

HUMANIST ETHICS – MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

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

<input type="radio"/>	1a) We should try to be good because we will be rewarded if we do.
<input type="radio"/>	1b) We must be good because that is what we are told to do.
<input type="radio"/>	1c) We should try to be good because of the impact our actions can have on other people and animals.

<input type="radio"/>	4a) We should try to support happiness and reduce suffering in the here and now.
<input type="radio"/>	4b) We should live our lives in a way that considers the likely outcome of our actions in the next life.
<input type="radio"/>	4c) We should think only about our own pleasure when deciding how to behave.

<input type="radio"/>	2a) We must always follow the rules whatever the situation.
<input type="radio"/>	2b) Rules can be helpful but we should also consider the consequences of our actions.
<input type="radio"/>	2c) We don't need rules – we can just ignore them.

<input type="radio"/>	5a) Other animals should be treated with respect because they are part of god's creation.
<input type="radio"/>	5b) We should consider the welfare of other animals because they can suffer too.
<input type="radio"/>	5c) Other animals are there to be used for the benefit of human beings.

<input type="radio"/>	3a) We all need and want exactly the same things and so everyone knows what is right and wrong.
<input type="radio"/>	3b) We all have different needs so we can never agree on what is the right thing to do.
<input type="radio"/>	3c) We have many shared needs – these can help us to find answers to questions about how we should treat each other.

<input type="radio"/>	6a) It is the responsibility of older, wiser people to tell us how to behave.
<input type="radio"/>	6b) No one has any responsibilities, we should just do as we fancy in the moment.
<input type="radio"/>	6c) Other people can sometimes help, but we need to take responsibility and think for ourselves about how to act.

<input type="radio"/>	7a) Following orders is the right thing to do.
<input type="radio"/>	7b) Using empathy and thinking carefully can help us to decide how to act.
<input type="radio"/>	7c) The best way to act is with speed and instinct.

<input type="radio"/>	8a) We should treat other people the way we would like to be treated in their situation.
<input type="radio"/>	8b) We should treat other people in whatever way increases our own happiness.
<input type="radio"/>	8c) We should treat other people the way that religious texts instruct us to treat them.

<input type="radio"/>	9a) Human beings are evil and do not know how to be good.
<input type="radio"/>	9b) Human beings are naturally good all the time.
<input type="radio"/>	9c) Human beings are not always good, but we can be.

<input type="radio"/>	10a) Being good can make us happy.
<input type="radio"/>	10b) Being good brings us closer to god.
<input type="radio"/>	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