1. **Friendship**

How many virtues of being a good friend can you suggest?

1. **The greatness of humanity: shining examples**

Source (adapted): <http://www.virtuesforlife.com/50-inspiring-people-of-2009/>

What virtue(s) can you find in each of the following cases?

1. On January 15, 2009, Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, miraculously landed a plane in the Hudson River, saving all 155 passengers and crew.
2. An 18-year-old cancer survivor, Carl Casper, who is legally blind, has collected and recycled hundreds of thousands of bottle caps for cash. He has raised 15,000 dollars with local businesses matching his gifts. All of his donations go to [the volunteer programme of] Philadelphia Ronald McDonald house where he spent a lot of time.
3. Postal employee Alan Girad spotted an apartment complex on fire and rushed into the burning building without thought of consequences. He, with the help of four other carriers who arrived at the scene, helped dozens of elderly residents escape the flames.
4. Albert Fischer has donated 40 gallons of blood over nearly six decades and said to Guideposts that giving is the “Greatest feeling.”
5. Bill and Melinda Gates announced that they will be donating $290 million to school districts in need of education reform, the largest education grant in a decade.
6. Brian Boyle, who was injured in a horrific car accident, recovered to become a triathlete. His memoir, Iron Heart, tells the story of his miraculous journey and how he overcame seemingly insurmountable odds to compete in the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
7. **Discussion**

‘In the newest view of personality, our traits are no longer seen as binary—you are either conscientious or you're not—but as dimensional, existing on a continuum. Not only does each characteristic fall on a spectrum, each holds the grain of its own destruction: Organized becomes obsessive. Daring escalates to risky. Modest slips to insecure. Confident turns to arrogant, cautious to anxious, persuasive to domineering, friendly to ingratiating.’

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/201309/when-virtue-becomes-vice>

Suppose a person has these virtues: Self-confidence, resilience, and fearlessness.

* Must he or she be a good person?
* Can you suggest what virtues should be added to this list?
* What problem would there be if he or she lacks awareness of his or her own fears and limitations?

1. **Read the following newspaper article and answer with your group members the questions provided**:

**Nurse sent home**

Shalveen Chand

Monday, June 23, 2014

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=272288>

THE nurse from Navua Hospital at the centre of an investigation for her alleged action that resulted the death of a newborn has been suspended and the minister responsible has apologised.

According to a statement issued by Health Minister Dr. Neil Sharma, they have suspended the Navua nurse alleged to have misdirected Akisi Naiuruuru.

Ms Naiuruuru was told she would not be seen at Navua Hospital even though she was in labour and was told to go to Suva instead, which allegedly resulted in a complicated delivery leading to the death of her infant daughter.

"This is an appalling case. A woman in labour should be examined and if a medical condition existed, she should have been referred to CWMH in an ambulance with a nurse escort," said Dr. Sharma.

"The question of this still birth needs to be investigated by our team, as this may or may not be result of the abnormal method of referral".

Dr. Sharma said medical staff work under pressure but common sense must be used under all circumstances if the public is to have any confidence.

He added the process and procedures were well spelt out but unfortunately certain renegade personnel derailed sound clinical practice.

Dr. Sharma apologised to Ms Naiuruuru and her family for their loss and said they would leave no stone unturned in this matter.

The minister has also directed the Labasa Hospital Acting Medical Superintendent to immediately complete investigations of the wrongly prescribed medicines issued to Ram Raji.

Dr. Sharma will travel to Labasa to address incompetence in service delivery and a senior management meeting has been called for this week as well.

Questions:

1. Why was the nurse from Navua Hospital suspended from duty?
2. Can you suggest any possible reason why the nurse did not accept Ms Naiuruuru who was in labour to be treated at her hospital in Labasa but told her to go to the hospital in Suva?
3. How would (a) deontology, (b) utilitarianism, and (c) virtue ethics, comment on this case?

(Hints: deontology – categorical imperative (moral principle), moral duty or obligation, ‘good will’; utilitarianism – ‘Maximize the net happiness for the greatest number of people’; virtue ethics – vices, virtues, context, balanced judgment, moral character, good life)

1. What virtues should a nurse have?