

Ethics and Moral Foundations

Ethics · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which ethical principle emphasizes the importance of treating others as one would wish to be treated?

- A) The Utilitarian Principle
- B) The Golden Rule**
- C) The Categorical Imperative
- D) Social Contract Theory

2. In philosophy, what does 'virtue ethics' focus on primarily?

- A) The outcome of an action
- B) The moral character of the individual**
- C) Strict adherence to laws
- D) The total happiness produced

3. Which philosopher is most closely associated with the development of Utilitarianism?

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

4. What is the core definition of 'integrity' in an ethical context?

- A) The ability to follow orders
- B) Consistency of actions with moral values**
- C) The desire to win arguments
- D) The act of helping others for rewards

5. Which term refers to the branch of philosophy dealing with moral principles that govern a person's behavior?

- A) Metaphysics
- B) Epistemology
- C) Ethics**
- D) Aesthetics

6. What is a key requirement of 'informed consent' in medical or research ethics?

- A) The participant must be paid
- B) The participant must be over 50
- C) The participant must understand the risks and benefits**
- D) The participant must be a professional scientist

7. According to Deontology, what determines the morality of an action?

- A) The consequences of the action
- B) Adherence to rules and duties**
- C) The emotional state of the actor
- D) The popularity of the action

8. What does the concept of 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights' primarily aim to protect?

- A) National borders
- B) Individual dignity and fundamental rights**
- C) Economic profits
- D) State secrets

9. Which concept describes the ethical duty to return a favor or return harm with harm?

- A) Reciprocity**
- B) Altruism
- C) Hedonism
- D) Egoism

10. What is 'plagiarism' considered in academic ethics?

- A) A method of citation
- B) The original production of ideas
- C) The unauthorized use of another's work**
- D) A form of collaborative writing

11. What does 'environmental ethics' focus on?

- A) The morality of human interactions with the natural world**
- B) The study of space travel
- C) The cost of electricity
- D) The design of sustainable fashion

12. In business ethics, what does a 'Code of Conduct' document outline?

- A) The salary of the CEO
- B) Expected behaviors and standards for employees**
- C) The company's marketing plan
- D) The history of the industry

13. Which principle suggests that the best action is the one that maximizes overall happiness?

- A) Egoism
- B) Altruism
- C) Utilitarianism**
- D) Nihilism

14. What is the primary focus of 'cyber ethics'?

- A) The physical construction of computers
- B) The moral conduct of users in digital spaces**
- C) The history of the internet
- D) The pricing of software

15. Which of these is a fundamental concept in social justice?

- A) Wealth accumulation
- B) Fairness and equality in society**
- C) Complete individual isolation
- D) Absolute power for the state

16. What does the ethical term 'accountability' mean?

- A) The ability to delegate tasks
- B) Taking responsibility for one's actions**
- C) The tendency to blame others
- D) The act of managing financial records

17. Who is the ancient Greek philosopher known for the 'Socratic Method' of questioning?

- A) Plato
- B) Socrates**
- C) Epicurus
- D) Zeno

18. What is 'altruism' defined as?

- A) Acting solely for one's own benefit
- B) The unselfish concern for the well-being of others**
- C) A legal requirement for citizens
- D) The study of ancient artifacts