

HOW DO I KNOW I AM DOING RIGHT?

CONSCIENCE

Situation A

You go to a school where there is a lot of pressure to achieve a high grade. This situation is further complicated by your demanding parents who expect you to do well. You have a pretty good average over your 4 years in high school, averaging around a high B. You are now in your junior year in science class. The teacher is not the best in the school and as a matter of fact, is a little unfair. He has planned a difficult test for you and your classmates. You know from past experiences that 50% of the students cheat on his exams, thus ruining any chance for a curve. You have studied pretty hard, but you know that unless you cheat, many others will get a higher grade than you. What would you do?

Reasons to cheat:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Reasons to remain honest:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

My decision: On a scale from 1 (most inclined to cheat) to 5 (I will remain honest), I would decide:

1 2 3 4 4½ 5

Situation B

A good friend of yours offers you some drugs in order for you "to get high." You show an initial unwillingness to take them. He tries to talk it into you by saying that his experience with drugs is that they are fun. Besides, he says, you cannot really hurt anyone but yourself. He further adds that it is nobody's business but yours whether you take the drug or not. The law and parents should not prevent you from enjoying yourself. Would you take the drug?

Reasons to take it:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Reasons for not taking it:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

My decision: On a scale from 1 (most inclined to take it) to 5 (I will not take the drug), I would decide:

1 2 3 4 4½ 5