

## Abortion and the Concept of a Person:

Please respond to the following questions from the Jane English article on a separate piece of paper.

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1. List the various proposals for personhood from the various philosophers listed by English. Which of these, at first glance, seems most appropriate in your opinion?
2. List 10 of the common criteria for a person as stated by English.
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  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
  - g.
  - h.
  - i.
  - j.
3. What role does the fetus play in these criteria of personhood? What does English say about this issue?
4. What is *obscurum per obscurius*? How does this concept apply to abortion?
5. What example is given to show that you can kill innocent people? How does pregnancy relate to this?
6. How does English include abstinence and contraception in her “fanciful” examples?
7. Explain the idea, “coherence of attitudes”. What does English seem to be saying about this? Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. What conclusions result from English’s analysis of the concept of a person? Do you agree with these conclusions? Why or why not?