Ethics Practice Test 1.0 Fall 2005 Dr. LaBossiere

Directions: Read each question carefully and mark the best answer choice on the answer sheet. Please do not mark on this test sheet.
I True/False (1 point each)
T F 1. Morality consists of the customs, precepts and practices that deal with matters of good/bad and wrong/right.
T F 2. Value is a measure of worth.
T F 3. Moral nihilism is the view that there is no morality.
T F 4. If something is illegal, then it automatically must be immoral.
T F 5. Moral absolutism is a form of moral skepticism.
T F 6. An objective claim is a statement that is true or false regardless of what people believe.
T F 7. An inductive argument is an argument in which the premises are intended to provide complete support for the conclusion.
T F 8. A deductive argument is an argument in which the premises are intended to provide complete support for the conclusion.
T F 9. When assessing an argument it is important to determine whether the premises are plausible or not.
T F 10. An analogical argument is an argument in which one concludes that two things are alike in a certain respect because they are alike in other respects.
T F 11. If someone claims that doing something is wrong because it is unnatural, one way to counter this is to show that it is, in fact, done in nature.
T F 12. A definition that is too broad excludes things that should be included.
T F 13. If a definition is too vague, then it is not precise enough.
T F 14. An intuition is typically a blend of how one thinks and feels about a matter prior to reflection.
T F 15. One way to present an appeal to intuition is to begin by presenting a plausible and appealing story.
T F 16. One method of resolving a conceptual issue is by using an argument by definition.

II Multiple Choice (1 point each)
17. If a person is a moral absolutist, which of the following would s/he accept?
   A. There is one correct solution to every moral problem.
   B. Morality is objective.
   C. No moral principle can be overridden by another.
   D. All of the above.
18. Which of the following is a moral question?
   A. What is the correct life to live?
   B. Is it wise to invest in mutual funds?
   C. Would lowering the speed limit prevent more deaths?
   D. All of the above.
19. Which of the following involves values?
   A. Ethics.
   B. Religion.
   C. Aesthetics.
   D. All of the above.
20. Which of the following claims would a moral nihilist accept as true?
   A. There is no morality.
   B. No one believes in good and bad.
   C. No one believes that anything is wrong or right.
   D. Moral people should be annihilated.
21. An argument consists of
   A. Claims.
   B. One or more premises.
   C. One conclusion.
   D. All of above.
22. An analogical argument is assessed in terms of
   A. The number of shared properties.
   B. The relevance of the shared properties.
   C. The relevance of any dissimilarity.
   D. All of the above.
23. If you want to make a strong argument from authority, you would want to kake sure that
   A. The authority has sufficient expertise in the subject.
   B. The claim is made within the authority's field.
   C. The authority is not significantly biased.
   D. All of the above.

24. If two claims are logically inconsistent, then
    A. Both can be true, but both cannot be false.
    B. Both can be false and both can be true.
    C. Both can be false, but both cannot be true.
    D. None of the above.
25. If a person is accused of applying his/her moral principle inconsistently, s/he can rationally reply by
    A. Starting to apply the principle consistently.
    B. Showing that the application is not really inconsistent.
    C. Showing that the accuser has attributed the wrong principle to him/her.
    D. All of the above.
26. If a person claims that cloning should not be done because it is literally playing God, then s/he is most likely assuming that
    A. God exists.
    B. God wants or commands that certain things should not be done.
    C. We should do what God wants/commands.
    D. All of the above.
27. If a person argues that the use of stem cells in research is wrong because it is literally unnatural, then that person is most likely assuming that
    A. Nature exists or there is a natural way of doing things.
    B. We should act in accord with Nature or the natural way.
    C. Unnatural things and actions are morally wrong.
    D. All of the above.
28. If someone argues that doing X is morally wrong because it would create more harms then benefits, you could rationally counter this by
    A. Arguing for an alternative assessment of the harms and benefits.
    B. Arguing that some factor other than the consequences should be used to assess the situation.
    C. Simply ignoring the argument.
    D. Both A and B.
29. If someone claims that it is wrong to do X because it violates a right, then a way to rationally counter the claim is to
    A. Argue that the consequences override the right.
    B. Argue that a rule overrides the right.
    C. Argue that the right is flawed.
    D. All of the above.
30. Relevant Difference is the principle that
    A. There are no differences that are relevant.
    B. Different treatment must be justified by relevant differences.
    C. It is morally acceptable to treat things that are not different as if they are different, provided that doing so is irrelevant.
    D. None of the above.
31. The method of consistent application is based on what assumption(s)?
    A. Equality.
    B. Impartiality.
    C. Relevant Difference.
    D. All of the above.
32. A good definition must be
    A. Clear.
    B. Plausible.
    C. Internally consistent.
    D. All of the above.

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Part I True/False

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Part II MC

17. A☐B☐C☐D☐	21. A☐B☐C☐D☐	25. A☐B☐C☐D☐	29. A☐B☐C☐D☐
18. A☐B☐C☐D☐	22. A☐B☐C☐D☐	26. A☐B☐C☐D☐	30. A☐B☐C☐D☐
19. A☐B☐C☐D☐	23. A☐B☐C☐D☐	27. A☐B☐C☐D☐	31. A☐B☐C☐D☐
20. A☐B☐C☐D☐	24. A☐B☐C☐D☐	28. A☐B☐C☐D☐	32. A☐B☐C☐D☐

Answer Sheet for Ethics Practice Test 1 Fall 2005

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