**Part I**

*Search the internet to find the following information:*

1a. Current cost of a MacBook laptop: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1b. Pick a movie you’ve seen that was made in the last couple of years.

What is the name of the movie? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much money did it make in the box office? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1c. Amount of money spent on this year’s Super Bowl: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1d. Amount of money spent on Black Friday of last year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part II**

How much money does it cost to save a child’s or adult’s life in the developing world? Find this statistic and *cite it properly*. (Different charity causes will provide different numbers for this. Just find any one site that gives an estimate.)

2a. $ to keep person alive for 1 day: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Source citation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2b. Then, do the math. If the money spent in Part I were used directly to save human lives, how many people-days could this have provided? That is, how many people could it have kept alive for how many days? (e.g. dollar amount in (1a) divided by amount in (2a), etc.)

1. People-days instead of MacBook: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. People-days instead of movie (box office): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. People-days instead of Super Bowl: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. People-days instead of Black Friday: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part III**

3a. Number of people killed in 9/11 attacks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3b. Number of people that die every year from hunger: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV**

How does this make you feel, and *why*? Are you moved by these statistics? Or, do you feel nothing? In contemplating these numbers, what do they make you think about our obligations to donate to charity? I’m looking for around 200-300 words of good reflection here, using ***reasons*** rather than just opinions.

Here are some questions you might consider:

* How morally important is it that other people are suffering? How much does it matter that it is very easy for us to prevent it? Does it matter that they are strangers to us?
* Do you think that we in the United States *benefit* from this suffering, even if we did not cause it directly?
* How far do our obligations to the global poor extend? How much should we be giving and when can we stop giving?
* What moral reasons besides just suffering are important when considering this case?