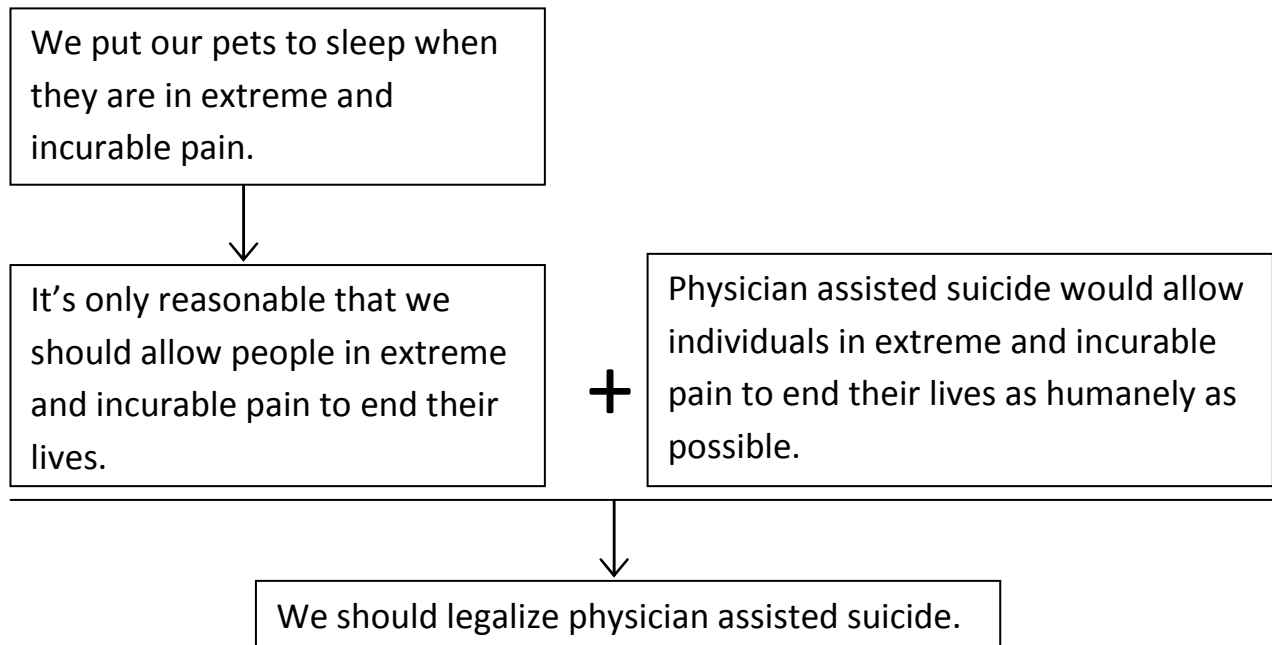


Gauge Your Understanding Exercises

Directions: Write brief answers to the following questions and compare your responses to mine.

1. What are dependent reasons?

2. Complete the passage for the argument diagrammed below by supplying appropriate expressions to fill in the blanks.



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_____ ¹ it's only reasonable that we should allow people in extreme and
incurable pain to end their lives, _____ ² physician assisted suicide
would allow individuals in extreme and incurable pain to end their lives as
humanely as possible. _____ ³ we should legalize physician
assisted suicide."

3. Diagram the argument in the following passage by correctly arranging the boxes and symbols below:

“Physician assisted suicide should remain illegal. After all, ensuring that physician assisted suicide remains illegal will preserve our respect for human life and it’s important that our respect for human life is preserved because every human being has dignity.”

Boxes:

Physician assisted suicide should remain illegal.

Ensuring that physician assisted suicide remains illegal will preserve our respect for human life.

It’s important that our respect for human life is preserved.

Every human being has dignity.

Symbols:



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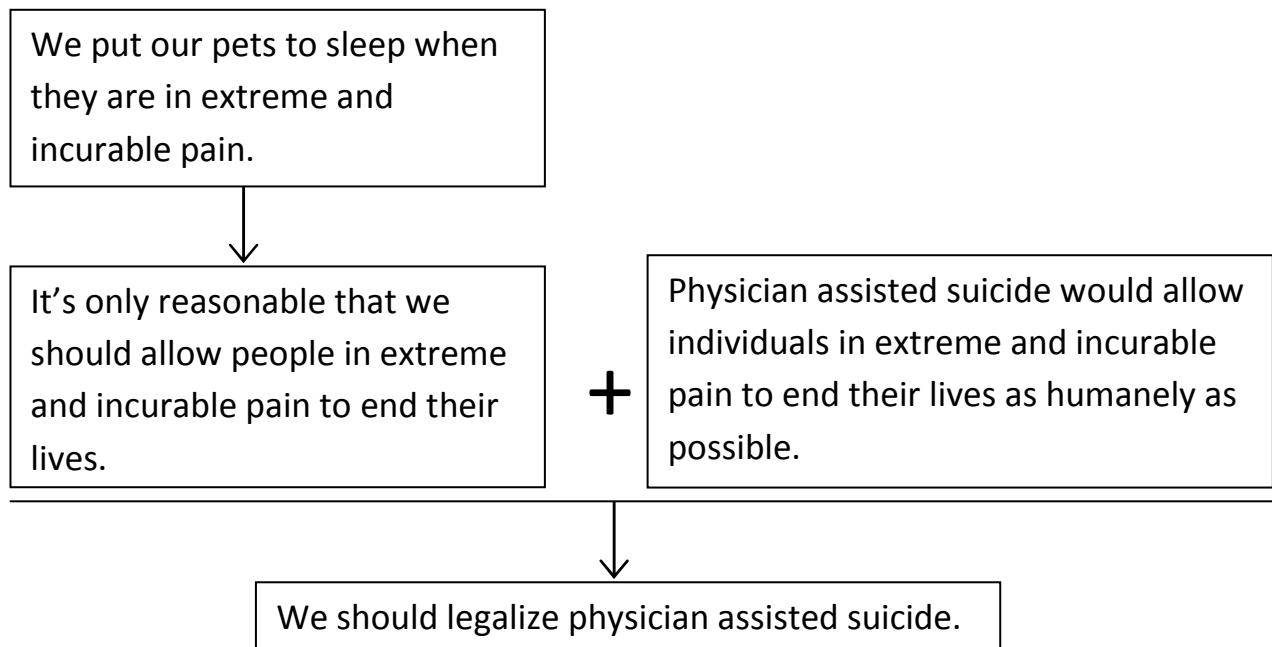
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My Responses

1. What are dependent reasons?

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The second blank should contain an inference eraser expression (e.g. “and,” “moreover,” “furthermore,” “in addition”)

The third blank should contain a conclusion indicator expression (e.g. “therefore” “thus” “consequently” “hence” “so” “this goes to show that” “it follows that” “as a result” “that’s why” “which implies that” “which means that”).

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