MORAL DILEMMAS

This booklet contains 24 situations. Each situation has three alternatives. You are required to encircle the alternative you consider the best.

This is not an intelligence test, and there is no right or wrong answer. Your answers will be treated as confidential.

There is no time limit but work as rapidly as possible. Please do not leave any situation unmarked.

1. Sita and her mother collected money for flood victims. Sita saw her mother keeping the money in the cupboard. Next day there was a film show in the school. Sita did not have money for the ticket. Her mother was not at home. So she took out the money for the ticket from the money collected for flood victims and watched the film show.

   (a) Sita should not have taken the money.
   (b) She should have waited for her mother.
   (c) As she had collected the money along with her mother, she had every right to take out the money, if needed.

2. Kanta was a poor girl who wanted a wrist watch. One day she found a watch lying on the road. On the golden strap of the watch, the address of the owner was written. Kanta picked up the watch and went home. She did not return the watch to the owner.

   (a) Kanta should have gone to the owner's house and returned the watch.
   (b) Kanta was poor, so there was no harm in keeping the watch.
   (c) Kanta should have asked the advice of others.
3. Satish's mother had kept milk for a relative, who was sick in the hospital. In his mother's absence Satish came home along with his friends. They were all very hungry. Satish and his friends drank the milk. The mother was very angry when she saw the empty vessel. Satish told her that the cat had drunk the milk.

(a) Satish made a very good excuse.
(b) Satish should not have lied to his mother.
(c) He should have waited for his mother.

4. Once there was a little boy who was playing in the kitchen, while his mother was out. He broke a cup. When his mother came home, he said. "It was n't me. It was the cat. It jumped up there.'

(a) He did not do right by lying to his mother.
(b) He made a very good excuse, otherwise he would have been punished.
(c) Only a cup was broken, so there was no harm in telling a lie.

5. A Chowkidar was fed up with his temperamental and cruel master. One night, thieves entered the house. The chowkidar saw them but did not try to stop them as he wanted to take revenge on his master.

(a) Chowkidar took the right revenge on his master.
(b) Chowkidar should have taken revenge through some other less severe means.
(c) He should have woken up his master and helped in catching the thieves.

6. The hockey team of Khalsa School had reached the finals in District Tournaments. Shyam Singh the Captain of the Khalsa Team was a source of threat to the team of Government School. The team of the Government School bribed Shyam Singh so that he did not play the match against them. On the day of the match, Shyam Singh pretended to be ill. The Government School won the match.

(a) Shyam was right by not participating in the match as he was the gainer by accepting the money.
(b) He did not do the right thing by not playing in the match.
(c) He should have taken the advice of others.
7. A clerk was bringing the pay-roll of the employees from the bank. On the way, he was attacked by two thieves. A passerby tried to save the clerk. The clerk managed to escape with the money, but the passerby was beaten up by the thieves.

a) The passerby should not have intervened.
b) He did the right thing by helping the clerk against the thieves.
(c) The passerby should have called for help.

8. Surinder was the labour Union Leader. It was he who had got the benefits for the labourers from the management. The union looked up to him to solve all their problems. The management realising this position offered Surinder, his promotion and rise in the pay, if he left the union and came to their aid. Surinder decided to leave the union.

a) Surinder was wrong in leaving the union.
b) Surinder did a right thing as the management had offered him position much more better than he had in the union.
c) Surinder should have taken the advice of someone.

9. Sneh, was a freedom loving girl. Her mother had a pet parrot in the cage, which was very dear to Sneh's mother. One day the mother was not at home, Sneh opened the cage and let the parrot fly.

a) Sneh did a wrong to her mother by opening the cage and making the parrot fly.
b) Sneh did the right thing by letting the parrot fly.
c) She should have waited for her mother.

10. A teacher used to punish students if they lied or played mischief. One day, in his absence while playing in the classroom, the students broke the teacher's chair. Next day, when the teacher enquired about the broken chair, the students expressed complete ignorance about it and refused to take the responsibility.

a) Students did the right thing, to escape from the punishment.
b) Students did not do right by shirking off the responsibility.
c) Students should have got the chair repaired so that the teacher did not come to know about it.
11. In a school, the boys were allowed to play in the grounds on the condition that they have to be careful when throwing the ball, so as to avoid breaking window panes of the rooms. One day a group of boys were playing ball in the grounds. One of the boys threw the ball too far and broke the window pane of the Principal's office. When the Principal asked the boys as to who was responsible, no one told him.

a) The boys were right in not revealing the name of the boy who broke the window pane.
b) The boys should have told the name of the boy who broke the window pane.
c) The boy should have collectively taken the responsibility for the damage done.

12. Ramesh's father gave him an expensive pen. He told Ramesh not to spoil anything. In his father's absence, Ramesh took out his new picture book and made spots on several pages.

a) Father should have punished Ramesh.
b) Father should have forgiven Ramesh.
c) Father should have taken away the pen from Ramesh.

13. Four years old Neera was crying because her elder brother Niraj was not giving his toys to her. To teach him a lesson, the mother did not give Niraj any dinner.

a) Mother punished Niraj more than he deserved.
b) Mother punished Niraj justifiably.
c) Mother should not have punished Niraj at all.

14. There was a competition between Ravi and Shashi to stand first in the class. On the day of examination Ravi hid the practical copy of Shashi, so that she does not get good marks in the practicals. Coming to know about the truth, the teacher deducted five marks of Shashi as she did not have the practical copy and deducted 10 marks of Ravi, despite the fact that he had the practical copy.

a) The teacher should not have deducted Ravi's marks as he had the practical copy.
b) Equal marks of Ravi and Shashi should have been deducted.
c) The teacher deducted Ravi's marks rightly.
15. Karuna knew that her mother would be happy if she gets a good result. She told her mother that she had stood 1st in the class. Her mother was very happy and gave her a wrist watch as a reward, when the result came it was found that Karuna had in fact failed in two subjects. The mother was very angry.

a) Mother should have taken the watch back without reprimanding her.

b) The mother should have taken the watch back, reprimanded her and also stopped giving pocket money to Karuna for at least a month.

c) Mother should have forgiven Karuna.

16. It was forbidden to play ball in the passage of the school. A boy was playing in spite of the warning and broke a pot.

a) He should be asked to plant a new plant himself.

b) He should be forgiven.

c) All his toys should be broken on purpose.

17. A little boy is asked by his mother to go and buy some bread for dinner. But instead of going immediately he says that he will go in a minute. But he goes on playing and at dinner time there is no bread. The father is angry and decides to punish the boy. How should he punish.

a) Forbid the boy to play for some days.

b) Not to let the boy have dinner that night.

c) To do the boy the same thing as he had done i.e. the father tells him, "You did not help your mother. I am not going to punish you, but the next time you ask me to help you, I shall not do it".

18. A boy was playing in his room. The father had told him not to play ball for fear of breaking the window panes. The boy continues to play in his room. The ball hits the window pane and smashes it. How should the father punish--

a) Make the boy pay in order to mend the window pane.

b) To just take away the ball.

c) Not to let him play with his toys for a whole week.
19. A mother had two little girls, one obedient, the other disobedient. The mother liked the obedient one and gave her the biggest piece of cake.

a) The mother was right.
b) The mother was wrong.
c) Both should have got equal piece of cake.

20. One afternoon, a mother asked her little girl and boy to help her about the house. The girl was to wash the dishes and the boy had to clean the house. But the little boy went and played in the streets. So the mother asked the girl to do all the work.

a) The mother was not fair by making the girl work more.
b) She should have made the boy come back and finish the task.
c) The mother was right in asking the girl to do all the work.

21. There were two boys in a family. They had to polish their shoes every morning. One day the elder boy was ill so the mother asked the younger one to polish his brother's shoes as well as his own.

a) The mother should have asked the elder boy to polish his own shoes.
b) She was wrong in asking the younger boy to do more work.
c) The mother was right as the elder boy was ill.

22. There were two brothers in a family. They had to arrange their bag and uniform in order, a night before, to reach school in time the next day. The elder brother was very lazy and never bothered to do the task assigned. So the mother always asked the younger one to arrange his things as well as his brother's.

a) The mother was not fair.
b) She was right in asking the younger child to do the work for the elder.
c) There is no harm in doing someone else's work.
23. There were two children, who stole cherries. But only one was punished because his teeth were black.
   a) The punishment given was fair.
   b) The punishment was not fair.
   c) Both should have been punished equally.

24. The teacher used to give tuition to some students of his class. When the exam came nearer, he used to tell the question paper to these students. As a result, these students scored better than the rest of the class.
   a) The teacher was wrong in telling the question paper.
   b) The teacher got extra monetary gains from these students, so there was no harm in telling the questions.
   c) The teacher should have given hint to the whole class about the questions expected in the examination.