Reading questions, Singer, “Famine, Affluence and Morality”

1. Singer’s central argument rests on two assumptions. What are these assumptions?
2. Singer (p. 241) makes a distinction between a “strong version” and “weak version” of his second assumption. What exactly is the difference between them? Why is this difference important?
3. What are at least two objections that Singer considers to his view?
4. Why doesn’t Singer think that aid to developing nations should be considered ‘charity’?

Reading questions, Arthur, “World Hunger and Moral Obligation”

1. Arthur argues that Singer has forgotten an important feature of morality with respect to our obligations to the needy. What is this feature?
2. What is the difference between “negative rights” and “positive rights”?
3. What kind of moral code does Arthur sing is most rational to support?