Which Principles Apply?

The following moral principles (described in the text on pages 58–59) can be considered basic or foundational:

a. Do good; avoid evil.

b. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

c. The end does not justify the means (with the subprinciple of proportionality).

d. Follow what nature intends.

For each dilemma below, identify which principles apply by putting the letters of those principles in the blank next to the dilemma.

_____ **1.** Philip is with a group of friends who are laughing about how insecure one of their classmates is. Should he join in?

_____ **2.** Rick and Tina are married. Tina cannot carry a baby to term because her uterus has been injured. They have the opportunity to be parents to their own biological child, however, by paying another woman to bear their baby, using their own fertilized egg. Should they go this route?

_____ **3.** Leonard learns that he has cancer that cannot be cured. He does not want to go through a slow and possibly painful death. He asks his physician to give him pills that will end his life painlessly. Should the doctor comply?

_____ **4.** Jill needs a job desperately. If she is going to have a chance at this job, she will have to pad her application with some job experiences that she has not really had. Should she do that?

_____ **5.** Gary and Susan's house in an all-white neighborhood is up for sale. An African American couple has offered to buy the house at a good price. Gary and Susan have heard rumors that if one home on the block is sold to African Americans, all the property values will go down. Their friends on the block will be furious with them if they sell to the couple. Should they tell the couple their offer is not high enough?