

Core Ethical Frameworks and Philosophers

Ethics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who coined the term 'categorical imperative' as a central philosophical concept in his work 'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals'?

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

2. Which ethical framework, championed by Jeremy Bentham, argues that the best action is the one that maximizes overall happiness?

- A) Deontology
- B) Virtue Ethics
- C) Utilitarianism**
- D) Existentialism

3. According to Aristotle's 'Nicomachean Ethics', what is the term for the 'golden mean' or the desirable middle ground between two extremes?

- A) Arete
- B) Eudaimonia
- C) Phronesis
- D) Mesotes**

4. Which 20th-century philosopher is associated with the 'Ethics of Care', which emphasizes the importance of interpersonal relationships and empathy?

- A) Carol Gilligan**
- B) Ayn Rand
- C) Jean-Paul Sartre
- D) Bertrand Russell

5. In the context of normative ethics, what does the 'Euthyphro dilemma' specifically challenge?

- A) Moral Relativism
- B) Divine Command Theory**
- C) Hedonism
- D) Stoicism

6. Which philosophical theory holds that moral judgments are true or false based on objective facts independent of human opinion?

- A) Moral Nihilism
- B) Subjectivism
- C) Moral Realism**
- D) Emotivism

7. What is the core principle of 'Ethical Egoism'?

- A) Altruism is the only moral good.
- B) Individuals should act in their own self-interest.**
- C) The state dictates all moral laws.
- D) Pain is the only intrinsic evil.

8. Which philosopher wrote 'The Second Sex', exploring the ethical and social construction of womanhood?

- A) Hannah Arendt
- B) Simone de Beauvoir**
- C) Judith Butler
- D) Iris Murdoch

9. In John Rawls' 'A Theory of Justice', what is the name of the hypothetical scenario used to determine principles of justice from an impartial perspective?

- A) The State of Nature
- B) The Veil of Ignorance**
- C) The Social Contract
- D) The Categorical Imperative

10. What is the primary focus of 'Meta-ethics'?

- A) Determining specific right or wrong actions.
- B) The nature and meaning of moral properties and judgments.**
- C) The application of ethics to professional practice.
- D) The history of religious moral codes.