

Categorical Imperatives & Cyber-Ethics: A 12th Grade Philosophical Heist

Defend your moral logic by applying Kantian ethics and Contractualism to modern digital age dilemmas and high-stakes social scenarios.

1. A software engineer discovers a 'backdoor' in a banking app. While using it could redistribute wealth from corrupt executives to the poor, they refuse, citing that a world where all programmers built backdoors would lead to a collapse of digital trust. Which concept does this reflect?

- A. Bentham's Hedonic Calculus
- B. Kant's Categorical Imperative
- C. Aristotelian Phronesis
- D. The Social Contract Theory of Hobbes

2. According to the philosophy of _____, an action is right only if it is permitted by a set of rules for the general regulation of behavior that no one could reasonably reject.

- A. Utilitarianism
- B. Egoism
- C. Contractualism
- D. Nihilism

3. In W.D. Ross's theory of ethics, 'Prima Facie' duties are absolute obligations that can never be outweighed by other moral considerations.

- A. True
- B. False

4. In the 'Experience Machine' thought experiment by Robert Nozick, why might someone refuse to plug into a simulated reality of perfect pleasure?

- A. Because it doesn't maximize the pleasure of others
- B. Because authentic connection to reality has intrinsic value
- C. Because the machine's maintenance is an unfair duty
- D. Because it violates the Principle of Utility

5. Cultural Relativism asserts that because different cultures have different moral codes, there is no objective 'truth' in morality.

- A. True
- B. False

6. A state implements a mandatory genetic screening program that saves thousands of lives through early intervention but violates individual privacy. A critic argues this treats citizens merely as 'tools for the state's health statistics.' This critic is using which framework?

- A. Act-Utilitarianism

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- B. Rule-Utilitarianism
- C. Kantianism (Formula of Humanity)
- D. Ethical Egoism

7. The concept of the _____, proposed by John Rawls, asks people to design a just society without knowing their own social status, wealth, or talents.

- A. Panopticon
- B. Veil of Ignorance
- C. State of Nature
- D. Golden Mean

8. If an ethical system argues that the 'rightness' of an action is determined by whether a person with a temperate, courageous, and just character would perform it, which theory is being used?

- A. Stoicism
- B. Divine Command Theory
- C. Virtue Ethics
- D. Consequentialism

9. The 'Is-Ought Problem,' identified by David Hume, suggests that you cannot logically derive what should be done solely from a description of what is happening.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Peter Singer's argument regarding 'Famine, Affluence, and Morality' suggests that it is a _____ for wealthy individuals to give to the poor, rather than an act of charity.

- A. Supererogatory act
- B. Moral duty
- C. Legal requirement
- D. Virtuous choice