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## APPLYING CHINESE PHILOSOPHIES TO MODERN DAY SITUATIONS

### REVIEW OF CHINESE PHILOSOPHIES:

1. Confucianism: Respect for family, hard work and education
2. Taoism: Keeping your life simple
3. Legalism: All power to the legal ruler



### MODERN DAY SITUATIONS:

Directions: choose any three of the situations below. For each of the situations, write how you think EACH of the followers of Confucianism, Taoism and Legalism would respond.

#### The Two Doctrines & Legalism

EXAMPLE:

- 1) A student sees an opportunity to take something they have really wanted, without being caught. How should that student act?
  - a) Confucian response: Would not take it, its against the rules.
  - b) Taoist response: Would not take it, having it might complicate their lives.
  - c) Legalist response: Would not take it, it's against the law.

- 2) A student knows that they are failing a class. Students from each of these doctrines know they will be in trouble when their parents find out. How do they handle this situation?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3) A student's friends smoke and are trying to get them to start. How do they handle this situation?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_

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4) A student has just found \$20 in the hall. What should they do?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) A student's parents have just spent a lot of money on a new outfit. The student has been playing around and has gotten ink all over it. What should they tell their parents, or should they?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6) A student really likes a new student in school, but all the other students are making fun of the new student's clothes. How should the first student act?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7) A student knows that an older brother or sister is cheating on tests. How should the student act?

a) Confucian response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Taoist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Legalist response: \_\_\_\_\_  
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