

Lesson 8

Questions

Directions: You need to answer 3 questions from 1-7. Please number your answers on your submission with the same number as below

1. We sometimes say that to be a good person, one must be “true to oneself.” Do you think this is so? Give example
2. Do you believe that a morally good person will, at least in normal circumstances, also be assured of being a happy person? Why or why not?
3. If a sadist were to gain enormous pleasure from torturing his or her victims—in fact, more pleasure than the pain suffered by the victims themselves—would the sadist’s cruelty be morally justified?
4. Is there anything you would find worth dying for? What?
5. What qualities do you consider to be the most important virtues a person can possess? What are the qualities most valued by our society?
6. Under what circumstances, if any, is it permissible to lie? What does your answer indicate about the justification of the principle that one ought not lie?
7. In certain parts of India, some wives have traditionally been expected to share the funeral pyre with their just-departed husbands. In what terms is it possible to criticize or object to such a practice? In some parts of Africa, young women have been expected to undergo the painful operation of clitoridectomy. In what terms is it possible to criticize or object to such a practice? In many countries today, infant boys, or sometimes young men, are expected to undergo the painful operation of circumcision. In what terms would you criticize or defend such a practice?