



LESSON 5 ETHICS & RESPONSIBILITY

STUDENT EXERCISE ETHICAL DILEMMA CARDS

INSTRUCTOR'S ANSWER SHEET

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The students should be broken up into groups and each group should be given one of the laminated ethical dilemma cards provided by the Team Leader. Use this answer sheet to relate the dilemmas back to the five responsibilities.

- 1. Concept – ethical vs. legal** You are archery hunting on private land that you have permission to hunt. You've shot a deer and it ran onto adjacent posted property. You can see the deer on the other property and you can tell it is still alive, but it is unable to stand. Prior to the hunt you contacted the landowner of the adjacent property and they informed you they did not want you on their property. What do you do?

Responsibility – Natural Resource vs. Landowner

Concept – Self vs. Community

- 2.** Some waterfowl hunters use robotic decoys that feature moving wings to better attract ducks into shooting range. They are effective. Some states have banned them. Is this type of "gadgetry" ethical?

Responsibility – Natural Resource

Concept – Fair Chase

- 3.** You are grouse hunting with a friend of your father's. As you are pushing through heavy cover, you hear two rapid shots. A minute later he comes up to you holding a hawk in his hand and says it is a funny looking grouse. You immediately tell him that it is a protected hawk and illegal to shoot. Just then, you see an Environmental Police Officer approaching. Your hunting partner stuffs the hawk under a rock and starts to walk away. The officer comes up to you, asks for

your license, and inquires about all the shooting. What should you do?

Responsibility – Yourself, Other Hunters and Non-Hunters

Concept – Truth vs. Loyalty

4. You and a friend are on your friend's property getting ready to do some target shooting before going hunting the following weekend. You have brought along your brand new shotgun and box of light load shells that you just picked up the evening before for practicing. As you are getting set up, a mature buck walks out into the field only 100 yards away. The shotgun season for deer is in season and you are a licensed hunter. Your buddy urges you to go ahead and shoot the buck as you don't see bucks that big very often. What would you do?

Responsibility – Natural Resource

Concept – Selecting proper firearm and ammunition for the game hunted

5. The farm that you and your family have hunted for years was recently sold. The new owner has not posted the property, but you haven't met him/her yet either. Hunting season starts in a week and you know there are several large bucks bedding in a remote part of the property. You should...

Responsibility – Landowner, Other Hunters

Concept – Self vs. Community

6. You have been scouting spring turkeys and have located a vocal tom. A friend from work and his child are excited about hunting and they just passed hunter education. Your friend tells you they aren't having any luck locating any birds and asks if you know a good spot where they could go. How do you respond?

Responsibility – Other Hunters

Concept – Self vs. Community

7. You are hunting a farm where you have hunted for a few years now. You have been informed of where to drive, you know everyone who has permission to hunt the property, and you are familiar with which gates are typically open and closed. On this particular day you are running late and are in a hurry to get to your location. While driving across the property you find a gate that is open, yet typically it is closed. The landowner's cattle are in their normal field, but are nearing the gate. You remember from your hunter ed course that it is good practice to leave gates as you find them to respect the landowner. On this day, you decide to...

Responsibility – Landowner

Concept – Self vs. Community

8. You are a parent of a new hunter. After weeks of preparation for the youth waterfowl day, you head to the duck blind. Just at the start of legal shooting time, three ducks come whistling into your decoys. Just as you are saying "No shot, black ducks!" Two shots ring out. One bird drops and the other one sails away, clearly hit. The limit is one black duck due to declining numbers in the flyway. As a parent, what should you do?

Responsibility – Natural Resource, Other Hunters

Concept – Justice vs. Mercy

9. An elk gives you a broadside, standing-still shot on the crest of a ridge. It's the last day of the season, and you've traveled far and spent loads of money on this, your first, big game hunt. You're far into the mountains and few hunters are in the area. Do you take the shot? Why or why not? What are the ramifications?

Responsibility – Other Hunters and Non-Hunters

Concept – Safety

10. You accidentally shoot two turkeys with one shot while hunting in an area that allows only one turkey to be taken each day. Both birds fall dead in plain view. It is illegal to possess two birds in one day. Is it ethical to waste a bird by leaving it? What will you do?

Responsibility – Natural Resource, Self

Concept – Wanton Waste