



SUBJECT: **Ethics**
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This paper carries 40% of the global mark of the exam.

SECTION A

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 20 marks.

Question 1 Case-study: Samuel on Happiness



Samuel lost his sight in one eye when he was five years old due to cancer. He then relapsed and lost his sight in his other eye.

"At first I panicked. I didn't know what to do. Then I started to get used to being blind and I realised that I can't solve the problem by crying and nor could my mum solve the problem with crying. So we just had to get on with life," he said.

"There are many people who are worse off than me. There are children who have nothing to eat, nothing to wear, and they're also blind and can't talk, boom, all at once. I'm comparatively lucky." The most inspiring part of it all is how he describes his condition.

"I don't just see black like most people think. My imagination makes an image of what's around me. I have no limit. If someone says this room is one colour, I can imagine it in every colour I want. I call it mind modelling," he says, adding that he used to be a big fan of model building but he's now had to develop new talents.

"One door closes, a hundred others open," he added.

Adapted from <https://lovinmalta.com/news>

- Samuel has a very positive outlook on life. How does this make him happy? Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- Explain the difference between pleasure and happiness. Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- Give **THREE** examples of responsible life-choices that you have made. Explain how these choices contribute to your overall happiness. Discuss in about 80 words. (10)

Question 2 Case study: Lauren's Story: Cyberbullying



'Well, I was best friends with this girl called Susan. We had this huge fight and we stopped being friends. When I went to school the next day, I noticed that people were suddenly avoiding me, and even my group of friends wouldn't talk to me. They just completely ignored me.

I started to notice other people in the school pointing at me and whispering things and laughing amongst themselves. When I arrived home I had a lot of new emails,

some from people I didn't even know, saying all these things about my private life they couldn't possibly know.

Then I started getting text messages saying things like, 'I hate you' or 'Why don't you just die?' That's when the police got involved. They traced the numbers from the threatening messages and visited the offenders and they eventually discovered that I had supposedly sent all my friends a message telling them all these secrets about my life, which was a complete lie.

Susan must have logged on with my username and password. You just can't tell what might happen if your details end up in the wrong hands.'

Adapted from: <http://permod.lamp2.cloudsites.net.au/>

- a) What is the difference between cyberbullying and normal face to face bullying? Why is it that cyberbullying is considered to be more traumatic than normal bullying? Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- b) Why do you think people participate in cyberbullying? What are the moral considerations one should think about before bullying someone on the internet? Answer in about 40 words. (5)
- c) What are the positive and negative implications of being anonymous online? Discuss in about 80 words. (10)

SECTION B

Answer any TWO of the following four questions.

Write an essay of about 250 words on EACH question.

Each question carries 30 marks.

- 1 Explain the difference between open and closed communities. Illustrate your answer by giving an example of each kind of community.
- 2 What is the link between self-care and positive self-esteem? How does negative self-esteem affect self-worth and what could be the consequences?
- 3 Do we have a duty to take care of the environment and limit our use of resources for the sake of future generations? Justify your answer.
- 4 What are the arguments for and against capital punishment? What is your position on this issue?