

Foundational Ethics Knowledge

Ethics · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which ethical theory emphasizes the importance of duties and rules?

- A) Deontology**
- B) Utilitarianism
- C) Virtue Ethics
- D) Ethical Egoism

2. What ethical principle suggests that an action is right if it produces the greatest good for the greatest number?

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

3. Which ethical framework focuses on character and moral virtues?

- A) Virtue Ethics**
- B) Deontology
- C) Utilitarianism
- D) Social Contract Theory

4. The ethical concept of 'doing no harm' is often associated with which principle?

- A) Non-maleficence**
- B) Beneficence
- C) Autonomy
- D) Justice

5. What is the ethical principle that respects an individual's right to make their own choices?

- A) Autonomy**
- B) Beneficence
- C) Non-maleficence
- D) Veracity

6. The ethical principle of treating people fairly and impartially is known as:

- A) Justice**
- B) Equity
- C) Fairness
- D) Equality

7. What is the ethical obligation to act for the benefit of others?

A) Beneficence

B) Non-maleficence

C) Justice

D) Fidelity

8. The ethical principle of telling the truth is called:

A) Veracity

B) Honesty

C) Integrity

D) Truthfulness

9. In ethics, 'informed consent' is a direct application of which principle?

A) Autonomy

B) Beneficence

C) Confidentiality

D) Justice

10. Which ethical theory suggests that morality is determined by consequences?

A) Consequentialism

B) Deontology

C) Virtue Ethics

D) Absolutism

11. The concept of 'ethical relativism' suggests that moral judgments are true or false only relative to:

A) A particular standpoint (e.g., a culture or historical period)

B) Universal moral laws

C) The majority opinion

D) Individual desires

12. What ethical principle requires that information shared in a professional relationship be kept secret?

A) Confidentiality

B) Privacy

C) Discretion

D) Secrecy

13. The idea that all individuals have inherent worth and dignity is foundational to:

A) Human rights ethics

- B) Ethical egoism
- C) Moral subjectivism
- D) Nihilism

14. Which ethical term refers to the moral principles that guide a person's or group's behavior?

A) Values

- B) Beliefs
- C) Attitudes
- D) Norms

15. The 'Golden Rule,' often stated as 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' is an example of a principle found in many ethical systems, often related to:

A) Reciprocity

- B) Altruism
- C) Fairness
- D) Empathy