Beliefs Assessment Exercise

With a peer, read over the following critical thinking questions.

Select TEN (together) to discuss and then, individually, answer on your own paper using complete sentences and explaining why you have the response you do and on what you base it/where your belief came from.

* At what age should a person get married?
* At what age should a couple have children?
* Should a couple be married before having children?
* Should a person be allowed to commit suicide? If yes, when/why?
* At what age should a person be allowed to drink alcohol?
* What is the value of watching sporting events?
* What is your opinion of the welfare system?
* What should be considered “cheating” in a romantic relationship?
* At what age should a person be required to retire from work?
* At what age should a child start school?
* Is there any value to watching television?
* Should money go towards the exploration of space?
* Is there anything good about graffiti?
* Is the easy availability of online pornography dangerous?
* Some people say that all the world’s problems are caused by the fact that there are just too many people--overpopulation. What do you think?
* To reduce traffic congestion in Manhattan, someone has proposed that private cars be charged $20 a day to enter Manhattan. What do you think?
* How can we reduce littering in our city?
* Train and bus fares keep going up, but it seems that the service keeps going down. Is that fair?
* Should we try to negotiate with terrorists or be tough with them, even though this might risk lives?
* How much of your personal privacy would you be willing to sacrifice in the name of national security?
* For example, the PATRIOT Act allows law enforcement agencies to monitor the books an individual
* borrows from the library. Is that safe, effective, and fair?
* Some people believe that no one should live in cities, that everyone should live in the country. What do you think?
* Should high schools be permitted to distribute contraceptives to students without their parents’
* knowledge?
* Most people do not vote. Is this a serious problem?
* Should men and women always be paid the same amount for the same job?
* Suppose that instead of being married forever, people would get married for a five-year period with an option to renew. What do you think of this idea?
* The city is a very noisy place. What can be done to reduce the noise level?
* It seems that people are less polite to one another than they used to be. Is that true? Why or why not?

**Vocabulary/Term Set #1**

Metacognition/Critical Thinking

Socrates and the Socratic Method

Skepticism

Incentives