



Ethics Quick Test Scorecard

To be used to make a quick ethical judgement of behavior in a specified situation. To quickly determine where the ethics is questionable.

Method: Consider each area as a question – Are they? Do they? Is it the case that? Etc. Each answer gets 1 point (pass), ½ point (partial pass) or 0 (fail), Always give the benefit of the doubt. For example, if you don't know whether to score 0 or 1, score ½ point (partial fail or uncertain).

Virtues: Moral character and trustworthiness	Practicing virtuous behavior from good character	
Veracity / Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honest, Forthcoming, Transparent, Discerning of what is right & what is wrong. Are decisions based on verified facts? 	
Accountable/Reliable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept responsibility for their decisions and actions. They say what they will do, do it, and validate that it is completed properly in a timely manner 	
Respectful of Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They welcome (solicit) other people's views Polite and courteous Supportive of the development of human potential Safeguarding the community against excesses 	
Fairness and Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the basic value of all humans Understanding that one human being is not better than another 	
Caring / Socially Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are considerate of others' feelings Helpful and supportive in their actions and decisions Meets or exceeds the ethical, legal, and public expectations 	
Consequences - Promote Public Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consequences promote the greatest good for the greatest number Minimize potential harms 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How well does the action meet these requirements 	
Principles:	Does this decision uphold all the ethical principles that are relevant to this situation? Would we want everyone – including ourselves – behave the same way in similar situations? Are they promoting all relevant principles in a balanced way or are they “cherry picking”?	
Life/Quality of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes for Life as a moral value Considers quality of life 	
Respect for the Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes Dignity, Tolerance 	
Liberty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes Freedom of Decision & Action? Minimizes the use of force (including force of law) 	
Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not discriminate for arbitrary reasons Race, Sex, Colour, Creed, Religious Belief, Sexual Orientation 	
Total Score		/10

The score out of 10 provides a quick measure of the ethical credibility of the behavior as well as pointing to the kinds of failure (virtues, consequences, principles).

Multiply by 10 to get a score out of 100. We can now see the score as a % as we would grade an school exercise. Any score less than 50% is a total failure (F to D-). Scores of 60% to 80%) would be a C- to a B+. 80% to 100% would be an A or A+

The ethical question is, “What kind of person does X?” This quick scorecard provides a quantitative guide to their character and moral credibility.