flaws in rigid moral systems. Which scenario best illustrates a conflict between the duty of non-maleficence and the duty of fidelity?

- A. Breaking a promise to a friend to prevent a serious physical assault on a stranger.
- B. Lying on a resume to ensure your family has enough money for organic groceries.
- C. Returning a borrowed weapon to an owner who is currently in a state of rage.
- D. Donating a portion of your salary to a global charity to fulfill a religious vow.

2. According to Thomas Aquinas's Doctrine of Double Effect, an action with a foreseeable evil outcome is permissible if the evil is the intended means to a greater good.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In 'The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas,' Ursula K. Le Guin presents a city of perfect happiness dependent on the misery of one child. A strict _____ would argue this trade-off is morally mandatory.

- A. Act Utilitarian
- B. Kantian Deontologist
- C. Virtue Ethicist
- D. Care Ethicist

4. Which concept from Immanuel Kant's 'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals' prohibits using a human being merely as a tool for a specific end?

- A. The Hypothetical Imperative
- B. The Formula of Humanity
- C. The Principle of Utility
- D. The Golden Mean

5. Aristotle's Eudaimonia is achieved not through fleeting pleasure, but through the cultivation of _____, which represents the 'Golden Mean' between extremes.

- A. Asceticism
- B. Phronesis (Practical Wisdom)
- C. Categorical Imperatives
- D. Hedonistic Calculus

6. John Rawls's 'Veil of Ignorance' is a thought experiment designed to ensure that justice is determined without knowledge of one's own social status or talents.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Philippa Foot's 'George and the Chemistry Job' dilemma critiques Utilitarianism by highlighting the problem of:

- A. Cultural Relativism
- B. Personal Integrity and Agency
- C. The lack of quantifiable happiness
- D. The complexity of scientific advancement

8. While Peter Singer argues for global charity based on _____, critics argue that we have special moral obligations to those closest to us, a central tenet of Care Ethics.

- A. Moral Particularism
- B. Impartiality
- C. Divine Command Theory
- D. Egoism

9. An Ethical Egoist would argue that an individual should always act in a way that provides the most benefit to the community, even if it harms themselves.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Contrast the Ring of Gyges (Plato) with Kant's Deontology. Why would a Kantian refuse to use the ring's power of invisibility for personal gain?

- A. Because the ring's magic is inherently deceptive and thus unnatural.
- B. Because the consequences of being caught would outweigh the benefits.
- C. Because a maxim of stealing cannot be universalized without contradiction.
- D. Because the ring does not promote the 'greatest happiness for the greatest number'.