SAMPLE ASSESSMENT ANSWER KEY

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1) The self-imposed standards by which you make decisions are called:

- a) values
- b) community standards
- c) ethics

2) Which of the following is not acting with integrity?

- a) I value honesty so I always tell the truth.
- b) Education is important to me so I study three hours each night.
- c) I believe stealing is wrong, but sometimes I take an apple out of d-hall.

3) Parking in an illegal space is acceptable if you are late for class.

- a) True
- b) False

4) The world community values include:

- a) family, love, and respect
- b) trust, faith, and commitment
- c) honesty, respect, and trust

5) Saying what I mean and doing what I say means that I am acting with integrity.

- a) True
- b) False

6) To be fair would be considered a world community value.

- a) True
- b) False

7) The valuing process is a process by which I will increase the likelihood that a decision I make will have both a positive value for me and be constructive in the social context.

- a) True
- b) False

8) The five World Community Values are honesty, fairness, responsibility, trust, and

- a) Respect
- b) Friendship
- c) Happiness

9) I would be confident that I knew the steps to living with integrity if:

- a) My personal identity became more pronounced.
- b) I was better prepared to set personal goals.
- c) I was able to act on what I discerned as right or wrong.

10) Which of the following address community standards?

- a) Student Handbook
- b) Residence Life policies
- c) Honor code
- d) All of the above

11) The ethics checklist involves understanding laws and university policies.

- a) True
- b) False

12) It is acceptable for me to choose not to respond to an official request from a university official.

- a) True
- b) False

13) Standards by which to judge my actions, right and wrong, often imposed by external forces are considered to be which of the following?

- a) values
- b) integrity
- c) ethics
- d) all of the above

14) What can shape an individual's values?

- a) influence of family or friends
- b) the media
- c) life experiences
- d) all of the above

15) Which of the following is NOT a step towards living with integrity?

- a) Taking a course of action, even if it is against my values.
- b) Acting on what I discern, even at a personal cost.
- c) Stating that I am acting on my knowledge of right and wrong.

16) Which of the following scenarios best defines the term beneficence:

- a) A professor allows students to earn extra credit points to bring up low quiz grades.
- b) A manager quits his job to pursue a college career.
- c) A chef refrains from using animal products when cooking because he is a vegetarian.

17) To determine an act of integrity, I would ask myself:

- a) Is this helping others?
- b) Is this a good reflection on who I am?
- c) Did this act promote my happiness?

18) In Kitchener's principals, fidelity means:

- a) Act to benefit others
- b) Respect autonomy
- c) Be faithful
- d) all of the above

19) If I pull a fire alarm as a practical joke, which of the following ethical principles could I potentially be violating?

- a) Do no harm
- b) Be faithful
- c) Justice

20) Which is not a dimension of the valuing process?

- a) Choosing
- b) Thinking
- c) Assessing

21) An example of acting with integrity would be:

- a) Making a list of my top five values.
- b) Prioritizing my top five values.
- c) Spending most of my time on my top five values.

22) Which of the following are dimensions of the valuing process?

- a) Analyzing, Evaluating, Expressing
- b) Accepting, Processing, Displaying
- c) Choosing, Communicating, Acting

23) When trying to decide between friendship, money, or fame, which dimension of the valuing process am I going through?

- a) Choosing my value
- b) Feeling good about my chosen value
- c) Acting on my value

24) If I make a promise to a friend, and keep it, which ethical principle would I be following?

- a) Do no harm
- b) Be faithful
- c) Respect Autonomy

25) If my values conflict with community standards I still must follow these standards.

- a) True
- b) False

26) If I state that I value education and I am studying in the library on a Friday evening, which dimension of the valuing process am I most exhibiting?

- a) Acting
- b) Choosing
- c) Thinking

27) Integrity is:

- a) Telling others what my values are.
- b) Doing what I say I am going to do.
- c) Helping others apply the valuing process to their lives.

28) Which of the following is an example of promoting justice?

- a) Treating people the same way they treat you
- b) Treating all people fairly, regardless of who they are
- c) Treating all people nicely, regardless of what they have done

29) Which is not a question on the Ethics checklist:

- a) Is it legal?
- b) Is it balanced?
- c) Is it honest?

30) Which of the following are Kitchener's ethical principles?

- a) Loyalty, fidelity, integrity, respect, responsible citizenship
- b) Do no harm, act to benefit others, respect autonomy, be faithful, promote justice
- c) Be positive, monitor unethical behavior, stay focused, think community

31) According to the world community values, which of the following behaviors is acceptable?

a) Being truthful even if it is difficult to do.

- b) Repeatedly making choices that are disrespectful toward others.
- c) Treating others unfairly to benefit myself.

32) Which of the following is the most important question I should ask myself for determining if a decision I am about to make is unethical?

- a) Could I complete the behavior without serious negative consequences?
- b) Would I feel good if my family or friends knew about my decision?
- c) Will others around me find my behavior funny?
- 33) When using the Ethics Checklist to determine whether a decision is fair to all concerned, I am evaluating whether the decision is which of the following?
 - a) is legal
 - b) is balanced
 - c) makes me proud

34) Stating openly your understanding of right and wrong is one of the steps to living with integrity.

- a) True
- b) False
- 35) When a friend asks me if I want to smoke marijuana and I stop to think about how this would make me feel about myself, I am:
 - a) Actively using the Ethics Checklist.
 - b) Remembering my parents' warnings about drugs.
 - c) Deciding if my friend is reliable.

36) If I stop to think if my behavior is violating any laws or university policies, which question on the ethics checklist am I asking myself?

- a) Is it balanced?
- b) Is it legal?
- c) Is it honest?

37) It is acceptable to allow my guests to drink underage according to community standards.

- a) True
- b) False

38) Which of the following is the BEST definition of ethics?

- a) Willingness to show appreciation or concern for self and others
- b) A tightly held enduring belief upon which a person acts by choice in a way that is personally or socially preferable
- c) The study of right and wrong, usually including determining and encouraging what is right

39) If I am asking myself "Is it fair to all concerned", I am using the ethics checklist.

- a) True
- b) False

40) To determine if the decision I am about to make is ethical, which of the following considerations should help me least in my decision?

- a) Determine if my decision was breaking any policies or laws.
- b) Think about the how my decision would affect other people.
- c) Ask my friends what they would do, and use their thoughts to make my decision.

41) The community coalition is an example of JMU and the community coming up with agreed upon community standards.

- a) True
- b) False

42) Why is it important to have rules in residence halls?

- a) To ensure the safety of all residents
- b) To teach responsibility for one's actions
- c) To create a comfortable environment
- d) All of the above

43) The three strikes sanctioning strategy was developed based on the community standards at JMU.

- a) True
- b) False

44) Which of the following behaviors would be a violation of JMU community standards?

- a) Saying "This is ridiculous!" to the parking cadet giving me a ticket.
- b) Calling the parking cadet's supervisor and voicing concerns about filing an appeal of the ticket.
- c) Saying "I'm gonna kill you" to the parking cadet giving me a ticket.

45) Which of the following is not the purpose of Values Clarification?

- a) It helps people learn the valuing process.
- b) It tells people which values they should live by.
- c) It gives people a chance to prioritize their values.

46) Drinking alcohol underage is ethical.

- a) True
- b) False

47) Which is NOT a violation of academic integrity?

- a) Forgetting to cite the source of quoted material you included in a paper
- b) Asking your friend to sign you in on the attendance sheet when you are not there
- c) Borrowing your friends notes from a class you missed due to illness

48) My gender is:

- a) Male
- b) Female

49) I am currently a:

- a) Freshman
- b) Sophomore
- c) Junior
- d) Senior

50) I have completed the Judicial sanction "By the Numbers."

- a) Yes
- b) No

51) I have completed the Judicial sanction "Calling the Shots."

- a) Yes
- b) No