

CED 6413: Human Development and Growth
Laboratory 1: Kohlberg's Moral Reasoning Task
Moral Reasoning Interview Schedule

Participant Number: P01

Gender: Female

Age: 37

Occupation: Civil Servant

1a. Which is worse, stealing like Paul or stealing like Peter? Peter's stealing is worst.

1b. Why is that worse? Peter broke into the store to steal N400,000 is terrible and more deadly. If caught, he would have been killed.

2. What do you think is the worst thing about cheating the old man? It was deception.

2a. Why is that the worst thing? Because if the old man curses Peter for cheating, the curse will work. Cheating is evil.

3. In general, why should a promise be kept? A promise when made, it must be kept. It has become a debt.

4a. Was the old man being irresponsible by lending Paul the money? Yes.

4b. Why? Because it is wise before lending money he needed to know the person first.

5a. Is it important to keep a promise to someone you do not know well or will never see again? No

5b. Why not? Because it is risky to do so.

6. Why should someone not steal from a store? It is not your property, stealing is not good and you can face the consequences of stealing. It might lead to beating or killing when being caught.

7. What is the value or importance of property rights? It can be useful in the future when you sell a property.

8a. Should people do everything that they can to obey the law? Yes.

8b. Why? Because obeying law will help you stay away from trouble. If you do not obey the law, you will surely land yourself in jail.

9. Do you have any other thoughts about Paul or Peter? They need money and they did not think of any legitimate ways to get the money to meet their needs. They just think of a ungodly way means of getting money instead of working.

Participant Number P02

Gender: Male

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

1a. Which is worse, stealing like Paul or stealing like Peter? Stealing like Paul was worse.

1b. Why is that worse? By lying, Paul not only stole, but also broke trust.

2. What do you think is the worst thing about cheating the old man? Breaking trust with the old man.

2a. *Why is that the worst thing?* Trust is an important ethical principle that must be upheld.

3. *In general, why should a promise be kept?* A promise should be kept basically because of integrity and because the weight of your words should always be respected.

4a. *Was the old man being irresponsible by lending Paul the money?* Not at all.

4b. *Why not?* Because it is in his nature to be generous and not giving Paul the money would have gone against his character.

5a. *Is it important to keep a promise to someone you do not know well or will never see again?* Yes it is.

5b. *Why?* Because you don't necessarily keep a promise because you know someone rather you do it out of moral and good conscience.

6. *Why should someone not steal from a store?* Because it is morally and ethically wrong.

7. *What is the value or importance of property rights?* Property right encourages work. If there is no value on property, the some people will just be lazy and will not work.

8a. *Should people do everything that they can to obey the law?* No

8b. *Why not?* Laws are supposed to be kept because in anywhere we find ourselves, whether at home, school, workplace in the country, we have laws that are, are being given to guide us how to live. So once we don't obey or observe those laws automatically, there will be disorder. Laws are supposed to be kept, because they keep us in check and they keep us wherever we are orderly.

9. *Do you have any other thoughts about Paul or Peter?* Yes, both Paul and Peter, what I actually want to say is in general that first of all they were into a particular trouble and instead of them trying to find a way out or find a solution to their problem, instead they try to run away from their problem. They showed weak character by running away from their problem.

Participant Number: P03

Gender: Female

Age: 50 years old

Occupation: Petty trader

1a. *Which is worse, stealing like Paul or stealing like Peter?* Peter

1b. *Why is that worse?* Because it's against the law.

2. *What do you think is the worst thing about cheating the old man?* Because lying on sickness is not good.

2a. *Why is that the worst thing?* Because the old man gave him the money wholeheartedly.

3. *In general, why should a promise be kept?* Because the Bible say so.

4a. *Was the old man being irresponsible by lending Paul the money?* No.

4b. *Why not?* Others do not like people who are not generous.

5a. *Is it important to keep a promise to someone you do not know well or will never see again?* For me seriously is not important.

5b. *Why or why not?* As far as you will not see him again, it is not important because you cannot keep the promise.

6. *Why should someone not steal from a store?* Stealing is against God's ordinance and commandments.

7. *What is the value or importance of property rights?* The value of property rights is enshrined in the Nigerian constitution.

8a. *Should people do everything that they can to obey the law?* Yes

8b. *Why?* It is Biblical

9. *Do you have any other thoughts about Paul or Peter?* Stealing, lying, deceiving, and breaking into someone store is against the laws of the land and God.

Participant Number: P04

Gender: Male

Age: 40

Occupation: Teaching

1a. *Which is worse, stealing like Paul or stealing like Peter?* Stealing like Peter.

1b. *Why is that worse?* He can go to jail.

2. *What do you think is the worst thing about cheating the old man?* Paul in cheating the old man blocked the chance of help to others by the old mans.

2a. *Why is that the worst thing?* He lied on sickness, which could easily come on him.

3. *In general, why should a promise be kept?* A promise is to be kept because you may need such help tomorrow.

4a. *Was the old man being irresponsible by lending Paul the money?* No he wasn't.

4b. *Why not?* Because if you come to me for help, I will give you the help. It is what we call empathy, or is it sympathy? One of those anyway. You feel for someone.

5a. *Is it important to keep a promise to someone you do not know well or will never see again?* It is not important

5b. *Why not?* Why not make the promise? Hmm, maybe making the promise is because you really want the person to trust you or give you what you asked for.

6. *Why should someone not steal from a store?* Because it is against the law and you can be caught and be jailed because Nigerian prison is not a good one.

7. *What is the value or importance of property rights?* For freedom of movement and lack of fear of molestation by the law.

8a. *Should people do everything that they can to obey the law?* Yes

8b. *Why?* To avoid being punish.

9. *Do you have any other thoughts about Paul or Peter?* The two brothers, Paul and Peter have no fear of God. Their parents are unfortunate to have such bad children.