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***Q1 Response:***

In the article “Divided Minds and the Nature of Persons” the author Parfit discusses both bundle theory and ego theory. The difference between these two theories are as follows:

*Ego theory:*

According to this theory, a person is defined as a single unified subject of experiences and there is something in the world that is basic which is “you”. All mental events like memories, emotions and different sensations are not basic even our experiences are not basic. This theory also explains that there is an inner self who experiences all the changing events occurring in one's life and although this “Self” changes with time yet it still remains as a continuous entity subjected to a person’s actions and decisions.

*Bundle theory:*

According to this theory, a unified self is just an illusion although each of us is still considered as a unified conscious being. Furthermore, all the mental events are basic and a person is just a bundle that includes all the mental events collection.

***Q2 Response:***

Scientists approached Dennett for a secret mission to disarm a nuclear device but there was one constraint. As the mission was dangerous to his brain, not body he had to leave his brain Yorick behind in the lab while his body Hamlet would perform the mission. During the mission, Hamlet had been destroyed while Yorick is still present and needs a new body Fortinbras. In the lab where Yorick was present, Fortinbras learns about Hubert. Huberts is the exact copy of Yorick and both can interact with Fortinbras. Now here the question arises that where Dennett is exactly. The answer to this question is that our brain controls our body and all the experiences and memories and emotions we feel are all because of our brain. So wherever the brain is our body is also considered to be there. In the case mentioned although Hamlet is destroyed, it was in control of Yorick and Fortinbras is also in control of Yorick. So although Hamlet and Fortinbras are different bodies yet they share the same experiences, memories, and emotions as their brain Yorick is the same. So Dennett is still the same Dennett but with a different body.