Chapter 12  Ethics

One example of Natural or Cosmic Law is the Confucian idea of _____. This was proposed by Mencius to be the natural, innate capacity for moral discretion found in all humans.

(Answer: Hsin)

__________ ethics specifies forms of moral behavior by individuals or communities that contribute most effectively to the greatest overall happiness for the greatest number of persons.

(Answer: Utilitarian)

______________________ is one of the important sources of ethical guidance and moral authority. This theory holds that human moral action is grounded in the essential structure of reality itself.

 a) Cosmic or Natural Law
 b) Divine Command
 c) Charismatic Leadership
 d) Biblical Eschatology

(Answer: A)

A/An ___________ ethicist view ethics as the elucidation of a morality that is necessary, obligatory, and unconditional, irrespective of conditions or consequence.

(Answer: Deontological)

As a source of moral authority, the Bodhisattva in the Mahayana school of Buddhism is an example of a ______ _________.

(Answer: Moral Exemplar)
Livingston discusses three sources of moral authority. Cosmic or Natural Law and Divine Command are two. What is the other?

(Answer: Moral Exemplars and Prophets)

True or False: Shari’a is the Arabic name for Divine Law.
(Answer: True)

True or False: Gandhi, a Hindu, was assassinated in 1999 by a Muslim.
(False: He was assassinated in 1948 by a member of the Hindu Right Wing)

Livingston discusses three philosophical ethics. Two are Deontological and Utilitarian. What is the third?
(Answer: Virtue ethics)

Confucius used the word _____ to refer to the ethical path that was to guide both the individual and society.
(Answer: Dao)

Which philosophical tradition seeks to emulate the individual traits of exemplary people?

a) Virtue Ethics  
b) Utilitarian (Consequential) Ethics  
c) Deontological Ethics  
d) Morality Ethics  
(Answer: A)

KNOW: The Three Principal Traditions within Philosophical Ethics.