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Answer Key: Nail Kindergarten Fair Play Political Philosophy Quiz

Can five-year-olds design a perfect playground? Analyze fairness and leadership roles through tricky sharing dilemmas perfect for morning meetings.

1. If there is only one swing and four friends want it, which choice shows 'Fairness' to everyone?

Answer: B) Set a timer so everyone gets a turn

Equality in political philosophy often involves equal access to resources. Using a timer ensures everyone's rights are respected regardless of their physical size or speed.

2. True or False: A good leader should only listen to their best friends.

Answer: B) False

Legitimate authority requires considering the 'General Will' or the needs of the whole community, not just a small group.

3. When we all agree on a 'Rule of the Room' to keep us safe, we are making a ____.

Answer: A) Promise

This introduces the concept of a Social Contract. It is a shared promise or agreement that individuals make to cooperate for the safety of the group.

4. Imagine a new student joins the class. Why should they follow the classroom rules?

Answer: C) To help the community work together

Citizenship involves following shared rules to ensure the community functions effectively and stays safe for everyone.

5. True or False: If a rule makes things hard for one person but helps everyone else stay safe, it can still be a good rule.

Answer: A) True

This touches on the Utilitarian concept of the 'common good,' where rules are evaluated based on their benefit to the whole group.

6. If your friend has no crackers and you have ten, sharing is an act of ____.

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Answer: A) Justice

Distributive justice looks at how resources are shared. In this scenario, recognizing another's need helps maintain a fair community balance.

7. If the class votes on a snack, and most kids pick apples, but you want pears, what happens?

Answer: B) The class has apples because of the vote

This introduces majority rule and democratic decision-making, where the group follows the choice with the most support.

8. True or False: Justice means everyone gets exactly the same thing, even if one person is hungrier than the others.

Answer: B) False

Equity (giving people what they need to be successful) is different from simple equality (giving everyone the same thing). Evaluation requires seeing that needs vary.

9. The person who helps us follow rules and makes sure everyone is safe is a ____.

Answer: C) Leader

Political authority or leadership is defined by the responsibility to maintain order and protect the rights and safety of the group.

10. Why do we have a rule not to hit others in the classroom?

Answer: B) To protect everyone's right to be safe

Laws and rules in a society (or classroom) are primarily designed to protect individual rights and physical safety.