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Answer Key: The Moral Compass: A 4th Grade Ethics Challenge

Evaluate complex social scenarios using the principles of Duty, Harmony, and Results to build advanced decision-making skills.

1. Scenario: You find a 'legendary' trading card on the playground that belongs to a student you don't like. If you follow the 'Universal Rule' (Deontology), why must you return it?

Answer: B) Because if everyone kept things that weren't theirs, the school would become chaotic.

Deontology focuses on rules that everyone should follow. If 'returning lost items' is a rule, it must be followed regardless of who the owner is.

2. A person who practices _____ Ethics focuses on building a good character, like being 'trustworthy' or 'fair,' instead of just following a list of rules.

Answer: C) Virtue

Virtue ethics is centered on the character of the person acting rather than specific rules or the results of a single action.

3. True or False: An 'Ethical Dilemma' is a situation where there is a clear right answer and a clear wrong answer that everyone agrees on.

Answer: B) False

Dilemmas are difficult because they involve a conflict between two or more values, where both choices might have 'right' aspects.

4. Scenario: Your school has \$100. They can buy one very expensive VR headset for one student to use, or 20 soccer balls for the whole school. Which choice would a Utilitarian make?

Answer: B) The soccer balls, because they provide the greatest amount of fun for the most people.

Utilitarianism seeks the 'greatest good for the greatest number.' Soccer balls benefit 20+ students, while the VR headset only benefits one.

5. When a person feels they have a 'Moral _____' to do something (like a soldier protecting a city), they are following a philosophy called Deontology.

Answer: A) Duty

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Deontology is often called 'duty-based' ethics because it focuses on the obligations we have to others.

6. Imagine a leader must choose between telling a 'white lie' to keep the peace or telling a painful truth. If the leader chooses the truth because they want to be an 'Honest Person,' which theory are they using?

Answer: B) Virtue Ethics (Character)

Focusing on being an 'honest person' is about internal character traits, which is the core of Virtue Ethics.

7. True or False: A Utilitarian believes that an action is 'good' if it results in more happiness than sadness for the community.

Answer: A) True

Utilitarianism is a 'consequentialist' theory, meaning it judges an action by its results or consequences.

8. Scenario: You promised to help your neighbor rake leaves, but your best friend just got surprise tickets to a movie you've been waiting for. This is an ethical dilemma because:

Answer: C) The value of 'Keeping a Promise' conflicts with the value of 'Friendship/Happiness'.

Ethical dilemmas involve a clash between competing values or duties, making it hard to choose which 'right' thing to do.

9. If a judge decides a case based strictly on the law books without looking at the outcome, they are acting like a _____, focusing on the rules.

Answer: B) Deontologist

Deontologists prioritize following established rules and duties over the specific results of those rules.

10. True or False: In Virtue Ethics, 'Courage' is considered a middle point between being a coward and being reckless.

Answer: A) True

Philosophers like Aristotle taught that virtue is the 'Golden Mean'—the perfect balance between two extremes.