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Question 1

No

Question 2

Yes , the gametes and stem cells.

Question 3

Yes during life it is only possible with explicit consent of donor. After death implicit consent is enough except for gametes and stem cells.

Question 4

It is only possible with minimal harm.

Question 5

Risk can be very high cfr TG case. All is depending upon expertise of ethics committee.

Question 6

Selling body parts or gametes is inadmissible.

Question 7

No

Question 8

I should be thoroughly convinced that the new drug is important not a new variant.

Question 9

No

Question 10

No

Question 11

No

Question 12

Yes moral duty to provide material after death when available to help other people. Body is pure "mechanic" and has no value after death.

Question 13

No it should be left to the volunteers.

Question 14

Yes but needs will always be greater than available means.

Question 15

Yes a compensation should be present.

Question 16

Never financial incentive for procuring bodily material against the rule of Kant.

Question 17

Money.

Question 18

No

Question 19

Yes, the first one is obligatory, the second is prohibited

Question 20

They will become more and more effective.

Question 21

Yes too much money involved

Question 22

By involving a donor's "advocate" (= physician as caretaker of the donor's arguments similar to barrister in court of law for civilian cases).

Question 23

Only for scientific investigation in anonymity

Question 24

Yes yourself is absolute, in the other cases certainly for a child the parent is the guardian but can sometimes not be considered totally objective.

Question 25

Yes if patient has not stated explicit will.

Question 26

Nobody = society

Question 27

Never = prostitution.

Question 28

No

Question 29

He has to receive a proper informed consent with the limitations on beforehand.

Question 30

No