

1.2 The qualities and principles of virtue ethics

part two

① *Being truthful in what you say and do is what honesty entails.*

Honesty is a moral quality that entails positive and virtuous characteristics such as being truthful, trustworthy, loyal, fair, and sincere. Honesty is defined as the behaviour and attitude of not telling or accepting lies. It is the practice of not stealing or cheating. Being honest means being loyal to one's fellow, one's responsibility, and one's country. At home, with our friends, in our community, at work, and at any other time in our lives, we must all be honest.

Honesty is always admired in the family, among friends, in civil society, and throughout the world. Everyone respects someone who is truthful. Being regarded as an honest person by society is one of the best compliments a person can receive in his or her entire life. In today's society, a lack of honesty is a way for disaster. Individuals with public responsibility have been observed abusing public property on occasion. This is dishonesty.

All of these are not characteristics of responsible citizens. Corruption not only leads to the mismanagement and abuse of resources, but it also has an impact on people's minds. As a result, as responsible citizens, we must all fight dishonest and corrupt behaviour. These are detrimental to progress and development.



Figure 1.3. 'No to Corruption'.

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. **What does honesty mainly entail?**

- a) Telling lies
- b) Being truthful in what you say and do
- c) Avoiding responsibilities
- d) Keeping secrets only

2. **Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of honesty?**

- a) Truthful
- b) Trustworthy
- c) Cheating
- d) Loyal

3. **Honesty can be defined as the behaviour of:**

- a) Always keeping quiet
- b) Not telling or accepting lies
- c) Always obeying rules blindly
- d) Not speaking in public

4. Which practice reflects honesty?

- a) Stealing
- b) Cheating
- c) Not stealing or cheating
- d) Hiding the truth

5. Being honest also means being loyal to:

- a) Only oneself
- b) One's fellow, responsibilities, and country
- c) Foreign countries only
- d) Only family members

6. Where should honesty be practiced?

- a) Only at school
- b) Only at home
- c) At home, with friends, in the community, and at work
- d) Only in government

7. How is honesty regarded in society?

- a) Ignored
- b) Always admired
- c) Punished
- d) Disliked

8. One of the best compliments a person can receive is:

- a) Being regarded as rich
- b) Being regarded as honest
- c) Being regarded as powerful
- d) Being regarded as famous

9. **Lack of honesty in today's society leads to:**

- a) Development
- b) Disaster
- c) Happiness
- d) Success

10. **Individuals with public responsibility sometimes abuse:**

- a) Their time
- b) Public property
- c) Their friendships
- d) Family traditions

11. **What is abusing public property considered as?**

- a) Honesty
- b) Responsibility
- c) Dishonesty
- d) Loyalty

12. **Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of responsible citizens?**

- a) Dishonesty
- b) Corruption
- c) Loyalty
- d) Abuse of resources

13. **Corruption leads to:**

- a) Mismanagement and abuse of resources
- b) Honesty in society
- c) Progress and development
- d) Unity and peace

14. **Apart from abusing resources, corruption also affects:**

- a) People's minds
- b) Weather conditions
- c) Technology
- d) Natural resources

15. What should responsible citizens fight against?

- a) Dishonest and corrupt behaviour
- b) Freedom and justice
- c) Cultural practices
- d) Technology

16. Dishonesty and corruption are:

- a) Beneficial for society
- b) Detrimental to progress and development
- c) Neutral in effect
- d) Encouraged in communities

17. Which of the following is admired worldwide?

- a) Wealth
- b) Honesty
- c) Cheating
- d) Corruption

18. Who respects someone who is truthful?

- a) Only family
- b) Only friends
- c) Everyone
- d) Only government

19. Which statement is true about honesty?

- a) It destroys relationships
- b) It is always admired in family and society
- c) It encourages corruption
- d) It means avoiding responsibilities

20. What must citizens do to ensure progress and development?

- a) Ignore corruption
- b) Fight dishonest and corrupt behaviour
- c) Support dishonest people
- d) Misuse public resources