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The Echo of the Gavel: An 8th Grade Ethics Inquest

Defend your positions on social contracts and intrinsic values in this rigorous review for your next philosophy unit.

1. A community must decide whether to build a dam that provides electricity to thousands but destroys a sacred ancestral forest for a small tribe. Which framework prioritizes the electricity for the many?

- A. Egoism
- B. Utilitarianism
- C. Care Ethics
- D. Nihilism

2. An individual who refuses to break a promise even when it results in a bad outcome is practicing ___ ethics, which focuses on moral duties.

- A. Relativist
- B. Hedonistic
- C. Deontological
- D. Situational

3. Aristotle's 'Golden Mean' suggests that virtue is found by choosing the extreme version of a behavior to show total commitment.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Imagine a whistleblower exposes a secret government surveillance program. A critic argues they 'betrayed their contract of employment.' Which concept are they using?

- A. Social Contract Theory
- B. Moral Relativism
- C. Altruism
- D. Stoicism

5. The 'Heinz Dilemma' often asks if a man should steal medicine to save his wife. A person focusing on the ___ of the man would use Virtue Ethics.

- A. Profit
- B. Character
- C. Speed
- D. Reputation

6. A cultural relativist believes that there is one single, universal moral code that applies to all people in all time periods.

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B. False

7. If a programmer designs an AI to prioritize the safety of the pedestrian over the driver in every scenario without exception, they are applying a:

- A. Categorical Imperative
- B. Subjective Whim
- C. Virtue Goal
- D. Hedonistic Calculus

8. John Rawls proposed the 'Veil of ___' to help people design a fair society without knowing their own status or wealth.

- A. Silence
- B. Justice
- C. Ignorance
- D. Vision

9. In a moral dilemma, there is typically one answer that is factually and scientifically proven to be 'right' while all others are 'wrong'.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these is an example of 'Intrinsic Value' rather than 'Instrumental Value'?

- A. A twenty-dollar bill
- B. A college degree
- C. Happiness itself
- D. A car