Computer Ethics

The **Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics** were created in 1992 by the Computer Ethics Institute.

1. Thou shalt not use a computer in ways that may harm people.
2. Thou shalt not interfere with other people's computer work.
3. Thou shalt not snoop around in other people's computer files.
4. Thou shalt not use a computer to steal.
5. Thou shalt not use a computer to bear false witness
6. Thou shalt not copy or use proprietary software for which you have not paid.
7. Thou shalt not use other people's computer resources without authorization or proper compensation.
8. Thou shalt not appropriate other people's intellectual output.
9. Thou shalt think about the social consequences of the program you are writing or the system you are designing.
10. Thou shalt always use a computer in ways that ensure consideration and respect for your fellow humans.

Part 1: Analysis

- Describe three (3) ways one could violate each commandment. Be creative! You can extend this to ICT in general.

Part 2: Synthesis

- Group the commandments.
- Summarize each group as a rule.

Part 3: Reflection

1. Legality & "Grey Areas"
   a. Are there US or International laws that enforce these rules?
   b. Do you think these rules should **always** be followed? Can you think of any violation(s) that could be justified?
2. For each statement below: Do you agree or disagree? Why? Could you rephrase it so that you agree with it?
   a. **Privacy:**
      i. Sometimes **computer hacking** is justified.
      ii. The government should be allowed to spy on anyone's **digital communications** in order to protect national security.
      iii. I should be able to access anyone's criminal record online.
      iv. Employers should have complete access to the **social network** accounts of potential employees.
   b. **Intellectual property:**
      i. I should be able to use computer software for free.
      ii. I should be able to stream or download music and movies for free.
      iii. **Intellectual property** should always be free.
   c. **Wildcard**
      i. An inventor shouldn't have to worry about potentially harmful ways someone could use their invention.
      ii. **Drones** or other **autonomous robots** should be used for commercial and military purposes.
      iii. How I use my computer is always my own business and no one elses.