



SOAN211 - Leadership Seminar II: Rights, Ethics and Rule of Law

Final Paper

NOTE TO STUDENTS:

1. You are to choose only one of the two questions to answer. Students must read each question carefully before attempting an answer.
 2. Submission of the written speech is no later than 11:59pm, Saturday, 7th December 2024. No late entries will be accepted.
 3. Marks shall be awarded for clarity of expression, and properly structured speeches.
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QUESTION ONE

A new highway under construction has displaced some hawkers who regularly sell in the area. Commuters are excited about the new highway which eases traffic congestion but the hawkers are returning to continue their trading along the highway since their objections were ignored by the Highway authorities. Their goods have been seized and their kiosks destroyed. Some have called it a matter of failed leadership but others are of the opinion that the problem is an attitudinal one stemming from the citizens.

1. You have been tasked with presenting a paper on behalf of the government. With your understanding of followership and duties and rights, address the hawkers on the active role and stance they can take as citizens and followers in a good society.
2. Your speech must help them understand their responsibilities and rights and must touch on the good leader vs the good follower argument.
3. You are to submit a written speech for marking before the oral presentation.
4. Your speech must be no longer than **4 mins** long.

QUESTION TWO

In the utopian city, Omelas, “everyone” lived in happiness and prosperity. However, the city's bliss came at the cost of a single child who is kept in perpetual suffering, locked in a room. The citizens of Omelas are aware of this moral sacrifice; while most accept it as necessary for their joy, a few cannot reconcile their happiness with the child's misery. These individuals silently leave Omelas, walking away to an unknown place.

The story of The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas reveals that building a good society often involves making difficult moral choices.

You are the new leader of Omelas, and you have been tasked with the role of developing a vision for the society considering past events in Omelas.

Using the concepts of justice and equality, utility and happiness, explain how you would shape your vision and explain in at least three ways how you will address the ethical dilemmas which will arise, especially concerning minorities and oppressed groups.

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