

Consequences of Abolition Answer Key

(Sample Responses)

Scenario 1 - Social Media "Truths"

- Cause: Promoting morality as subjective feelings.
- Effect: Shared standards of truth collapse, leading to confusion and conflict.
- Why: Lewis warned that teaching values as "mere emotions" produces "men without chests" who cannot live with virtue.

Scenario 2 - AI in Education

- Cause: Replacing moral education with relativistic AI answers.
- Effect: Students grow up without grounding in objective value.
- Why: Lewis argued that moral education must shape emotions and reason, not dismiss them as opinions.

Scenario 3 - Genetic Engineering

- Cause: Manipulating children's traits to fit desires.
- Effect: Humanity risks losing freedom and dignity.
- Why: Lewis warned that controlling human nature leads to "the abolition of man," where humans become objects, not persons.

Scenario 4 - Corporate Influence

- Cause: Algorithms manipulating desires.
- Effect: People become controlled by outside forces rather than truth and reason.
- Why: Lewis showed that what looks like "man's power" is really some men dominating others.

Scenario 5 - Climate Ethics

- Cause: Rejecting universal duty to future generations.
- Effect: No shared moral ground for protecting the planet.
- Why: Lewis argued that without the Tao, higher duties vanish, leaving only self-interest.