

Historical Milestones in Ethics

Ethics · Practice Test · 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