Ethics on Demand – Card Game

HOW TO PLAY:

Pick the card deck you want to play (student or working professional). Shuffle the cards and place them face down on a table. To determine who goes first, use reverse alphabetical

order with last names. The person with the last name closest to Z goes first. To break a tie between these individuals, the person with the first name closest to A goes first.

Step 1: The first player takes the top card and reads it out loud to the group. You have two minutes to describe how you would solve the ethical dilemma. Think about:

* What is the dilemma? What is the ethical root cause?
* What information do I need to find out? How will I find out this information?
* What steps would you take to solve this situation?
  + The ethical dilemma may be difficult to solve, but there is always an answer.

Your time starts after you have read the question. You can play in two ways:

1. The Easy Way

Step 2: You can ask your co-players to create additional information to get a better understanding of what the ethical dilemma is or you can create this yourself. Either way, you need to describe how you would solve the situation to the best of your abilities. Make sure your description provides the rationale behind why you are choosing the actions you have.

**Step 3:** Your co-players can provide supportive suggestions on what could have been done better and/or ask questions in general.

**Step 4:** Move on to the next player and card. Repeat steps 2–3. Everyone wins in this game.

2. The Competitive Fun Way

\*Print and use the “Additional Game Cards” in your deck.

Step 2: Have a question about the ethical dilemma? You have to ask your co-players to provide the answers. Also, anyone can shout out a way to make your ethical dilemma harder or easier during your turn.

Step 3: Describe how you would gather information about the scenario and how you would solve the situation to the best of your abilities. Make sure you provide the rationale behind your reasoning.

**Step 4:** After you have completed your answer or when the time limit has lapsed (whichever occurs first), you will be judged. Using the scale below, each co-player

will record a score (don’t show anyone the score). Each co-player should ask themselves, how well did the person understand and solve the ethical dilemma? What could have been done better?

**MOST scores should be in the 3-4 range.** Don’t give everyone a 5 or 6 because you want to be nice. That would be unethical in this game!

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| 1 = Very Poor | 2 = Poor | 3 = Fair | 4 = Good | 5 = Very Good | 6 = Excellent |

**Did you get a card that made you make a bad choice?** Oh well. You are still scored the same.

**Step 5:** Move on to the next player and card. Repeat steps 2–4.

**Step 6:** Once the game is done, assign one player to add up all the scores for each player. The person with the highest score wins.

**Step 7:** Take a moment to discuss the most unethical solution and the most ethical. Alternatively, discuss what you learned or just have a good ol’ laugh at some of the crazy answers. Ethics can be fun!

**Additional Rules:**

**Too many opinionated people having fun?** If multiple players give you an answer to the same question, the person who spoke first is the one you should listen to. They were the quickest after all. Remember, your time is still ticking away during this process.

**Too many extreme scenario details?** Too bad! Life throws us bad luck sometimes. You have ONE SILVER LINING to use – change a co-players scenario to better suit your life in a single turn.