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Ethical Endgame: 8th Grade Moral Theory & Dilemma Battle

Identifying foundational moral frameworks goes beyond simple memorization; students recognize structural patterns in deontological and utilitarian decision-making.

1. Which ethical theory suggests that an action is good if it produces the 'greatest good for the greatest number' of people?

- A. Virtue Ethics
- B. Nihilism
- C. Utilitarianism
- D. Deontology

2. In Deontology, the morality of an action is based on whether that action itself is right or wrong under a series of rules, rather than the consequences.

- A. True
- B. False

3. An ethical framework that focuses on the development of good character traits, such as bravery or generosity, is called _____ ethics.

- A. Result
- B. Virtue
- C. Rule
- D. Action

4. Imagine a ship is sinking and there is only one spot left on a lifeboat. A person who chooses the person most likely to save Others based on their medical skills is using which reasoning?

- A. Utilitarianism
- B. Deontology
- C. Egoism
- D. Relativism

5. A situation where a person is forced to choose between two or more conflicting moral principles is known as an ethical _____.

- A. Solution
- B. Dilemma
- C. Agreement
- D. Contract

6. A person following Virtue Ethics would help a neighbor because they believe 'being a helpful person' is a core part of their identity.

- A. True

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B. False

7. If a student finds a cheat sheet on the floor before a test and turns it in because 'stealing or cheating is always against the rules,' which theory are they following?

- A. Utilitarianism
- B. Hedonism
- C. Subjectivism
- D. Deontology

8. Emmanuel Kant, a famous philosopher, is most closely associated with the _____ approach to ethics.

- A. Utilitarian
- B. Deontological
- C. Virtue-based
- D. Emotional

9. The primary goal of a Utilitarian is to make sure they personally gain the most profit from every situation.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these best describes a 'consequentialist' view of ethics?

- A. Rules are meant to be followed no matter what.
- B. The rightness or wrongness of an act depends on its results.
- C. Ethics are based entirely on personal feelings.
- D. The only thing that matters is a person's reputation.