

# Determining the Elements of Human Acts

## Answer Key

In this answer key, the object (O), intention (I), and circumstances (C) are identified in italics. The element or elements that is morally wrong is identified in italics after the situation's description.

<p><b>Situation A (Pride)</b></p> <p>A student <i>lies</i> (O) about school achievements, community service, and leadership roles on a scholarship application for college in order <i>to have a better chance</i> (I) of being <i>accepted by the college</i> (C).</p> <p><i>The object is morally wrong in this situation. The circumstances increase the gravity of the moral act because it affects other students applying for the scholarship and misleads school personnel.</i></p>	<p><b>Situation B (Pride)</b></p> <p>A student <i>new to school</i> (C) <i>exaggerates their sports ability</i> (O) in order <i>to win admiration and new friends</i> (I).</p> <p><i>The object is morally wrong in this situation.</i></p>
<p><b>Situation C (Anger)</b></p> <p>A student <i>posts racial slurs</i> (O) about another student <i>on social media</i> (C) <i>to get revenge</i> (I) because the other student <i>embarrassed her in front of friends</i> (C).</p> <p><i>The object and the intention are morally wrong in this situation. The use of social media broadens the potential consequences on students and increases the severity of the act. This also contributes to the social sin of racism.</i></p>	<p><b>Situation D (Anger)</b></p> <p>A student <i>speaks disrespectfully to his parents</i> (O), <i>expressing his frustration</i> (I), when asked to finish mowing the lawn because <i>it interrupts his plans for going out</i> (C).</p> <p><i>The object is morally wrong in this situation.</i></p>
<p><b>Situation E (Sloth)</b></p> <p>A student <i>misses Mass</i> (O) <i>on a regular basis</i> (C) because she <i>wants to sleep in on Sundays</i> (I).</p> <p><i>The object is morally wrong in this situation. The fact that it has become habitual increases the severity of the act.</i></p>	<p><b>Situation F (Sloth)</b></p> <p>A student <i>neglects to use the recycling bins</i> (O) <i>at home and school</i> (C) because <i>it is less work to just throw all his waste in the trash</i> (I).</p> <p><i>The object is morally wrong in this situation. The action also contributes to the social sin of pollution and environmental destruction.</i></p>

