1. **MORAL JUDGMENTS and PRINCIPLES**

**In a university**

John committed plagiarism.

Moral judgments: ‘’You are wrong.”

“John is dishonest.”

“You are immoral.”

MORAL PRINCIPLES:

**In a shop**

Mary is a cashier. She often does not give a correct change to customers.

Moral judgments: “You are dishonest.”

“She is cheating.”

MORAL PRINCIPLES:

**On a road**

Peter drove at the speed of mph 130.

Moral judgments: “Your driving is dangerous.”

“You might produce an accident. You should drive

carefully. ”

“He might harm other people. He ought not to harm

other people.”

MORAL PRINCIPLES:

**In an office**

Jane and Susan are colleagues. Jane is unfamiliar with using a photocopier.

Susan did not give Jane her hands.

Moral judgments: “Susan should fulfil her duty as a colleague to help

Jane.”

“Susan is wrong.”

MORAL PRINCIPLES:

**B.**

**Distinguish between moral judgment (“J”) and moral principle (“P”).**

* 1. Everybody should care about their well-being. ( P )
  2. John ought to keep fit. ( j)
  3. No junk food. ( p )
  4. Be moderate. ( p )
  5. The coach is very kind. ( j )
  6. You should be careful of your diet. ( j )
  7. She is courageous. ( j )
  8. Don’t go to bed too late. (p )
  9. Those people are dishonest. ( j )
  10. Treat people as an end. ( p )

1. **Questions:**
2. What is the main difference between a moral principle and a moral judgment?

A moral principle is universally accepted and applies to the whole. A moral judgement is directed to a specific person and is based on the moral rules that one has acquired or witnessed over the years. These moral rules are used as a criteria to justify or criticise another person’s actions.

1. What is the Golden Rule (note: it is a moral principle)?
2. Give an example to show the differences between the Golden Rule and the saying ‘an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth’.

Hannibal kills Clarice. Clarice family demands that he get the death penalty.

1. Give an example of a moral action.

Sacrificing your safety for the safety of others.

1. Give an example of a virtue, and an example of a vice.

Beneficent pride

1. Give an example of a moral feeling.

compassion