

False Triumph Answer Key

1. Moral Dilemma

- Model Answer: Jared must choose between earning the scholarship honestly or cheating to secure his future.

2. Justification

- Model Answer: His actions are not justifiable because cheating undermines fairness and integrity, even though his financial situation makes the choice more understandable.
- *Teacher Note:* Accept responses as long as reasoning is supported.

3. Evidence of Internal Conflict

- Model Answer: The text says "a heavy knot twisted in his chest," showing that Jared feels guilty even after winning.

4. What He Should Have Done

- Model Answer: Jared should have either accepted his performance honestly or sought help before the test instead of cheating.

5. Short Response Example

- Model Answer: Jared's decision to cheat was wrong because it gave him an unfair advantage and left him feeling guilty. Although his situation was difficult and his family couldn't afford college, the text shows he knew it was dishonest: "He had achieved his dream, but he wasn't sure he deserved it." This line reveals that even success felt hollow because it wasn't earned. Jared should have trusted the studying he had done rather than compromising his integrity. In the long run, honesty would have served him better.
- *Teacher Note:* Encourage students to balance empathy for Jared's situation with ethical reasoning.