

Composition 2 (Pr. El Hadari)

- Lecture 5: Linking Words -

- 1) **Coupled with:** *used to combine or join something with something else.*
 - Crimes, coupled with poverty, make life in big cities hellish.
 - Hard work, coupled with patients, are the key to success.
- 2) **Providing (that) / Provided (that):** *meaning "on the condition that".*
 - I will come provided that I have enough time.
 - You can stay provided that you help me.
- 3) **As long as:** *meaning "while/since".*
 - As long as you are the leader of the group, I will join it.
 - The car will be in a good situation as long as you take good care of it.
- 4) **inasmuch as / insofar as:** *meaning "to the extent that/considering that".*
 - In consideration of the fact that we cannot judge him as useless, inasmuch he helps his poor neighbors.
 - It could not be true to say the exam was difficult inasmuch as a lot of students got high marks.
- 5) **By and large / on the whole:** *when everything is considered about a situation.*
 - We faced some difficulties during our journey to New York, but by and large, the trip was enjoyable.
 - I found some problems writing my monograph, but by and large, it was a very good experience for me.
- 6) **In case:** *meaning "If it happens that".*
 - In case she is late, I will preside the meeting.
 - You can call me in case of need.
- 7) **Conversely:** *meaning "In a contrasting way".*
 - While her husband was a democratic voter. She, conversely, is a republican one.
 - None of them accepted his suggestion. Conversely, they developed their own plan and defended it.
- 8) **Accordingly:** *meaning "as a result".*
 - The exam was too difficult. Accordingly, most students had bad marks.
- 9) **Alternatively:** *used to suggest another possibility.*
 - We could visit Rabat, or alternatively, we could go to Marrakesh.
 - You can go to the cinema, or alternatively, you can play football with your friends.

Euthanasia

Euthanasia or simply **mercy killing** can be defined as the practice of intentionally (on purpose) ending the life of a person who suffers from **intractable pain**. It is one of the **hot issues** which have caused a **heated debate** at the levels of law and ethics. **The proponents** / supporters of Euthanasia set forth a number of arguments to support their **stance** on this issue. **Personally speaking**, I **spine that** Euthanasia should be considered an illegal and immoral act.

According to the proponents of Euthanasia, it is a basic human right **in the sense that** people have the right to freely put an end to their lives and decide on their fate/destiny. It is **the cardinal principle** of self-determination. The supporters see Euthanasia as a **silver bullet** / magic solution for those who have no hope of recovery. It can help them to die as a better choice **compared to** the decision to live and endure pain. **One more point to add is that** pro-Euthanasia activists strongly argue that it is unproblematic and that it does not actually lead to undesirable consequences. **To expound this point**, they make a reference to such countries as Netherlands and Belgium where Euthanasia has been legalized. **Overall**, they strive / try hard to make it a legal act to relieve the pain of those who are long-suffering.

However, from my personal point of view, Euthanasia should not be legalized because deliberate killing (on purpose) of a living human being is a crime which deserves legal penalty. None has the right to take someone else's life **under any circumstances**. There is an important ethical consideration which **should not go unnoticed**. Life is a precious gift from Allah, and only Allah can decide when to end it. **Thus**, Euthanasia is an immoral act against the will of Allah. **To this**, we can add that legalizing it is risky. It can lead to both moral and legal chaos as it can be held as a **pretext** to kill even those who doesn't really want to die. **Therefore**, efforts should be joined to combat it.

As a final note, I would like to say that Euthanasia remains a debatable issue in the world of today, regardless of whether the reasons its supporters set forth are fair and legitimate or not, **I firmly adhere to** the belief that it is an act which should be considered a punishable crime. Only Allah has the right to put an end to the person's life.