

**Assignment 02**

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**Statement:**

**Please write a note on three of the following Ethical Theories with at least one situation or**

**Scenario of it application:**

* **Consequentialism**
* **Deontology**
* **Human Nature**
* **Relativism**
* **Hedonism**
* **Emotivism**
* **Virtue ethics Theory**
* **Divine Command Theory**

Here are brief explanations of three ethical theories and an example scenario for each:

**Relativism:**

Relativism is an ethical theory that asserts that moral truths are relative to the individual or culture in which they exist. In other words, what is considered moral or immoral can vary depending on the context or perspective. For example, in some cultures, it may be considered morally acceptable to have multiple spouses, while in others, it may be deemed immoral.

**Scenario of Relativism:**

Imagine a scenario where a person from a culture that practices female genital mutilation (FGM) moves to a country where FGM is illegal and considered a violation of human rights. The person may struggle to reconcile their cultural beliefs with the laws and norms of the new country they are living in.

**Hedonism:**

Hedonism is an ethical theory that states that the ultimate goal of human existence is to seek pleasure and avoid pain. According to this theory, actions that lead to pleasure are considered morally right, while those that lead to pain are considered morally wrong.

**Scenario of Hedonism:**

An individual may be faced with a decision between two job offers. One job pays a higher salary but requires longer work hours and increased stress levels, while the other job pays less but has more flexible hours and a better work-life balance. According to hedonism, the individual should choose the job that leads to the greatest amount of pleasure, in this case, the job with a better work-life balance.

**Divine Command Theory:**

Divine Command Theory is an ethical theory that asserts that moral truths come from a higher power or divine authority. In other words, actions are considered moral or immoral based on whether they align with the commands or teachings of a deity or religious scripture.

**Scenario of Divine Command Theory:**

Consider a scenario where a religious leader instructs their followers to donate a portion of their income to the church as a way to support its activities and mission. According to Divine Command Theory, followers who obey this command are acting morally, while those who do not are acting immorally.