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**YEAR 10** **ETHICS** **TIME: 1 hour**

Name: _____ Class: _____

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**1. True or False? Mark the correct box.** ***(15 marks)***

| | STATEMENT | TRUE | FALSE |
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| a. | Aristotle's idea of the Golden Mean is that happiness comes from owning a lot of gold. | | |
| b. | The more vulnerable you are, the more care you need. | | |
| c. | When someone uses negative language to put oneself down, it is a sign of no self-respect. | | |
| d. | The Ethics of Care is a theory which states that the more you care about the subject of ethics, the better your life will be. | | |
| e. | Bullying harms both the victim and the bully. | | |

**2. Tick the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.** ***(15 marks)***

| 2.1 | | **If someone is being bullied and you know about it, the best thing you can do is:** |
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| i | | ignore what is happening and look the other way. |
| ii | | fight the bully yourself. |
| iii | | tell the victim to stand up for themselves no matter what. |
| iv | | speak to someone who can help, even if the victim tells you not to. |

| 2.2 | | **Eudaemonia:** |
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| i | | is the name of the lung disease spreading in Greece during Plato's time. |
| ii | | is Aristotle's idea of happiness and human flourishment as a skill that can be learnt through hard work and practice, living a life of virtue. |
| iii | | is based on the teachings of the philosopher Hypatia of Alexandria. |
| iv | | is Aristotle's idea of happiness and human flourishment that comes from the simple pleasures of life. |

| 2.3 | | **The Golden Mean:** |
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| i | | refers to the average amount of happiness a person feels over a lifetime. |
| ii | | is the place between two extreme behaviours or attitudes where we find vices. |
| iii | | is the place between two extreme behaviours or attitudes where we find virtue. |
| iv | | is the teaching which says do not do unto others what you would not like done to you. |

| 2.4 | | **Some people in society require more care than others because they are:** |
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| i | | weaklings. |
| ii | | undeserving. |
| iii | | vulnerable. |
| iv | | independent. |

| 2.5 | | **People, animals, the environment, who are unable to speak for themselves:** |
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| i | | are expected to always be silent. |
| ii | | are referred to as the voiceless and we have a duty to speak for them too when in need of protection. |
| iii | | have no rights. |
| iv | | have no need for protection because they can take care of themselves. |

**3. Read the following passage and answer the questions.** ***(20 marks)***

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My name is Kendra and I am a 25 year old College student from California. My life during high school was miserable simply because I was very overweight. As a result, I was a very shy and quiet person, so that people would not comment on my appearance. Also having a face full of zits and gigantic glasses did not really help boost my self-esteem. I used to be teased and told in my face that boys, especially good looking boys, would not like me.

After this experience I decided that it was time to lose the weight. So I lost 23 kilos and it boosted my self-esteem but not as much as I expected; You see, I always thought that thin people had incredible self-esteem but what I forgot to think through is that I was overweight in my mind, and that the shy girl afraid of anyone calling her ugly or making a negative comment on her weight was still very much alive in my mind. What I am trying to achieve by sharing my story is to advise people that may have a weight problem and have a low self-esteem that in order for us to be happy, is to not only aim to work on our body, but instead try to shape our character as well; such as our way of thinking and our good habits. We need to develop ourselves and grow from the inside out.

I have learned to speak openly about my weight. If I lose weight, I will do it only because I want to and for myself, not for others. Now I can actually stare at a person who may call me fat and tell them that my appearance is none of their concern. I have learned to appreciate every compliment any person gives me and when I feel down I look into a mirror at myself and repeat the latest compliment I have received. Exercise has also helped me relieve stress and increase my self-esteem because I feel like I am doing something great for my health.

*(adapted from Leadersdirect.com)*

a. Briefly explain what it means to have self-esteem and why it is important.
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b. Give 2 examples of what Kendra can do to boost her self-esteem.

(4 marks)

c. When you reflect on the people bullying Kendra for her weight, what can you say about their own self-esteem? Why are they bullying Kendra?

(4 marks)

d. Briefly explain with an example from Aristotle's point of view, what Kendra meant by *"in order for us to be happy is to not only aim to work on our body, but instead try to shape our character as well: such as our way of thinking and our good habits."* (8 marks)

**4. Read the following passage and answer the questions.** ***(20 marks)***

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Kyoko was a 19 year old exchange student from Japan, studying at the University of Malta. While she was here she was feeling quite lonely and homesick so she decided to open an account on a dating application, in which she hoped she could meet some new and interesting people to be friends with.

After only a little while she already started matching with many young men but connected well with Robert, 24 years old, who looked like a nice person; attractive and polite and he showed great interest in Kyoko. He asked her to meet the following evening for a date and Kyoko was very excited to meet him so she accepted immediately.

The next day, Kyoko went to St. Julian's to meet Robert and after a while, she saw Robert approaching her with another man. She felt a bit uncomfortable when she saw that he was with someone else. There was nobody else in the street where they met. When he arrived, Robert was luckily as he portrayed himself on the dating app. He explained that his friend came just in case. Kyoko brought a friend as well, because it is after all, safer to meet someone new from a dating app with a friend rather than alone. His friend then left them alone. Kyoko and Robert proceeded to have dinner and a few drinks and were really enjoying their time together. Robert then invited Kyoko to go with him to his apartment and she quickly accepted because she enjoyed his company and he made her feel good.

They had a few more drinks at his apartment and as they got closer to each other they started becoming intimate. They both showed that they were interested in being intimate together. However, Kyoko remembered that she should be using contraceptives. Since they did not have any, they decided that it was a good idea to stop there.

*(Fictitious text, but based on real narratives)*

a. Do you think that being intimate on a first date from a dating app is for love or pleasure? Give reasons for your answer. (4 marks)

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b. Identify two risky behaviours that could have brought Kyoko into a difficult or dangerous situation. (4 marks)

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c. Identify one responsible behaviour made by Kyoko. Give a reason why this was a responsible thing to do. (4 marks)

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d. Identify one responsible behaviour made by Robert. Give a reason why this was a responsible thing to do. (4 marks)

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e. Are there any other risks from meeting people from dating apps and social media? Give a reason for your answer. (4 marks)

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**5. Write around 200 words on <u>ONE</u> of the following titles.** ***(30 marks)***

1. Discuss how a person can be happy and successful according to Aristotle's ethics.

2. People who respect themselves show self-care. Discuss this statement with application of ethical concepts and examples.

Title chosen: ☐

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