

Advanced Ethical Philosophy

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1. Which philosopher authored the 'Categorical Imperative' as a foundational principle of deontology?

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

2. In utilitarianism, what is the 'Greatest Happiness Principle' primarily concerned with?

- A) Maximizing individual liberty
- B) Maximizing the total aggregate pleasure
- C) Adhering to divine commandments
- D) Protecting natural rights

3. Aristotle's 'Nicomachean Ethics' defines virtue primarily as a balance between two extremes. What is this concept known as?

- A) The Golden Mean
- B) The Eudaimonic Path
- C) The Categorical Duty
- D) The Social Contract

4. What is the core distinction between 'cognitivism' and 'non-cognitivism' in meta-ethics?

- A) Whether moral judgments can be true or false
- B) Whether animals have moral status
- C) Whether laws are ethically binding
- D) Whether virtue is inherited or learned

5. Which ethical theory argues that moral judgments are merely expressions of the speaker's feelings or attitudes?

- A) Moral Realism
- B) Emotivism
- C) Divine Command Theory
- D) Natural Law Theory

6. What does the 'Is-Ought Problem', identified by David Hume, state?

- A) One cannot derive an 'ought' from an 'is'
- B) One cannot prove an 'is' from an 'ought'
- C) Ethics is purely subjective
- D) Reason cannot influence action

7. According to Thomas Aquinas, which law is defined as the participation of the rational creature in the eternal law?

- A) Positive Law
- B) Natural Law
- C) Civil Law
- D) Divine Law

8. Who is the primary proponent of the 'Justice as Fairness' theory involving the 'Veil of Ignorance'?

- A) Robert Nozick
- B) John Rawls
- C) Jean-Paul Sartre
- D) Karl Marx

9. What is the primary focus of 'Care Ethics' as developed by thinkers like Carol Gilligan?

- A) Universal abstract rules
- B) The importance of interpersonal relationships
- C) Strict adherence to duty
- D) The minimization of pain

10. Which term describes the ethical view that there are no objective moral facts, and all moral truths are dependent on cultural context?

- A) Moral Universalism
- B) Moral Relativism
- C) Moral Absolutism
- D) Moral Nihilism

11. W.D. Ross introduced the concept of 'prima facie' duties. What does 'prima facie' imply in this context?

- A) A duty that is absolute and binding
- B) A duty that is binding unless overridden by a more compelling duty
- C) A duty that is purely legal rather than moral
- D) A duty that only applies to the state

12. Which branch of ethics examines the moral status of the environment and non-human entities?

- A) Environmental Ethics
- B) Meta-ethics
- C) Applied Deontology
- D) Virtue Epistemology