Ethics Applied Learning: Addressing a personal moral problem.

Ethics: Applied Learning Pre-Assignment

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS REQUIRED AND WILL BE GRADED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPLIED LEARNING ASSIGNMENT LATER IN THE COURSE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THOUGHTFULLY.

THE INSTRUCTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH FEEDBACK AND COMMENTARY, WHICH YOU SHOULD CONSULT IN ORGANIZING THE APPLIED LEARNING ASSIGNMENT LATER IN THE COURSE.

THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW, NOR ARE THERE ANY WORD MINIMUMS OR MAXIMUMS. BUT YOUR DESCRIPTION SHOULD PROVIDE A GOOD CHARACTERIZATION OF WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, THE CONTEXT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROBLEM, AND YOUR GENERAL APPROACH FOR TREATING THE PROBLEM. REMEMBER: <u>FEEDBACK FROM THE INSTRUCTOR WILL BE PROVIDED TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLIED LEARNING ASSIGNMENT LATER IN THE COURSE.</u>

Describe a moral issue or dilemma that you have faced or are facing. The issue or dilemma should be important to you and challenging. You should outline the problem providing some detail; give the reader a good idea of what you have in mind. Then, provide a description of your general approach to the problem. What are your reasons for approaching the problem the way you do?

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This assignment has three parts. Respond the following questions in no less than 1000 words. This is not a research paper, but should a source be quoted or paraphrased proper citations must be provided. Please put citations in the body of the paper and cite according to APA, MLA or Chicago style.

Consult comments, feedback and recommendations on the Pre-Assignment in preparation for completion of this assignment.

A) Describe a moral problem or issue you have confronted or are confronting. In this description you should 1) make clear the moral issue 2) describe relevant facts and aspects of the context that are essential to

comprehending the issue and the judgment 3) describe your judgment or decision and the reasons you made that judgment or decision. Try to go into some detail. What were you thinking or feeling at the time?

B) Second, apply EACH the following moral theories to the problem:

1) Utilitarian moral theory

2) Kantian moral theory

3) Virtue theory

Explain carefully how these theories apply to the case. What would the reasoning look like in each case? What judgment or decision would be rendered in the application of each of these theories? In applying these theories reexamine the facts of the case. Are there facts you originally missed or need to know to make a more informed decision or judgment? What are these facts? Provide clear accounts of how these theories apply to the case.

C) Reflect on the problem now in light of what you have learned in this course. If you were faced with the same or a similar problem now, would you take the same approach? Would you make the same decision or judgment? Did the study of concepts and theories in this course change the way you would approach or think about the problem? Explain how the theories or concepts have helped you develop or revise your thinking or your approach. Be specific citing examples. If the theories or concepts in this class would not change your approach or thinking, then explain why. Your explanation should include treatment of at least two theories or key concepts in the course. Show how these theories or concepts do not help you reason about or treat the problem. Again, cite specifics of the case in your explanation.