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Q. 1: Currently, government does not legalize the sale of organs hence their legal price is $0. The problem in the market originating due to this price is the creation of unlawful organ donation specifically the kidney because people need substantial financial remittance in exchange of their organs. This is because nearly 400,000 men, women and children are waiting for the organs to be donated. Kidneys can successfully be donated by living donor because of secure medical ramifications hence their illegal donations create various ethical and medical considerations.

Q. 2: People donate organs due to two factors; to nurture their financial condition and to foster their sense of productivity and altruism. The number of individuals donating organs due to financial considerations is prevalent and a very limited section of society intends to donate its organs due to ethical reasons. Hence, it is very hard to attain organs from living donors when the legalized price is $0.

Q. 3: If government amends its policies regarding legalized price of organ donation, there would be an imminent spell of lopsided distribution of organs in the market. Majority of the donors will intend to increase the price of their organs and suppliers will find it hard to buy such organs; there is an equal opportunity that no receiver would be willing to pay the desired price for donation. It will affect their business to a greater degree.

Q. 4: legalizing organ donation at desired prices will not maximize social welfare because those who are willing to pay the demanded amounts would find it easy to receive the organs whereas those who possess insufficient resources will stay unprivileged. Free sale of organs will create immense inequality in the society, widening the gaps between rich and poor.

Q. 5: I favor the current stance of government about pricing the donation of organs at $0 because all that one needs is to find a suitable donor, where there would not be any requirement of super- colossal amount of money to save lives.