**HUMANIST ETHICS – MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

Which of the statements might a humanist be most likely to agree with?

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<td>1a) We should try to be good because we will be rewarded if we do.</td>
<td>4a) We should try to support happiness and reduce suffering in the here and now.</td>
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<td>1b) We must be good because that is what we are told to do.</td>
<td>4b) We should live our lives in a way that considers the likely outcome of our actions in the next life.</td>
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<td>1c) We should try to be good because of the impact our actions can have on other people and animals.</td>
<td>4c) We should think only about our own pleasure when deciding how to behave.</td>
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<td>2a) We must always follow the rules whatever the situation.</td>
<td>5a) Other animals should be treated with respect because they are part of god's creation.</td>
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<td>2b) Rules can be helpful but we should also consider the consequences of our actions.</td>
<td>5b) We should consider the welfare of other animals because they can suffer too.</td>
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<td>2c) We don't need rules – we can just ignore them.</td>
<td>5c) Other animals are there to be used for the benefit of human beings.</td>
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<td>3a) We all need and want exactly the same things and so everyone knows what is right and wrong.</td>
<td>6a) It is the responsibility of older, wiser people to tell us how to behave.</td>
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<td>3b) We all have different needs so we can never agree on what is the right thing to do.</td>
<td>6b) No one has any responsibilities, we should just do as we fancy in the moment.</td>
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<td>3c) We have many shared needs – these can help us to find answers to questions about how we should treat each other.</td>
<td>6c) Other people can sometimes help, but we need to take responsibility and think for ourselves about how to act.</td>
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- **7a)** Following orders is the right thing to do.
- **7b)** Using empathy and thinking carefully can help us to decide how to act.
- **7c)** The best way to act is with speed and instinct.

- **8a)** We should treat other people the way we would like to be treated in their situation.
- **8b)** We should treat other people in whatever way increases our own happiness.
- **8c)** We should treat other people the way that religious texts instruct us to treat them.

- **9a)** Human beings are evil and do not know how to be good.
- **9b)** Human beings are naturally good all the time.
- **9c)** Human beings are not always good, but we can be.

- **10a)** Being good can make us happy.
- **10b)** Being good brings us closer to god.
- **10c)** Being good is foolish and weak.
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Answers

1) C
2) B
3) C
4) A
5) B
6) C
7) B
8) A
9) C
10) A