

Foundations of Ethics

Ethics · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which philosopher is known for developing the 'Categorical Imperative' as a central requirement of deontology?

- A) Immanuel Kant**
- B) John Locke
- C) Socrates
- D) David Hume

2. What is the core principle of Consequentialism in ethical theory?

- A) Virtue is the only good
- B) Actions are judged by their outcomes**
- C) Rules must never be broken
- D) Duty is more important than results

3. In Aristotle's virtue ethics, what term describes the balance between two extremes of behavior?

- A) The Silver Rule
- B) The Golden Mean**
- C) The Noble Path
- D) The Absolute Center

4. Which 17th-century English philosopher argued in 'Leviathan' that morality is based on a social contract?

- A) John Stuart Mill
- B) Thomas Hobbes**
- C) Baruch Spinoza
- D) Jean-Paul Sartre

5. Which branch of ethics specifically examines the moral implications of biological research and medical applications?

- A) Environmental ethics
- B) Meta-ethics
- C) Bioethics**
- D) Deontology

6. What does the ethical principle of 'non-maleficence' require of a healthcare professional?

- A) To maximize profit
- B) To promote autonomy
- C) To avoid causing harm**
- D) To provide equal care for all

7. Which philosopher is most closely associated with the 'Greatest Happiness Principle' in Utilitarianism?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Friedrich Nietzsche
- C) John Stuart Mill**
- D) Plato

8. What is the term for the ethical view that morality is determined by the traditions and beliefs of a specific society?

- A) Moral Absolutism
- B) Ethical Egoism
- C) Cultural Relativism**
- D) Subjectivism

9. Which concept refers to the inherent value of an object or being, independent of its usefulness to others?

- A) Instrumental value
- B) Intrinsic value**
- C) Economic value
- D) Relative value

10. Which subfield of ethics focuses on the origin and meaning of ethical concepts and language?

- A) Normative ethics
- B) Applied ethics
- C) Meta-ethics**
- D) Descriptive ethics

11. Which ancient Greek school of philosophy taught that virtue is the only good and one should live in accordance with nature?

- A) Hedonism
- B) Stoicism**
- C) Epicureanism
- D) Cynicism

12. The 'veil of ignorance' is a thought experiment used by which philosopher to establish principles of justice?

A) John Rawls

B) Karl Marx

C) Adam Smith

D) Thomas Aquinas