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**CLASS IX**  
**MODEL EXAMINATION PAPER 2023 AND ONWARDS**  
**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.

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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 a set of moral choices, rules and code of conduct which helps govern
  - A. culture.
  - B. traditions.
  - C. behaviour.
  - D. expectations.
2. The branch of Ethics which study the nature, scope and meaning of moral judgement is called
  - A. Bio Ethics.
  - B. Meta Ethics.
  - C. Applied Ethics.
  - D. Normative Ethics.
3. Ethics as a normative science deals with
  - A. investigating the origin of human life.
  - B. exploring the nature of human growth.
  - C. examining the impact of social actions.
  - D. enquiring into the nature of human conduct.
4. A careful study of ethics leads us to
  - A. minting money.
  - B. personal grooming.
  - C. technological advancement.
  - D. understanding of diverse cultures.
5. Which of the following helps a person to differentiate between right and wrong?
  - A. Intellect
  - B. Authority
  - C. Emotions
  - D. Imagination
6. Shanaya spends a lot of time with her friends. She is unable to cope with her studies which results in low scores in examinations.

To overcome this problem, Shanaya should

  - A. ask her friends to complete her work.
  - B. blame her friends for her low performance.
  - C. set a limited amount of time to meet friends.
  - D. convince her teacher to give her good marks.

7. In a shopping mall, a shopkeeper did not have change to return back to the customer.

Which of the following course of action is MOST ethical for the shopkeeper?

- A. Keep the change
- B. Start arguing with the customer
- C. Make arrangements to get change
- D. Charge amount only to the nearest whole

8. A famous scientist gave up atheism in favour of theism after studying human body cells. He found the DNA code very similar to that of a computer programming language. Similarly, in every cell of our bodies, there exists a very detailed instruction code that directs the way a person's body should develop.

In the given scenario, the scientist interpreted DNA code related findings as a/ an

- A. major discovery of science.
- B. proof of the existence of God.
- C. cell to be the basic element of the body.
- D. endorsement on his former opinion on God.

9. The three MOST popular monotheistic religions of the world are

- A. Islam, Judaism and Hinduism.
- B. Christianity, Islam and Judaism.
- C. Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.
- D. Judaism, Hinduism and Christianity.

10. All Abrahamic religions are based on

- A. atheism.
- B. dualism.
- C. polytheism.
- D. monotheism.

11. You could not be found either in a temple or *Ka'bah*  
But you could be found in a broken heart

The second line of this poetry by Niaz Khilavi, God is PRIMARILY described as being

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

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12. According to Sara, God never stops showing His mercy to her and she always gets her needs fulfilled.

This shows that God is

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

13. “Say: Do you instruct Allah about your religion? But, Allah knows all that is in the heavens and on the earth; Allah knows of all things.”

Holy Qur’an (49:16)

The attribute of God highlighted in the given verse is that He is

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

14. A forest near a residential area has many wild animals. Tourists from different areas visit the forest to enjoy the natural environment. Since two months, it has been observed by the local people that some visitors are hunting animals due to which the number of animals has decreased.

The IMMEDIATE step that should be taken by the local people to protect the animals is to

- A. call the local police to arrest the tourists.
- B. write a letter to the editor in a newspaper.
- C. write a letter to the concerned government officials.
- D. ban the visit of those tourists who come for hunting.

15. The TWO core characteristics of human nature are

- A. psychology and behaviour.
- B. social class and behaviours.
- C. environment and social class.
- D. environment and psychology.

16. Ilsa is a strong and healthy girl. She loves to solve real life problems and is an optimist. She has a realistic view of herself, others and the circumstances in her life.

The personality traits of Ilsa highlighted in the given scenario can be categorised as

- A. spiritual.
- B. aesthetical.
- C. intellectual.
- D. psychological.

17. Rohan works in a firm. One day a person offered him a bribe to complete certain unauthorised task. Ethically, he should
- A. take it and break the law.
  - B. refuse it and follow the law.
  - C. take it and inform the higher authorities.
  - D. accept the bribe and not complete the task.

18. Societal values help in sustaining human relationships because they
- A. keep on changing.
  - B. discourage innovation.
  - C. challenge the established norms.
  - D. help in the decision making process.

19. Steve was standing at the bus stop and he saw a blind man crossing the road. Suddenly, a car came in full speed and hit the blind man and injured him badly.

In the given situation, the IMMEDIATE action that Steve should take is to

- A. get hold of the car driver.
  - B. ignore the whole situation.
  - C. protest against the incident.
  - D. take the blind man to the doctor.
20. Maria is 5 years old. Every day she wakes up in the morning, brushes her teeth, takes breakfast and gets ready for school without being prompted by her parents.

The daily routine of Maria indicates that she is

- A. obedient.
  - B. respectful.
  - C. courteous.
  - D. disciplined.
21. Pakistani society is in its evolutionary phase. To promote a healthy culture in the country, its citizens should NOT practice
- A. empathy.
  - B. efficiency.
  - C. punctuality.
  - D. materialism.

22. Aryan was driving his family to the park. As the roads were empty, he drove over the speed limit. This resulted in a massive accident, injuring some people from Aryan family.

In the given scenario, Aryan could have avoided the accident by

- A. taking an alternate route of travel.
- B. choosing another mode of transport.
- C. abiding by the rules while driving on the road.
- D. having more experienced person drive the car.

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23. Ramish belongs to a poor family and his friend's father just bought an expensive toy for his son. Ramish wanted to play with his friend's toy. He visited his friend's home and slipped the toy in his bag.

Instead of slipping the toy, Ramish should

- A. take permission to play with the toy.
  - B. ask his parents to buy him a similar toy.
  - C. take the toy to another room to play with it.
  - D. break friendship with people who are of higher status than him.
24. Sajid, a graduate, is working at a multinational company as an assistant manager. The owner of the company wants to hire another person at the post of a manager with the minimum qualifications of masters. Before the company could hire another person, Sajid bribed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company and got promoted. This incident was witnessed by one of his friends, Mikael.

In the given scenario, the SOLE responsibility of Mikael, as an honest employee of the company, is to

- A. blackmail CEO for his action.
  - B. tell the truth to the company's owner.
  - C. protest against the promotion of Sajid.
  - D. stay quiet and take favours from Sajid.
25. To ensure the dignity of labour, following measures should be taken EXCEPT
- A. giving deserving wages to the labour.
  - B. imposing unjust punishment on them.
  - C. providing safe and hygienic work environment.
  - D. giving incentives and promotion on good performance.

26. Fareeda is keen to pursue her studies despite financial problems. She is eligible for a good programme in a well-reputed university.

In order to arrange the finances, the BEST course of action would be that she should

- A. beg her relatives to support her financially.
  - B. give up her ambition by discontinuing her studies.
  - C. ask her parents to take a loan for her studies at high interest.
  - D. work part time at different places and pay the fees in instalments.
27. Aliya is studying in a school where stationery is provided to the students in bulk. One of her teachers usually takes the stationery to her home and gives it to her own children.

In the given context, the teacher is involved in

- A. performing her job honestly.
- B. utilising school assets legally.
- C. consuming school property unlawfully.
- D. encouraging students to use more stationery.

28. Read the following gestures

- Firm handshake
- Steady eye contact
- Confident stance

The given human gestures recognise body language as

- A. bored.
- B. defensive.
- C. interested.
- D. aggressive.

29. Jacob works at a mobile phone company as a customer service representative. One day, a customer visited the company's office and suddenly started shouting at him because the services provided by the company were not satisfactory.

In the given scenario, the BEST course of action for Jacob is to

- A. call the guards to take the customer away.
- B. refer the customer to the higher authorities.
- C. become aggressive and shout at the customer.
- D. listen and resolve the customer's issue patiently.

30. Many goats were grazing around Ahad's house. One day, Ahad saw an injured goat that had a scratch on its body and could not move properly. Children of the neighbourhood were teasing the goat by pushing it around.

In the given scenario, the first BASIC ethical step that Ahad should take is to

- A. treat the goat himself.
- B. take the goat along with him to the doctor.
- C. stop the children from pushing around the goat.
- D. complain to parents about their children's behaviour.

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