

## MIDTERM

Hansel, Gretel, and Miley are brothers and sisters. Hansel is a well-known religious figure. Gretel is a teacher by profession, and Miley is a receptionist in a hotel restaurant. Hansel was assigned in a remote place where he is also the church administrator and have a few workers under his supervision. His religious ceremony is usually attended by so many because of his moral teachings such as loving, caring, sharing, humility and the like that impacts the lives of the people. For him these are the good values that he observed in his life and accordingly, it's just right that it should be shared to others.

Gretel is a music teacher but before teaching the music lesson, she would spend at least 30 minutes of teaching good moral and right conduct to her students because she believes that as a teacher and regardless of the subjects they teach have the moral obligation to inculcate good values to the students since they are the hope of the fatherland.

Miley is so admired by his co-workers because of her friendly attitude, she has no conflict with her boss, her fellow workers and even to the restaurant customers. It is because Miley has adopted to herself "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" and whenever they bond together, she even tell her co-workers to apply it also to their lives.

However, when there is no priestly activity, Hansel is so meticulous in terms of cleanliness that he usually shout to the workers if there are areas that are not yet cleaned. When it comes to his colleagues in the congregation, he was so envious of their accomplishments that he would question their capacity and competence. Whenever it is his day off, he would go to places such as bars far from his area of assignment where he would wear a hat and use dark sunglasses and introduce himself as a medical representative to avoid recognition when he drink in the bars and flirt with women.

Gretel, used to gossip into the private life of her co-teachers that triggers conflict between and among teachers in the school. She is also engage in lending (5'6 scheme) and lends money to those who are in desperate need but whenever they cannot pay on time she would lambast them not only frontally but also in the social media.

On the other hand, Miley had been attending a hearing in the Barangay Lupon for a complaint by several neighbors for alleged prying into their private lives. Not only that, she has records in the police blotter where she is charged of slander and physical injury that she inflicted to another woman in the market.

The brothers and sisters would go to their respective work and normally face the people as their daily routine.

## Questions:

1. Why should we act morally, is it because of necessity or for fear of cultural sanctions? Explain. (20 pts)

Acting morally depends on an individual. If you ask a typical individual, they will tell you that acting morally is required. People who are not in the proper state of mind, on the other hand, will not mind; they may do it out of need or may act immorally because they have no fear or, worse, because they have no idea what they are doing.

However, as a Christian who was raised by my parents to be exactly who I am today and who is constantly doing my best to do the right thing, I believe that acting properly is both a need and that we should fear laws or fear doing bad things.

In the end, we are all flawed individuals bound in a sinful physical body. But, knowing that we should do good things and that we should fear cultural sanctions, we can act morally because we are brother's keeper of each other and it is the right thing to do.

2. Based on the above scenario, identify the acts that are immoral. (10 pts)

First is Hansel, who is easily irritated by minor things; he is envious and has a crab-mentality; he also flirts with other women. In short, he is driven by worldly things even though he serves God. Next is Gretel. As for Gretel, she teaches good morals though she also conforms to the pattern of this world in which she gossips, engages in lending, lends money, and is also hot-headed in terms of money. Lastly, Miley is professional in her field or profession, but she has a negative reputation in their neighborhood and with the police in her personal life.

3. In relation to no. 2 question, discuss the sibling's actions in relation to freedom and Responsibility. (25 pts)

In the scenario above, the sibling's actions are dependent on their emotion which are easily influenced or manipulated. And it shows in their actions where responsibility is compromised when freedom is encouraged, and freedom is stifled when responsibility rules. It is like they are wearing masks, and as I look at it, I think it is exhausting to change characters.

4. Suppose the siblings have their subjective interpretation of morality, what will be its implication? Explain. (20 pts)

When something is subjective, they are all changing. Moral relativism is the term used when there are diverse interpretations of morality. The belief that moral

judgments are true or false only relative to some particular standpoint (Sheena, 2017).

5. Suppose hypocrisy is present to the siblings, would you still listen and do what they say? Explain. (25 pts)

If ever I will meet them and were able to talk to them, I will still be willing to. But knowing that they are hypocrite (or even I am not informed) having a firm stand and knowledge, being able to filter what they will say, I will be good. In fact, being hypocrite is not a thing that someone would not do every time. And so listening to hypocrite is not always a problem but listening to hypocrisy is.

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