Six candidate ethical principles are given below essay sample

Philosophy

1. Golden Rule

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

EXAMPLE: If you are using a pirated software then think being in shoes of a person who has developed that software. All of his hard work is going in vein and he is getting nothing from you. 2. Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative

If an action is not right for everyone to take, it is not right for anyone

EXAMPLE: While using pirated software if you think that it doesn't make any difference to developer's income but, you think that if everyone started using pirated software then developer will get nothing from his software and then no one will develop any software because there is no income from that, which ultimately hurts the world as a whole. 3. Descartes' Rule of Change

If an action cannot be taken repeatedly, it is not right to take at all EXAMPLE: If you are downloading songs from unauthorized sites for free and you think that let me do it once next time I will download it from authorized sites. Thus you think that doing this repeatedly is unethical then doing it once is also unethical. 4. Utilitarian Principle

Take the action that achieves the higher or greater value

EXAMPLE:

5. Risk Aversion Principle

Take the action that produces the least harm or least potential cost

EXAMPLE:

6. Ethical " no free lunch" Rule

Assume that virtually all tangible and intangible objects are owned by

someone unless there is a specific declaration otherwise

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