

Should You Steal the Secret Sauce? Ethics Quiz for 6th Grade

Students analyze the Social Contract, synthesize the 'Veil of Ignorance,' and apply Kantian logic to complex modern dilemmas as a summative assessment.

1. A global company discovers their factory is polluting a river. A Utilitarian CEO would most likely decide to close the factory if:

- A. It is against the law to pollute rivers.
- B. The harm to the community's health is greater than the wealth the factory creates.
- C. The CEO wants to be known as a person of high integrity.
- D. The company signed a contract promising not to pollute.

2. Immanuel Kant's 'Categorical Imperative' suggests that before you act, you should ask: 'Would I want this action to become a ___ law for everyone?'

- A. Temporary
- B. Universal
- C. Government
- D. Secret

3. True or False: In the 'Veil of Ignorance' thought experiment, you should design society's rules without knowing if you will be rich, poor, healthy, or sick.

- A. True
- B. False

4. If a Virtue Ethicist is deciding whether to help a classmate cheat, they would focus most on:

- A. Whether the teacher will catch them.
- B. What kind of person they become by choosing to be dishonest.
- C. How many total points the class will gain or lose.
- D. The school handbook's specific list of punishments.

5. The 'Social ___' theory suggests that people live together in society in accordance with an agreement that establishes moral and political rules of behavior.

- A. Dilemma
- B. Contract
- C. Circle
- D. Virtue

6. In the Dilemma of the 'Common Good,' why might a farmer choose NOT to overgraze their cows on shared land even if it adds to their personal wealth?

- A. Because they are following a deontological duty to preserve the resource for all.
- B. Because utilitarians believe personal wealth is more important than the grass.

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- C. Because they want to trick the other farmers.
- D. None of the above.

7. True or False: A Pure Utilitarian would agree that it is always wrong to break a promise, even if breaking it saves an entire city.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Which ethical framework is most concerned with the 'Golden Mean'—the balance between two extremes of behavior?

- A. Deontology
- B. Utilitarianism
- C. Virtue Ethics
- D. The Social Contract

9. If a doctor follows a strict rule that they must NEVER lie to a patient, regardless of how much it might upset them, the doctor is acting as a ____.

- A. Utilitarian
- B. Deontologist
- C. Hedonist
- D. Relativist

10. True or False: Ethical dilemmas are easy to solve because there is always one scientifically proven 'correct' answer.

- A. True
- B. False