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***Stealing: Heinz’s Dilemma***

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| **Objective:** Read Heinz’s Dilemma and reflect on the ethicality of stealing in the story.  |

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in 3-5 sentences

**Directions:** Read the following scenario and answer the questions that follow.

In 1958, Lawrence Kohlberg, an American psychologist, conducted a study to determine the stages of moral development in children using the following scenario, titled “Heinz’s Dilemma”. While there since have been criticisms of his study (small sample size, use of only white males in his sample, amongst other criticisms), the ethical dilemma the character in his scenario is helpful for us to consider.

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| **Heinz’s Dilemma**A man named Heinz is married to a woman who develops a fatal disease. Heinz and his wife are devastated, but Heinz finds out that a local chemist recently discovered a drug that would cure his wife. The drug costs $100 to develop, but the chemist is charging $2,000 for the drug. Heinz petitions his family and friends for help, and he is able to raise $1,000. When he approaches the chemist, the chemist refuses to sell him the drug for $1,000, saying that because the drug required his intellectual knowledge, labor, and time, he will only sell it for $2,000. Heinz returns to the chemist’s shop after dark, breaks in, and steals the drug to save his wife. |

1. What do you think about Heinz’s decision to steal the drug? Explain your answer.

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1. What is the best counterargument you can think of to the argument you made in question 1?

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***Stealing: Heinz’s Dilemma* (Continued)**

1. Some people say that people like the chemist only do what they do because there is the potential to benefit their own family, arguing that if there were no reward, fewer people would innovate and therefore fewer things would be invented. Do you agree? Does that change your answer above?

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Consider some potential changes to the story and how they would impact how you perceive it:

1. If, instead, the sick person had been a stranger to Heinz rather than his wife, would your answer to question 1 change? Why or why not?

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1. What if the story offered more details about the chemist and the chemist’s life and family? What if the chemist had a name in the story? For example, “it took Luna 10 years to invent the drug that would cure this fatal disease. After that decade, she was in debt and trying to support her two children.” Would your answer to question 1 change? Why or why not?

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1. What if, instead, the inventor were not an individual but a company? Would your answer to question 1 change? Why or why not?

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**Stamp Your Learning for *Stealing: Heinz’s Dilemma***

**Directions:** Answer the following question in complete sentences. Your response should be 5-7 sentences.

Consider this statement: **Stealing is wrong**. How does the story of Heinz’s Dilemma complicate this statement? Try to explain 2-3 potential complications.

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