

Historical Milestones in Ethics

Ethics · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which 1947 document established the first international code of research ethics following the trials of Nazi physicians?

- A) The Geneva Declaration
- B) The Nuremberg Code**
- C) The Declaration of Helsinki
- D) The Belmont Report

2. Who was the primary author of the 1785 'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals', which introduced the concept of the Categorical Imperative?

- A) John Stuart Mill
- B) Jeremy Bentham
- C) Immanuel Kant**
- D) David Hume

3. In 1974, which psychologist published the book 'Obedience to Authority', detailing his controversial experiments on human compliance with immoral orders?

- A) Philip Zimbardo
- B) Stanley Milgram**
- C) Albert Bandura
- D) Solomon Asch

4. Which historical philosophical school, founded by Zeno of Citium, advocated for living in accordance with nature and the regulation of emotions?

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

5. The 'Tuskegee Syphilis Study' (1932-1972) led to the development of which 1979 document that defined the principles of respect for persons, beneficence, and justice?

- A) The Common Rule
- B) The Belmont Report**
- C) The Declaration of Geneva
- D) The CIOMS Guidelines

6. Which utilitarian philosopher wrote 'The Methods of Ethics' (1874), a seminal work that analyzed the compatibility of egoism and universalistic hedonism?

A) Henry Sidgwick

B) William Whewell

C) G.E. Moore

D) R.M. Hare

7. In 1948, the World Medical Association adopted which document, intended to be a modern revision of the Hippocratic Oath?

A) The Declaration of Tokyo

B) The Declaration of Helsinki

C) The Declaration of Geneva

D) The WMA Statement on Ethics

8. Which Enlightenment thinker argued in 'A Treatise of Human Nature' (1739) that moral judgments are derived from passions rather than reason, a position known as moral sentimentalism?

A) Thomas Hobbes

B) David Hume

C) Jean-Jacques Rousseau

D) John Locke

9. The 1964 Declaration of Helsinki, which provides ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects, was most recently amended in which year?

A) 2000

B) 2008

C) 2013

D) 2018

10. Which Ancient Greek philosopher, in the 'Nicomachean Ethics', defined virtue as a 'mean' between two extremes of deficiency and excess?

A) Plato

B) Socrates

C) Aristotle

D) Epicurus

11. What is the historical significance of the 'Brundtland Report' (1987) in the field of environmental ethics?

A) It defined sustainable development

B) It established the first carbon tax

C) It banned the use of CFCs

D) It created the Kyoto Protocol

12. Which 19th-century philosopher introduced the term 'Deontology' in his work 'Deontology or, The Science of Morality', published posthumously?

A) Jeremy Bentham

B) John Stuart Mill

C) Immanuel Kant

D) Auguste Comte

13. In the history of meta-ethics, G.E. Moore's 'Principia Ethica' (1903) famously argued against which fallacy?

A) The Appeal to Authority

B) The Naturalistic Fallacy

C) The Gambler's Fallacy

D) The Genetic Fallacy

14. The 1975 Declaration of Tokyo established ethical guidelines for which specific medical profession to prevent participation in torture?

A) Psychiatrists

B) Physicians

C) Surgeons

D) Nurses

15. Which 17th-century philosopher proposed the 'Social Contract' theory in 'Leviathan', arguing that morality arises from a necessary agreement for self-preservation?

A) John Locke

B) Thomas Hobbes

C) Baruch Spinoza

D) René Descartes