

Code quality is the most  
important thing

Team members have  
a natural pecking order

A manager's job is creating  
a supportive environment

A manager's job is  
maximizing the work  
their people do

Programmers write code;  
testers break code

The Product Owner is  
too important to get  
involved in the details

The whole team succeeds  
together or fails together

Every bad event is an  
opportunity to learn



I know what the users  
*really* want

It's not my job to make  
decisions.

Programmers should do  
exactly what  
the Product Owner asks,  
and nothing else

We should not build  
unethical systems,  
even when ordered to do so

If I lose this job, I might not be  
able to get another

I can always get another job  
somewhere else

If I don't say "YES," people will  
say I'm not a "team player"

We can't take action  
until we all agree



What happens at work doesn't  
really matter; it's just a means  
to a paycheck

An Agile team  
doesn't need managers

Things will get done when  
they get done

We are stronger, together,  
when we have different  
viewpoints

We go faster when we all see  
things the same way

Things will go better  
if people just  
leave me alone

What has worked in the past  
will continue to work

Managing work in an  
electronic tool is  
the most efficient



Efficiency is a top priority

If we don't get it "right,"  
it doesn't matter how  
efficiently we work

If we don't get the  
architecture right at first,  
we'll never be able to recover

Software architecture, unlike  
that for buildings, is flexible  
and can be easily changed

User experience design needs  
to be substantially complete  
before we can start  
development

We should test our user  
experience with real users  
as we develop

Development needs to be  
substantially complete  
before we can test it

Automation isn't testing



We can test our intentions  
before we write a line of code

Programmers shouldn't have  
to test; that's what  
testers are for

Programmers can't be trusted  
to test,  
especially their own code

We shouldn't start designing  
the software until the  
business analysts collect  
all the requirements

We'll never know all the  
requirements without  
building something  
people can experience

Programmers and testers are  
like cats and dogs,  
or oil and water

We're not here to make  
friends; we're here  
to get stuff done

Good work is the result of  
having the best people



Bad work is the result of  
having bad people

When something goes wrong,  
it's important to  
hold accountable  
the person responsible for it

What we need is  
a programmer whose skill  
level in the implementation  
language is at least  
a 9 out of 10

What we need is a  
programmer who learns  
quickly

What we need is a  
programmer who  
works very carefully

What we need is a  
programmer who  
works well with others

When building a team, it's  
important to fill the key roles

When building a team, it's  
important to get the highest  
performing individuals



When building a team, it's  
important to create  
a sense of interdependence

When building a team, it's  
important that the members  
all like each other

When building a team, it's  
important that  
there is no conflict

When building a team, it's  
important that they learn  
how to navigate conflict  
within the team

When building a team, it's  
important that they stand  
united against outsiders