SNC2D Task – Ethical and Moral Decisions Name:

The following contain a series of situations where your moral and ethical viewpoint will be challenged. If any topic is too uncomfortable, or upsetting, feel free to skip it. The purpose of the task is to encourage you to think about each situation from more than one perspective. Remember, just because something CAN be done, doesn’t mean it SHOULD be done. Circle the answers that apply to you, and then pick ONE scenario and expand on your answer with about 5-6 sentences explaining your rationale on why chose the option you did, AND why you didn’t chose the other option.

Scenarios:

1. An agricultural company has found a way to make tomatoes 50% larger by splicing new genes into the tomatoes.

Will you: a. Buy the tomatoes and have no problem eating them

b. Probably not buy or eat the tomatoes

c. Protest the company. It's not right to fool with mother nature!

2. You learn that you need a kidney transplant, but there are no donors available. A doctor suggests that you make

a clone of yourself, so that the kidney would be a perfect match. What do you do?

a. One is enough of me, I'll wait for a donor.

b. Clone myself, two is better than one.

3. A government organization is proposing to have all citizens of Canada submit a sample of their hair so that their

DNA can be scanned and kept on file. Each person's DNA would be kept in a national database so that police could

access the DNA when a crime was committed. Do you?

a. Support this legislation

b. Oppose this legislation

c. Suggest the legislation be modified, only people with criminal records should be scanned.

4. A company will do a DNA analysis if you submit a saliva sample. The analysis will tell you about genetic

abnormalities and connect you with other people you are related to. The test costs $100.00. What do you do?

a. I would take the test, I would love to learn about my family

b. I would not want to know about relatives

c. I would want to know my relatives, but not about genetic abnormalities

5. An insurance company is requiring individuals to get genetic testing performed to determine whether they have a

higher risk of heart disease, cancer, or other diseases. They are requiring that all people wanting health insurance

be tested. What do you do?

a. find another insurance company, that information is none of their business

b. submit my DNA for a test, I'd like to know anyway.

c. file a lawsuit against the company

6. Pet cloning is now available from a new biotech company. Your dog, Charlie, died last year but you can choose to

clone your pet for about 20,000 dollars. What do you do?

a. Find a strand of Charlie's hair as soon as possible. Can't wait to see Charlie again!

b. Let sleeping dogs lie. (Don't clone Charlie)

c. Use the money to donate to a local shelter and get your next pup from a rescue.