

**CHAPTER****1****Ethics and Law****Legal Terms***Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary term.***Answer**

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| 1. The attempt to develop a means for determining the values of a society is known as _____ . | 1. _____  |
| 2. An action or law that is no longer valid has been declared _____ .                         | 2. _____  |
| 3. The rules and procedures established by regulatory agencies are called _____ .             | 3. _____  |
| 4. The law which is shared throughout a nation or state is known as _____ .                   | 4. _____  |
| 5. The values which govern a society's attitude toward right or wrong involve _____ .         | 5. _____  |
| 6. The most fundamental law of a country is that country's _____ .                            | 6. _____  |
| 7. The rules of conduct established by the government of a society are known as _____ .       | 7. _____  |
| 8. Statutory law is created by the _____ .  | 8. _____  |
| 9. Decisions made by the highest court of a state are called the law of _____ .               | 9. _____  |
| 10. Laws specifically passed by a governing body created for that purpose are _____ .         | 10. _____ |

**Key Points in Your Reading***Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false by circling T or F.***Answer**

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| 1. Morality and ethics are the same thing.  | 1. T    F  |
| 2. Some people use the greatest good principle because it is a natural way to make ethical decisions. | 2. T    F  |
| 3. The golden rule has been adopted by many of the world's great religions.                           | 3. T    F  |
| 4. Ethics and the law never conflict.   | 4. T    F  |
| 5. The function of law is to maintain stability alone.  | 5. T    F  |
| 6. The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1971.                          | 6. T    F  |
| 7. The term common law means "ordinary law."  | 7. T    F  |
| 8. A basic principle of constitutional law is that statutes must not be vague.                        | 8. T    F  |
| 9. Regulatory agencies have been outlawed by the federal courts.                                      | 9. T    F  |
| 10. Administrative regulations often have the force of law.   | 10. T    F |

# You're the Judge

For each of the following cases, circle Yes or No to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the ethical or legal principle or reason that applies in the case.

Answer

1. Bill Shaeffer is very upset that his basketball team is losing the championship game to the Stallions of Shelby High. He considers deliberately injuring the Stallions' top center, but decides not to because he would not like the same thing to happen to him. Did Bill make an ethical decision here?

1. Yes No

Ethical Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Danny Hiebel makes copies of the geometry test his class will take the next day and passes them around. He justifies his actions by saying that he is helping the majority of the class by giving them advance copies of the test. Is his reasoning ethically correct?

2. Yes No

Ethical Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Lucy Demps was charged with stealing. After she is found not guilty, she is arrested for the same offense and tried again. This time the prosecutor calls the crime embezzlement. Can this happen to Lucy?

3. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Ann Chun went to the courthouse in her hometown and tried to register to vote. She was told by an assistant clerk that she could not vote until she reached the age of twenty-one. Was the clerk correct?

4. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Lois Ross maintained that, if she were permitted to do something under the laws of her state, then the U.S. Constitution could not prevent her from doing it. Was she correct?

5. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Legal Application

Look through newspapers and magazines for an article involving an ethical and/or legal issue. Cut out the article, mount it on a separate sheet of paper, date it, and record the name of the source. Write a one-paragraph explanation about how a knowledge of ethics and the law would be helpful to the parties involved in the story. Be prepared to discuss your own stand on the issue in class. Then place the article in your case file.