

# Personal Identity

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NLN 101 Language & Writing Skills-2

## 1 Think about your personal identities

Ponder on the following.

- What defines the person we are?
- How do we talk about our personal identity?

There are some aspects of our identity that we have no or little control over. But there are also many others that we do have control over. How do the following shape the person we are?

1. Friends
2. Work ethic
3. Values and beliefs
4. Hobbies and interests
5. Strengths and weaknesses
6. Financial circumstances
7. Name
8. Family
9. Class
10. Caste or Sect
11. Religion
12. Gender
13. Language (We haven't discussed this in class. Think about this.)
  - Which of these do people usually use to judge someone's character and personality to determine their identity? Which do you think are the criteria that should ideally be used?

## 2 Classwork

Today is the NLN 101 Personality Pageant. The pageant is for those with personalities best suited to excel in the area of **social outreach and humanitarian service**. You are either a participant, a family member or a judge at the pageant. Based on your role, determine what you must do and say.

- **Participant** – your job is to convince the judges that you are the best person for the job of an ambassador for humanitarian service. Participants must
  - mention the social/humanitarian cause they wish to be an ambassador for
  - introduce themselves in 20-25 second and motivate why they should be chosen to be an ambassador for that cause.
- **Judge** – your job is to frame the best questions for determining the most suitable candidate for humanitarian service and outreach. Judges must
  - frame questions generic enough for a pageant of this sort, but must mould the question to suit each participant's cause.
  - ask 2 questions to every participant.
  - not ask questions about parts of one's personality that one does not have control over.
- **Family** – your job is to motivate and coach your family member who is the participant to win the pageant. Each family must also
  - ask one follow-up question to a participant (can't be their own participant!) after the judges' questions.