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Midterm Exam

ETHICS 101

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1. Identify a list of:
  - a. obligations we are expected to fulfill (ex. To pay one's debt)  
**-To help those people who are in need of help.**
  - b. prohibitions we are required to respect (ex. Not to eat pork for Muslim's belief)  
**-Showing respect to one's own beliefs.**
  - c. ideals we are encouraged to meet (ex. study to graduate)  
**-Passion and courage to fulfill one's own dreams/goals.**

Discuss whether these are ethical in nature or not. (Note: Make at least one list on each letter a, b, c,) 15 points

**-I do believe that the mentioned above are ethical in nature since the lists was based on what is good and bad. In addition, the lists was derived from good morals and set of standards that are based in ethics.**

2. Are clothes a matter of pure aesthetic taste, or does it make sense for clothes to become a subject in a discussion of ethics? Discuss 5 pts  
**-I do believe that it is a matter of pure aesthetic taste, because each of us has their own perspective and unique in every way.**
3. Are tattoos and piercings subject in the discussion of ethics? 5Pts.  
**-My answer would be both Yes and No, yes because some culture does not allow such thing to be made in their body. No, because some culture allow this to their body and it is considered as art.**
4. What type of egoism on this statement: "What I believe must be true if I feel very strongly about it" Discuss 5pts.  
**-I do think the statement is a type of "psychological egoism" because it is motivated by own interest.**
5. Is looking after the benefit of your own family over all other aspects considered as another form of egoism? Discuss. 5Pts  
**-Yes, I think it is another form of an egoism, because taking care of your own family is unconditional in nature. However, some may do this action because it benefits them.**

6. Imagine a scenario in which an image of someone who is the object of religious devotion (such as Jesus Christ or Mother Mary, the Mother of Jesus) is placed side by side with a naked image of a beautiful woman and a handsome young man.

Is this an ethical issue? 5Pts.

**-Yes, I do believe that it is an issue concerning ethical values. Because, these two holy images are considered to be conserved and religious believers would find it offensive.**

7. Your daughter is a relatively strong swimmer, but her friend is struggling to keep her head above water. You think there is a 50% chance that your daughter could wait for you to return, but know her friend will drown if you leave her. What will you do?

Is the scenario a moral decision or moral dilemma? Discuss 5pts.

**-I think it is a matter of moral dilemma, because the person is torn in choosing what to do in such a grave situation, and it involves life and death situation.**

8. Based in our discussion on ethics, how we will know that the action is ethical or unethical? What will be our basis? 5Pts

**-We will know if the action is ethical or unethical, based on the set of moral standards set by an organization. In addition, career fields have their own set of moral standards and it is strictly needs to be followed by everyone. Furthermore, I do believe that every human being knows what is morally good or bad.**

9. Is the invasion of Russia to Ukraine morally right? Discuss 5pts.

**-In my own humble opinion, it is not morally right because some innocents are affected by this decision and was deprived of peaceful living.**

10. Give a concrete example of ethical egoism 5pts.

**-A concrete example of ethical egoism is the decision made by the president of Russia. The president was thinking the benefits if he was able to conquer Ukraine, and was also thinking about the disadvantages of invading Ukraine. However, the president of Russia was able to come into conclusion that invading Ukraine would ultimately benefit his country, because he considered the action of Ukraine as threat to the safety of his own nation.**