

Chapter 2

Review Questions

1. **Altruism** is possessing unselfish concern for the welfare of others.
2. **True** or False: The perspective of pure altruism is grounded in giving without regard to the receipt of reward, benefits, need, or recognition of giving.
3. What do moral acts elicit? Immoral?

Moral acts elicit good consequences – those that create happiness and are justifiable.

Immoral acts elicit bad consequences – those that induce pain and suffering and are unjustifiable.

4. Under utilitarianism, what two conditions must be met if an individual is to pursue their own well-being?

(1). The individual must possess a maximum degree of personal freedom.

(2). They must be capable of realizing well-being within the basic conditions of their existence, however well-being is defined.

5. What are the two concerns with the utilitarian perspective?

(1) If one is to implement the utilitarian perspective, they must possess extensive knowledge of data and facts, and sometimes this information is simply not available.

(2) The second concern with utilitarianism is that utilizing this ethical perspective may lead to injustice for individuals, while attempting to make a decision which is “best” for the masses.

6. Identify and define the four types of sanctions.

(1) physical sanctions, or the natural sensation of happiness and pain

(2) political sanctions, the legal acts that can counteract immoral acts

(3) moral sanctions, approval or disapproval from those around a person

(4) religious sanctions, the blessing or condemnation by a supreme being, consistent with one's faith.

7. The **"Golden Rule"** perspective may be defined as the standard of rationality from which all moral requirements are derived.
8. True or **False**: Categorical imperative is a fundamental principle that allows people to act inconsistently from situation to situation.
9. **Ethical culture** has its foundation on the premise that living with and honoring ethical principles is at the heart of what it takes to live a fulfilling and meaningful life, while helping to create a world which is good and positive for all individuals.
10. When looking at the Ethical Culture, individuals are encouraged to remain open to continued **exploration, education** and **dialog** rather than remain **inflexible** or unable to **adapt**.