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ASSESSMENT NO. 2

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Answer as briefly as possible and direct to the point.

1. Are all pleasures commensurable? Can they be evaluated on a single scale? Can some goods like friendship, be balanced against other goods like money?

No, because the way we discovered pleasures within ourselves was totally different and pleasures are not commensurable. But for me when we talk about friendship and money, it's not balanced. I appreciated and valued the pleasures I got from my friends more than money. Yeah, sometimes when we have something we desire, money will give us pleasures, and once we are hard-working, we can quickly find money, but a genuine friendship is hard to find. As long as you have friends who love you, if you have no money, they will be part of your quest to making money.

2. Mill revises utilitarianism by arguing for "higher" pleasures. Which pleasures are higher?

The pleasures that are more valuable than lower ones. For example, the pleasures of learning things and of helping others are more valuable than the pleasures of eating and drinking. A higher pleasure is also if people would choose it over a different pleasure even if it is accompanied by discomfort, and if they would not trade it for a greater amount of the other pleasure.

3. Mill proposes that higher pleasures are those preferred by the majority of people. Do you agree that this is a good way of distinguishing between higher and lower pleasures? Can a well-informed majority prefer higher pleasures?

I don't agree because some of those majority are inconsiderate and very wrong. What if this majority preferred drugs as their pleasures? Or drinking and smoking even sex? We all know that using these products and doing those things are prohibited in minorities. We can't really tell that majority of people is a good way to distinguish a higher or lower pleasure. For me, pleasures can't distinguish between higher or lower in majority. But we can distinguish it by ourselves. Pleasures are infinite and we have different pleasures in life based on our goals, wants, and status in life. Pleasures are different in every individual. Besides those pleasures there is also pain, suffering, struggling, and sacrifice in life. I think that majority is just the summation of all the answers but behind those majority there is no considerations at all.





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4. Does utilitarianism questions individual rights? What if violation the civil rights of minority increases the sum total of pleasure of the majority?

This is a concern of Utilitarianism, as laid out by Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill; “it is the greatest happiness of the greatest number that is the measure of right and wrong.” The difficult that quickly emerges is as you describe. Utilitarianism stumbles on this (this is now considered ‘act utilitarianism’), but subsequent philosophers have sought ways to step past this problem.

Karl Popper, for example, suggested a negative Utilitarianism, where ‘increasing pleasure’ is replaced by ‘minimizing pain.’ In this context, the increased suffering of the minority overarches the pleasure of the majority. Meanwhile, R.M. Hare proposed the notion of ‘preference utilitarianism’, which abandons the ‘hedonistic calculus’ of utilitarianism in favor of a system that promotes the interests of individuals.

Ultimately, it probably all points to Utilitarianism being a good set of notional ideas, but impractical in reality.

5. Do you agree that happiness is the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain, and that all actions are directed toward pleasure?

I don’t believe that the pursuit of happiness is to be in avoidance of pain, because in that case it would be escapism which would ultimately land you in a cyclical loop of quick happiness and pain.

We all want what feels good, but why we want it is the dictating factor. Is it to escape an uncomfortable feeling in the moment? Or is it because we would appreciate having that experience?

However, in pursuit of happiness, by understanding and working through our pain and downfalls is what leads to true happiness. By doing this you are letting go of the pain to embrace and appreciate your happiness.

6. Are all pleasures comparable, even objectionable pleasures? What if the majority derives pleasure from being sexist?

Pleasure is defined as the feeling of satisfaction and enjoyment. With regards to the question if it is comparable, YES, it is. Considering the enjoyment and satisfaction that an act brings to the person doing it, the feeling is the same. As such, many types of pleasure are comparable. However, it differs on the approach, the goal and the effect of the act done for pleasure to the other party or individual in which the action refers to or affects. For objectionable pleasure such as pleasure derived from sexist comments, sexist acts and other related unpleasant forms of pleasure inducing acts, it gives negative effect to the other party. However, the sense of satisfaction of the doer is still the same.





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7. Is it justifiable to build a basketball court because there are basketball fans than to build a hospital because there are fewer sick people?

The answer depends on one's perspective, though. But for me, the answer is **no**. It is never right to build a basketball court just because there are basketball fans while there is no hospital for sick people. If there is budget, put those priorities first. Take care for your co-human beings, treat them, and let them heal. Basketball courts can wait if there are still money left from the budget. Health **must** always come first and also, *health is wealth*.

If there are enough hospitals to accommodate sick people, then that's the right and perfect time to build a basketball court for basketball fans. But if you know that there isn't enough room to treat sick people, then you must think twice before spending the budget for something else.

8. When is it justifiable to torture suspected criminals?

Torturing suspected criminals is never justifiable. Just like how you described them, they are just suspected or alleged criminals. Remember how anyone is considered innocent until proven guilty? Since they are still humans, criminals have their rights and are still secured somewhere by the country's rule. They may have been deprived of their civil and political rights, but since they are still residents of this world, they still have fundamental human rights protections that protect them.

