CHAPTER 10: UNITED NATIONS

1. What is the United Nations and when was it established?

- The United Nations (UN) is an international organization founded on October 24, 1945 after World War II. Its purpose is to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation, and be a center for harmonizing actions of nations.
- Founding members: 51 countries, including the USA, UK, China, and USSR.
- · Current membership: 193 countries

2. UN's objectives:

- · Maintain international peace and security.
- Promote human rights.
- · Foster social and economic development.
- Provide humanitarian aid in cases of famine, natural disasters, and conflict
- Uphold international law.

3. Principal Bodies/Organs of the UN:

- UN General Assembly (UNGA)
- UN Security Council (UNSC):
 - Members: 15 members, 5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK, USA) with veto power, and 10 elected members.
 - . Decision-making: Resolutions need 9/15 votes, but a veto from any permanent member can block decisions.
 - · Role: Maintain global peace, resolve disputes, and authorize military action or sanctions
- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Secretariat (headed by the UN Secretary-General)
- Trusteeship Council (inactive since 1994)
- 4. UN Humanitarian Assistance:
 - The UN provides humanitarian aid through agencies like the UNHCR (refugees), WFP (food aid), and UNICEF (children's welfare). Humanitarian assistance focuses on immediate help during emergencies and natural disasters, while human rights address longer-term legal protections.

CHAPTER 11: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 1. SDGs Program:
 - Program duration: 2015–2030.
 - 17 goals and 169 targets
- 2. Main Purposes of the SDGs:
 - · End poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all
- 3. Key Goals:
 - Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.
 - Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.
 - Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
 - Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

4. COP (Conference of Parties) under UNFCCC:

- COP 1: 1995, Berlin, Germany.
- COP 21: 2015, Paris, France, resulted in the Paris Agreement, which aimed to limit global warming to below 2°C.
- COP 28: 2023, Dubai, UAE.
- Significant COP for SDGs: COP 21.

5. 4 Key Points of the Paris Agreement (COP 21):

- Limit global temperature rise to below 2°C.
- Aim to limit the increase to 1.5°C.
- Countries to submit nationally determined contributions (NDCs).
- Regular review of commitments
- $\ensuremath{\text{6}}.$ Japan's Environmental Protection during the Tokyo Olympics 2021:
 - Medals were made from recycled electronic waste, showcasing environmental sustainability.

CHAPTER 12: PEACEBUILDING (Catholic views)

- 1. Three Phases of Peacebuilding:
 - Pre-conflict prevention
 - Conflict resolution
 - · Post-conflict rebuilding
- 2. Strategies for Promoting Peace (Catholic Views):
 - Dialogue, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and prayer.
- ${\tt 3.}$ St. Thomas Aquinas' Just War Theory:
 - Just cause.
 - Legitimate authority.
 - Right intention.
 - Probability of success.
 - Last resort
 - Proportionality.

CHAPTER 14: ASEAN COMMUNITY

- 1. Establishment of ASEAN:
 - Established on August 8, 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - Founding members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
- 2. Objectives of ASEAN Community:
- Promote regional peace, stability, and economic growth.
- 3. ASEAN Communities:

- APSC: ASEAN Political-Security Community.
- AEC: ASEAN Economic Community.
- ASCC: ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.
- 4. SEA Games:
 - Relates to the ASCC.
- 5. Fundamental Principles of ASEAN:
 - Mutual respect for sovereignty.
 - Non-interference in domestic affairs.
 - · Peaceful settlement of disputes.

CHAPTER 15: GAZA STRIP

- 1. Zionism & Hamas:
 - · Zionism: A movement for the re-establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.
 - Hamas: A Palestinian Islamic organization with a militant wing, often involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- 2. Israel-Palestine Conflict:
 - Began in 1947 with the UN partition plan.
 - Israel's creation: Declared in 1948 after the British mandate, supported by the UN
- 3. Main Potential War Crimes (Fact 8):
 - Both Israel and Palestinian groups (Hamas) have been accused of violations such as targeting civilians.

CHAPTER 16: CORRUPTION IN THAILAND

- 1. CPI (Corruption Perception Index):
 - · Ranks countries based on perceived corruption.
 - Top 10 in 2023: Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland.
 - Asian country in the top: Singapore.
- 2. Chalermachai's View on Corruption:
 - External influences blamed for corrupt mindsets include foreign political culture and global trends.
 - · Solutions include better education and cultural reforms.
- 3. Vicha's View:
 - Solutions include investigative journalism and stronger legal reforms.
- 4. General Prem's Call:
 - He urged the private sector to implement transparency and self-regulation.

Here are the remaining chapters summarized for you:

CHAPTER 17: DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THAILAND

- 1. Largest Market Drug in Thailand:
 - Methamphetamine (known locally as "Yaba" or "crazy drug") is the most prevalent drug in Thailand
- 2. MDMA and Cocaine Use:
 - . The small domestic market for MDMA (ecstasy) and cocaine is primarily consumed by wealthier individuals and foreigners
- 3. Public Information, Prevention, and Treatment:
 - . Thailand has focused on public awareness campaigns, rehabilitation programs, and treatment facilities to address drug addiction and trafficking

CHAPTER 18: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THAILAND

- 1. Environmental Issues in Thailand:
 - Deforestation
 - Air pollution
 - Water pollution
 - Waste management
 - Loss of biodiversity
 - Climate change
- 2. Most Critical Problem:
 - Air pollution (especially from vehicle emissions and industrial activities)
- 3. Main Causes of Air Pollution:
 - · Vehicle emissions, industrial activity, and agricultural burning
- 4. Greatest Threats to Wildlife:
 - Habitat destruction, poaching, and illegal wildlife trade.
 - Religion and Conservation: Thailand relies on Buddhism in its conservation efforts, promoting respect for all living beings.
- 5. Negative Impacts of Social Media on Environmental Issues:
 - · Social media can spread misinformation and fuel consumption patterns harmful to the environment.
- 6. Digital Technology and Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions:
 - Running AI technologies like OpenAI's ChatGPT requires significant energy resources, contributing to global GHG emissions due to the electricity needed for data centers.

CHAPTER 19: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THAILAND

- 1. Main Causes of Human Trafficking:
 - Poverty, lack of education, and gender inequality make people vulnerable to trafficking.
- 2. Countries Thailand Cooperates With:
 - Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar have signed MOUs with Thailand to combat human trafficking through joint efforts and cooperation.

- 1. Three Main Concepts (and Stories):
 - The Chained Eagle: Symbolizes the idea of being held back by personal or societal constraints.
 - The Story of the Bridge: Highlights the importance of collective efforts to build peace and understanding.
 - Breaking Free: Emphasizes the need for individuals to break free from bad habits or restrictive mindsets.
- 2. Lessons from "Building the Bridge":
 - . The story teaches the value of cooperation, forgiveness, and unity in achieving lasting peace and reconciliation.
- 3. Steps to Break Bad Habits or Build Good Habits:
 - . Willpower: The desire to change.
 - . Setting Goals: Clear, achievable steps.
 - Time and Consistency: Creating routines over time.
- 4. Life of the Eagle:
 - . After the first 40 years, an eagle must go through a painful process of renewal, representing transformation and adaptation in life. The lesson is about perseverance and embracing change.

CHAPTER 21: SELF-ESTEEM

- 1. Definition of Self-Esteem:
 - · Self-esteem refers to how much value we place on ourselves, including self-worth, self-respect, and self-confidence.
- 2. "Mens Sana in Corpore Sano"
 - . This Latin phrase means "A healthy mind in a healthy body." It emphasizes the connection between mental and physical well-being.

CHAPTER 22: SELF-KNOWLEDGE: JOHARI WINDOW MODEL

- 1. Founders of the Johari Window Model:
 - Joseph Luft and Harry Ingham in 1955.
- 2. Four Basic Windows:
 - Open Area: Known to self and others (e.g., public behavior).
 - . Blind Spot: Known to others but not to self (e.g., unconscious habits)
 - Hidden Area: Known to self but hidden from others (e.g., private feelings)
 - Unknown Area: Unknown to both self and others (e.g., unconscious potential).
- 3. Importance of Self-Knowledge:
 - · Self-knowledge leads to personal growth, better communication, and improved relationships.

CHAPTER 23: THE VALUE OF SUFFERING AND PAIN (Catholic views)

- 1. Lessons from the Story of the Butterfly:
 - * The story teaches that struggles are necessary for growth and development. Without overcoming challenges, individuals cannot gain strength.
- 2. Pope John Paul II's Answers to Suffering:
 - Suffering as Redemption
 - Suffering as Solidarity
 - Suffering as Hope
 - Suffering as Strength
 - Suffering as a Test of Faith
 - Suffering as a Call to Serve Others

CHAPTER 25: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (Catholic views)

- 1. Six Points for Choosing the Ideal Partner:
 - Faith, loyalty, mutual respect, shared values, patience, and willingness to grow together
- 2. Main Catholic Viewpoints on Marriage and Family:
 - Marriage is a lifelong union between a man and a woman.
 - Adultery, divorce, and abortion are discouraged.
 - Marriage contributes to the stability of society and the raising of children in a loving environment.
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}.$ Two Families Marrying Each Other:
 - This concept emphasizes the idea that marriage unites not just individuals but their families, fostering broader community bonds.
- 4. Catholic Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage:
 - The Catholic Church opposes same-sex marriage based on its belief that marriage is inherently linked to procreation and the natural family structure.
- 5. Pre-Sexual Marriage Practice:
 Pre-marital sex is discouraged
 - Pre-marital sex is discouraged in the Catholic Church because it believes that sexual relations should be reserved for marriage, where they are open to the creation of life.
- 6. Pope Francis on Marriage and Family:
 - Pope Francis emphasizes the rights of children to have a stable family, with a mother and father. He calls for families to be places of love, mutual support, and the nurturing of future generations.

CHAPTER 21: SELF-ESTEEM (Additional details)

- 1. Three Aspects of Self-Esteem:
 - · Self-Worth: How you value yourself
 - Self-Respect: How you treat yourself.
 - Self-Confidence: How capable you feel in handling life's challenges.

Let me know if you need further elaboration or specific information from any of the chapters!