



Personal Values & Ideals

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1. Can you number the items in the list according to their importance in your life? (1 = most important, 6 = least important):

FAMILY	PEACE	BEAUTY	WEALTH
FRIENDS	POLITICS	FAME	
LOVE	YOUR HOME	FREEDOM	

2. What are the most important values for you? Things you really believe in?
3. You have a free day, with no school, no work, and no responsibilities. What would you most like to do with that day?
4. Do you consider yourself to be very idealistic?
5. What is your best quality as a person?
6. What do you look for in a friend? In other words, what is the most important quality you look for in a friend?
7. In your opinion, which of these are lacking in society? What personal values do you consider to be important? (Being polite, respectful, punctual, obedient, well-dressed, hygienic, tidy, helpful, understanding, hard-working, truthful, honest, loyal...)
8. What are your ambitions, hopes and fears?
9. Do you believe in "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"?
10. How do you feel/react when someone is rude to you? Describe a time when you experienced rudeness.
11. Have you ever been very rude to someone? If so, describe what happened? Did you regret your rudeness later?
12. Is it important to be respectful of our elders? Why / Why not?
13. Are the teacher in your school respected by students, or do students behave rudely?
14. Should everybody feel compassion for people in need? If so, would our world be a better a place? Would it be possible to give money to every homeless person in the street?
15. What's your opinion about environmental principles in your society? Are people aware enough of the consequences of not recycling? Is public transport used more



than individual vehicles? What about bags used in supermarkets?

16. How can you define 'ethical consumption'?
17. Do/Would you take your children to fast-food restaurants? Why / Why not?
18. What do you think of vegetarianism and veganism? What are their advantages and disadvantages? Why do you think some people decide to become vegetarians? Would you ever consider being a vegetarian? Why? / Why not?
19. Do you think it is moral to be prejudiced?
20. What is the purpose of business, in your opinion? Is it just to make money?
21. How can you define 'business ethics'? It examines ethical and moral problems that arise in a business environment, it is about doing the right things.
22. Are some jobs more ethical than others?
23. How ethical do you think these professions are? (accountant, banker, police officer, lawyer, nurse, dentist, teacher, taxi driver, car sales executive)
24. What examples can you give of businesses behaving badly?
25. Have you ever considered going to a developing country as a volunteer to help people in need?
26. Tiny villages versus mega cities - advantages and disadvantages (pros & cons).
27. Some people say sports like horse racing are cruel to animals - what do you think? Are there any sports apart from horse racing that you find cruel?
28. Is it fair to keep wild animals, like snakes, as pets? Do you think animals suffer or benefit from living with humans?
29. Do you think zoos are a good or a bad thing? Explain your answer.
30. What effect might global warming have on wild animals?