GATTACA MOVIE QUESTIONS

Answer on a separate sheet

1. Compare Jerome and Vincent. What were there strengths and weaknesses? In what way were they mirror images of each other?
2. Compare Anton and Vincent – the 2 brothers. How was Vincent able to beat Anton at swimming despite his weak heart?
3. If we were able to exclude the eccentric, the different, the misfits, and the weak, what would happen to our society?
4. Wouldn’t every parent want to ensure that his or her child was perfect and had the attributes of physical attractiveness, intelligence, and the athletic prowess to be able to do whatever he or she wanted in life?

If so, why is the society in Gattaca portrayed as a society devoid of happiness, vitality, and fun?

1. If you were the president of a corporation that could hire genetically enhanced individuals, would you do so?

If you didn’t how could you compete with corporations that did hire only the genetically improved?

1. What are the implications of this movie for our future?
2. What do you think is wrong with the society portrayed in Gattaca?
3. The character of the director (the murderer) told the investigators that there was no indication of violence in his genetic make-up. What were the screenwriters trying to tell us by this scene?
4. What limits should be placed on genetic engineering?

Should it be allowed at all?

Should it be limited to the elimination of disease and physical imperfections?

1. If you would permit human cloning, would the cloned have all the rights of “natural” people?