Ethics and Moral Foundations

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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

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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

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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

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