

Unit 5 Test Answer Key

Making Good Moral Choices

Multiple Choice

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| 1. c | 8. d | 15. a | 22. c |
| 2. a | 9. c | 16. d | 23. d |
| 3. d | 10. c | 17. b | 24. b |
| 4. a | 11. c | 18. c | 25. a |
| 5. d | 12. d | 19. c | |
| 6. a | 13. b | 20. c | |
| 7. b | 14. a | 21. d | |

Matching

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| 26. i | 31. b |
| 27. g | 32. h |
| 28. j | 33. e |
| 29. f | 34. c |
| 30. d | 35. a |

True or False

- 36. F – fear of the Lord (or wonder and awe)
- 37. T
- 38. F – Actual grace
- 39. F – contrition
- 40. T

Essay

Responses will vary but should include some of the following points:

- A. Identify the five key steps a person can take to reach a good moral decision (FACTS process), and describe what each step includes.

Find the Facts: Identify the three elements of the moral decision: the object, the intention, and the circumstance.

Assess the Alternatives: Consider all the possible actions that could be taken in responding to this situation.



Consider the Consequences: For each alternative action identified, evaluate how that action would affect your relationships with God, other people, and yourself.

Think about God's Teachings: Be sure your conscience is properly formed before making this decision.

Seek Spiritual Support: As you consider your choice, ask the Holy Spirit for the gifts you need to make a good decision. Seek the wisdom of trusted spiritual mentors.

- B. Identify and describe four ways the Church offers support and guidance as a person creates a well-formed conscience.

Our Catholic faith offers us moral principles, the Theological Virtues, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Jesus' life and his teachings, and two thousand years of wisdom and reflection on moral issues and principles. We have moral support from parents, priests, youth leaders, teachers, counselors, and peers who share our values. Grace, the Cardinal Virtues, and the sacraments are gifts that help us put all this wisdom into action. Conscience guides us in making reasoned, moral judgments about how to act. We truly have everything we need to live a holy, happy, and healthy life. The Church provides us with insight on issues that present moral dilemmas through documents that inform us of the wisdom and teaching of the Church. The Communion of Saints offers us exemplary role models for Christian discipleship. Reflection on Scripture offers us moral strength and guidance.

- C. Identify and describe four means for individuals to develop strong moral character.

We can develop the Cardinal Virtues so that they become habitual ways of thinking and acting. This leads to the development of strong moral character. We develop these virtues through education in morality and through moral choices in which we practice these virtues. We can strengthen the virtues of faith, hope, and charity in our lives through prayer and especially through the reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. An examination of conscience is a way to reflect on the areas in our life where we need to strengthen our efforts to do good. Seeking God's forgiveness, we will find the healing we need to repair the damage to our heart and soul caused by sin, recognizing our failings. We must not only seek forgiveness from God and others, but we must also be willing to forgive those who have sinned against us.

