

# Assessment 1, Lecture 1 Technology / Engineering Ethics

1. **What makes an ethical person?** Identify persons who have famously held fast to their principles despite opposition and even when doing so placed them in danger.
2. **Can you think of an unethical role model for the youth of today?**
3. **Discuss one of the following topics:**
  - a. Honesty is the best policy.
  - b. The truth will set you free.
  - c. Honesty is something so tough and tempting. It demands self-denial and spiritual purity. Honesty counts even things that we may think simple and immaterial. Who doesn't sometimes behave dishonestly?
  - d. You are allowed to tell a white lie once in a while to spare someone's feelings; that's not wrong!
  - e. Is giving a bribe dishonest if I have to accomplish something?
  - f. To be honest with yourself, will make your life simple. Honesty is the best policy. Be honest and you are less likely to face any difficulties.
  - g. What are some advantages of conducting business with integrity? Some people say they have no responsibility beyond maximizing the value of the firm in financial terms. Can this position be defended? If so, how?
  - h. I try to be honest and treat others as I would like to be treated. I hope that others do the same. I believe it is very important to have empathy for one another.
  - i. If I am hungry and my family is starving, is it acceptable to steal food from the local supermarket?
  - j. Workers sometimes take sick leave or students miss class and stay off work when they are not sick. Is this acceptable?