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Ethics Paper I

Time: 55 minutes Marks: 30

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read each question carefully.
2. Answer the questions on the separate answer sheet provided. DO NOT write your answers on the question paper.
3. There are 100 answer numbers on the answer sheet. Use answer numbers 1 to 30 only.
4. In each question, there are four choices A, B, C, D. Choose ONE. On the answer grid, black out the circle for your choice with a pencil as shown below.

Correct Way				Incorrect Ways					
1	(A)	(B)	●	(D)	1	(A)	(B)	☒	(D)
					2	(A)	(B)	●	(D)
					3	(A)	(B)	✗	(D)
					4	(A)	(B)	☒	(D)

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5. If you want to change your answer, ERASE the first answer completely with a rubber, before blacking out a new circle.
6. DO NOT write anything in the answer grid. The computer only records what is in the circles.

1. Ethics is defined as the study of
 - A. political activities in a country.
 - B. the rights and duties of a citizen.
 - C. moral philosophies practised by a person.
 - D. humans' social relationships and institutions.

2. Which of the following statements BEST describes the term 'meta-ethics'?
 - A. It raises distinct concerns about bioethics.
 - B. It formulates moral rules that impact human actions.
 - C. It explores the status and foundations of moral values.
 - D. It is a concrete way of thinking philosophically about morality.

3. Aahil participates in community projects, which provide basic facilities to those in need.
This MOST likely helps him become
 - A. honest.
 - B. devoted.
 - C. passionate.
 - D. empathetic.

4. Taimoor observes that his father tries to hide his assets while paying taxes. Due to his father's actions, Taimoor may face difficulty in developing the quality of
 - A. honesty.
 - B. courage.
 - C. will power.
 - D. self-respect.

5. Arfa is a manager in a firm. She favours only those employees who usually agree with her ideas and opinions.
The personality type of Arfa depicted in the given scenario is
 - A. cunning.
 - B. possessive.
 - C. diplomatic.
 - D. self-centred.

6. Ethics plays an important role in developing social relationships because it helps to
 - A. create a balance between rights and responsibilities.
 - B. follow norms of a particular unit in the society.
 - C. implement values in the society.
 - D. create laws in the society.

7. Khurram has joined a new firm as a manager. He listens to his staff queries and tries to resolve them. The ethical behaviour reflected by Khurram will help him to do all of the following EXCEPT that he will
- A. influence his office environment.
 - B. encourage his staff to follow his footsteps.
 - C. show sympathy towards the staff members.
 - D. build trustworthy relationship with the staff members.
8. Which of the following statements BEST describes cosmological argument?
- A. There are no ways to prove the existence of God.
 - B. There is a claim that God has appointed messengers to disclose matters.
 - C. There is a direct acquaintance with God mediated through a religious tradition.
 - D. There is a necessary being from whom all dependent beings derive their existence.
9. Anum is studying in Grade VII. Being the eldest sibling, she has multiple chores to perform at home, as she along with her siblings are living with their father. Her hectic routine is negatively affecting her education leading to failure in the examinations.
- In the given situation, the BEST approach Anum's teachers can take is to
- A. ask her to change her school.
 - B. promote her in the next class.
 - C. counsel her when and where required.
 - D. provide her support in the examination hall.
10. Which concept of divinity has been dominant for MOST part of the human history?
- A. Dualism
 - B. Atheism
 - C. Polytheism
 - D. Monotheism
11. Salman belongs to a religious family, yet he is not certain whether the things happening around him have a logical explanation or there are supernatural forces that make things happen.
- With reference to the given situation, Salman can be considered a/ an
- A. monotheist.
 - B. polytheist.
 - C. agnostic.
 - D. atheist.

12. Consider the following religions.

- Judaism
- Christianity
- Buddhism

The common element in all the given religions is that they all

- A. are monotheist.
- B. believe in nirvana.
- C. pray two times a day.
- D. originated from Israel.

13. God is aware of the past, present and future. The attribute of God highlighted in the given statement is

- A. benevolent.
- B. omniscient.
- C. omnipotent.
- D. omnipresent.

14. Rashida lives near a forest where hunting of animals is prohibited. However, tourists visiting the forest still hunt animals due to which animals are becoming scarce in the area.

The BEST way through which Rashida can help preserve wildlife in the area would be by

- A. staging violent protests all over the area.
- B. appealing government officials to ban tourism in the area.
- C. asking forest authorities to take an action against these people.
- D. arranging awareness sessions about the importance of wildlife.

15. In Zoroastrianism, the ultimate salvation can be achieved by

- A. meditating.
- B. doing good deeds.
- C. propagating one's religion.
- D. performing religious rituals.

16. In Islam, one of the fundamental beliefs is in 'The Day of Judgment'.

This belief refers to the concept of

- A. salvation.
- B. liberation.
- C. transparency.
- D. accountability.

17. Which of the following species, if destroyed by human beings, would lead the sun's rays to DIRECTLY affect the planet Earth?
- A. Fish
 - B. Birds
 - C. Plants
 - D. Insects
18. The standards of behaviour and principles of right and wrong within a society are termed as
- A. norms.
 - B. morals.
 - C. courtesy.
 - D. etiquettes.
19. The ONLY difference between values and morals is that values
- A. are solely dependent on an individual's belief.
 - B. help an individual to evaluate right and wrong actions.
 - C. are usually influenced by religion, society and culture.
 - D. are set of rules and statements that an individual should follow.
20. The INITIAL step to effectively and efficiently counter the negative values in the society is
- A. punishment.
 - B. self-reflection.
 - C. reinforcement.
 - D. individualised attention.
21. Hunain works as an administrative staff in a school. He usually does not use the stationery provided to him for school activities and takes them home for personal use.
- In the given scenario, which of the following negative values has been exemplified?
- A. Bribery
 - B. Prejudice
 - C. Backbiting
 - D. Materialism
22. Akram bribed his manager to get undue promotion.
- All of the following would be the impacts of bribery at the workplace EXCEPT that
- A. staff will not believe in meritocracy.
 - B. people will do their work with more dedication.
 - C. all the employees will follow the same practice.
 - D. deserving employees will avoid taking new responsibilities.

23. Which of the following question BEST describes the concept of self-respect?
- A. How did people treat you?
 - B. How did you treat the people?
 - C. How do you allow people to treat you?
 - D. How would people want you to treat them?
24. Khalid was sitting in his friend's bedroom and was playing with a metal ruler pretending that it was an airplane. He accidentally broke his friend's computer monitor when he tossed the metal ruler.

Ethically, Khalid's course of action in the given situation should be to

- A. forget the incident.
 - B. replace the monitor for his friend.
 - C. pretend that it was not his mistake.
 - D. never come again to play with his friend.
25. Fareeha, a teenager, feels distressed when her friends, relatives and neighbours are in trouble. She tends to help them irrespective of the consequences.

This helping attitude of Fareeha portrays that she serves people to

- A. earn popularity.
 - B. gain inner peace.
 - C. build financial contacts.
 - D. enhance her communication skills.
26. Which of the following statements BEST exemplifies honesty towards school work?
- A. Sana only shows enthusiasm in co-curricular activities.
 - B. Rohail does his online assessment papers on his own.
 - C. Fatima completes her practical work on time.
 - D. Aslam helps his friends in copying the work.
27. A dialogue that demonstrates the value of dignity of labour is that 'I love my job because
- A. I earn the most in my family'.
 - B. it enables me to fulfill my expenses'.
 - C. I receive benefits from various people'.
 - D. my staff always makes sure that I like their ideas'.

28. Hareeza usually meets people with a smile on her face and she often says, 'thank you' if someone helps her in any work.

Hareeza's etiquette depicts that she is

- A. loyal.
- B. honest.
- C. faithful.
- D. courteous.

29. Humna was working on a project with her team which got approved.

All of the following are the ways through which Humna can show courteous attitude towards her team EXCEPT by saying that she

- A. is the most integral part of the team.
 - B. is grateful for their hard work.
 - C. appreciates what they did.
 - D. values their contribution.
30. The statement that BEST describes the lawful means of earning is that a person
- A. spends a lot of time surfing entertainment sites at workplace.
 - B. builds a rapport with the managers to get more work.
 - C. takes the credit of others to get promotion.
 - D. works devotedly to earn his livelihood.

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