

## Your Moral Compass Quest: A 10th Grade Ethics Challenge

Sophomores analyze complex philosophical conflicts and defend ethical frameworks in this rigorous critical thinking assessment.

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**1. A state governor is considering a policy that would significantly increase taxes on the top 1% to fund universal pre-K education. Critics argue this violates individual property rights, while supporters argue it creates the most happiness for the most people. Which framework is being utilized by the supporters?**

- A. Stoicism
- B. Social Contract Theory
- C. Utilitarianism
- D. Divine Command Theory

**2. In W.D. Ross's ethical framework, 'prima facie duties' are absolute and can never be overridden by other moral obligations, regardless of the context.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. Immanuel Kant's \_\_\_\_\_ asserts that you should only act according to maxims that you would want to become universal laws for everyone to follow.**

- A. Hypothetical Imperative
- B. Categorical Imperative
- C. Moral Relativism
- D. Practical Wisdom

**4. An AI developer discovers that their facial recognition software has a high error rate for certain ethnicities. Fixing it will delay a profitable launch by a year. If the developer chooses to delay because 'a person of integrity would not release a biased product,' which ethical lens are they using?**

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

**5. Consider the 'Heinz Dilemma': A man steals medicine he cannot afford to save his dying wife. Someone arguing that the theft is justified because the 'right to life' is a higher moral principle than 'property rights' is operating at which level of Kohlberg's stages of moral development?**

- A. Pre-conventional
- B. Conventional
- C. Post-conventional
- D. Unconventional

**6. To achieve fairness in a society, philosopher John Rawls suggested we should design social systems from behind a '\_\_\_\_\_,' where we don't know our own status or identity.**

- A. Wall of Silence
- B. Veil of Ignorance
- C. Curtain of Fate
- D. Mask of Equality

**7. Act Utilitarianism evaluates each individual situation for its consequences, whereas Rule Utilitarianism supports following general rules that typically lead to the best outcomes over time.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. In the context of the 'Lifeboat Ethics' thought experiment proposed by Garrett Hardin, what is the primary argument against sharing resources with those in need?**

- A. It is a duty to help all human beings equally.
- B. Sharing will lead to the total collapse of the system for everyone (carrying capacity).
- C. The virtue of generosity is more important than survival.
- D. There is no moral obligation to those outside one's family.

**9. The ethical theory known as \_\_\_\_\_ argues that there are no objective moral truths and that 'right' and 'wrong' are simply matters of cultural or individual opinion.**

- A. Moral Absolutism
- B. Moral Relativism
- C. Natural Law
- D. Ethical Altruism

**10. Aristotle's 'Golden Mean' suggests that virtue is always found at the extreme end of a behavior, such as being extremely fearless regardless of the danger.**

- A. True
- B. False