**Part A:** With a partner, you need to discuss the following cases below. Each group will present a summary of ONE of the cases on **Monday.** Space is available under each for writing notes, jotting ideas etc. **The complete summaries should be completed for each case.**

**Problem 1**

To think we raised our eyebrows when he started suspending himself from fine meat hooks in the mid-1970s. Now, performance and body artist Stelarc has really upped the ante. He's planning to have a human ear permanently transplanted on to his forearm. As finding a surgeon prepared to take on the task has proven tricky, Stelarc has teamed up with a group of other like-minded artists from Perth to start the project off by growing a small ear in a laboratory using human cells. This ear that will measure a quarter the size of a usual one will be an artwork in its own right, with Stelarc and the artists from the Tissue Culture and Art project hoping to exhibit it at the National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square in September. for more on STELARC visit <http://www.stelarc.va.com.au/>

**Provide one argument for and one against why the exhibition be allowed to proceed? Use ethical theories to assist you in justifying your answer.**

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# Problem 2

# Nike pulls 'insensitive' ad

Nike Australia has withdrawn a television ad which child protection groups condemned as "insensitive and inappropriate". The ad shows a group of teenage tennis players trying to impress their young male coach, with each turning into tennis star Serena Williams.

The ad was launched during the Olympic Games coverage on the weekend and comes just weeks after former tennis coach and Victorian teacher Gavin Hopper was jailed for sexually assaulting a former student. Joe Tucci from the Australian Childhood Foundation raised concerns over the ad and said regulatory authorities should take a second look at it.

"It's in what the ad suggests that the difficulty lies," Mr Tucci said. "There are a number of meanings you can give to that ad and one of them is disrespectful to young women.

"That's the sort of issue that needs to be considered, especially if they are going to be showing it at times when a lot of young people are watching and that's during the Olympics."

Nike Australia has apologised to those offended by the commercial and says it now believes it was inappropriate to be aired in Australia. Mr Tucci said the ad portrayed a disrespectful attitude towards young women. "We do see stories out there about young women and coaches, where the young women have been taken advantage of," he said.

"Advertising needs to reflect a better sensitivity to respectful relationships between adults and kids and I don't think this ad does." On hearing the ad had been pulled, Mr Tucci added: "I'm very pleased that they've taken this step and I think it shows a healthy respect for their clientele and for all young people really in Australia." But he says the company should also consider withdrawing the ad internationally.

Monday, August 16, 2004. 12:16pm (AEST)

[**http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200408/s1177083.htm**](http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200408/s1177083.htm)

**Provide one argument for and one against the question “Should the advertisement be withdrawn?**

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### Problem 3

### Film buffs are butting heads with censorship watchdogs on a number of fronts this week. In Melbourne, a Jewish community has gone to court to stop the showing of a controversial film by alleged pro-Nazi historian David Irving, in which he denies the Holocaust happened. In Sydney, attempts to show a 'banned' American film Ken Park were foiled by police, who were directed to seize DVDs of the film obtained from overseas. This is despite ready access to these and other banned films which can be freely downloaded from the internet.

### Provide one argument for and one against the question “Should the films be screened?

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**Problem 4**

**Woman sues doctors.**

The decision by a Sydney woman to sue two doctors over their failure to tell her that her fiancé was HIV positive. The Supreme Court has heard the 28-year-old, who cannot be identified, went to a medical centre in Marrickville with her future husband to be tested for all sexually transmitted diseases. She says her partner assured her his tests were clear but subsequently infected her with HIV.

**Provide one argument for and one against the question “Should the woman be able to sue the doctors?**

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# Problem 5

# Boy Chased by Police Impaled on Fence

# Sydney police yesterday arrested the man they were seeking the day teenager Thomas "TJ" Hickey was fatally impaled on a metal fence, sparking last month's Redfern riot. Police yesterday had to chase the man, 25, who was riding a bicycle, a short distance on foot before arresting him in connection with a bag-snatch robbery on February 14, said Detective Inspector Darren Bennett, crime manager of Redfern police. The hunt for a man who was recorded on video camera snatching a bag near the Redfern railway station the Saturday that 17-year-old TJ crashed his bike, is a key point of conflict between local Aborigines and police. TJ's family alleged that police chased him to his death. Police denied this and have used the search for the suspect to explain the high police presence around the Redfern housing estate where TJ was killed. "They were patrolling in the area for this person when the accident with Hickey took place," Mr Bennett said. "They weren't chasing anyone. That was the person they were looking for on this day."

**Provide one argument for and one against the question “Should the police pursue alleged offenders ?**

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# Problem 6

# Judge blasts authorities over baby abuse case

A Brisbane District Court judge has blasted authorities after a man convicted of child abuse was given joint custody of his newborn baby. The man physically abused the baby within days. The man was sentenced to 10 years jail. Judge Helen O'Sullivan said the offences were vile and despicable. She said the children were let down by not only their parents, but the Department of Children's Services and police. The court heard the man had abused another child four years ago, leaving him with cerebral palsy after breaking his ribs and leg and punching him in the head. The man was only punished for a minor offence after his pregnant wife took the blame for the abuse. She was sentenced to six years jail. After being born in jail, the new baby was handed over to the man and his mother-in-law. A nurse noticed bruising on the girl and the father later admitted to inflicting injuries on her, blaming frustration and stress. Tuesday, August 17, 2004. 6:50pm (AEST)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200408/s1178744.htm>

**Provide one argument for and one against the question “Should the man have been given custody**

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