

Your Moral Compass: The Avengers Ethical Dilemma Quiz for 8th Grade

Critical analysis of social contracts and categorical imperatives goes beyond simple right or wrong to examine complex motivation and systemic justice.

1. Imagine a leader who decides to redistribute all the city's wealth equally, even though it violates private property laws. They justify this because it will result in the greatest total happiness for the highest number of citizens. Which framework are they applying?

- A. Care Ethics
- B. Utilitarianism
- C. Stoicism
- D. Social Contract Theory

2. Immanuel Kant's 'Categorical Imperative' suggests that you should only act according to rules that you would want to become universal laws for everyone.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Aristotle believed that being a 'good person' isn't about following rules, but about developing _____, which are stable character traits like bravery and temperance.

- A. Duties
- B. Virtues
- C. Consequences
- D. Legalisms

4. A scientist finds the cure for a rare disease but realizes the research was conducted using stolen data. Under a Deontological perspective, why might they choose NOT to publish?

- A. The long-term harm to the scientific community outweighs the cure.
- B. The act of stealing is inherently wrong, regardless of the positive outcome.
- C. The scientist lacks the virtue of courage to face the public.
- D. Society has not agreed upon a contract regarding digital data theft.

5. In the 'Heinz Dilemma,' a man steals medicine he cannot afford to save his dying wife. If a person argues the theft is okay because 'a human life is more valuable than property rights,' what level of moral reasoning are they showing?

- A. Pre-conventional (Self-interest)
- B. Conventional (Law and Order)
- C. Post-conventional (Universal Principles)
- D. Amoral (No reasoning)

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6. When a person gives up some individual freedoms in exchange for the protection and order provided by a government, they are participating in a _____.

- A. Categorical Imperative
- B. Virtue Cycle
- C. Social Contract
- D. Utilitarian Calculation

7. Ethical Egoism is the theory that individuals should act in their own self-interest as the foundation of morality.

- A. True
- B. False

8. The 'Golden Mean' is a concept from Aristotle suggesting that virtue is found between two extremes. If 'Courage' is the virtue, what are the two extremes (vices) it balances?

- A. Honesty and Deceit
- B. Cowardice and Recklessness
- C. Generosity and Greed
- D. Pride and Humility

9. The philosophical idea that moral standards are not objective but instead vary based on different cultures and societies is known as Ethical _____.

- A. Absolutism
- B. Relativism
- C. Nihilism
- D. Altruism

10. In a 'Tragedy of the Commons' scenario, individuals acting in their own self-interest eventually destroy a shared resource, proving that egoism can hurt the collective good.

- A. True
- B. False