

Philosophy 3334 Summer 2020
Reading questions #20
Due Wed, July 1

1) Read Elizabeth Barnes "The Metaphysics of Gender." Which of Ama, Ben, Chi-ah, and Deena are females? Which are women? Explain why you think so. (And if you think you need more information for one or more of them, say what else you need to know).

2) Read The New York Times article "The humiliating practice of sex-testing female athletes." Sports is one area in life where some people think it is important for others to know if you are male or female. Imagine that you are in charge of determining who is eligible for competing in the women's events at the Olympics. How would you determine this? If it helps, almost all countries (all? I am not sure...) with Olympic athletes have sex as a legal category so you could, for example, just say that your country has to consider you to be female.

3) Try to think of other areas in life where you think it is actually important for the government (or others generally) to know what your sex is and list a few of them.

4) Do you have any further questions that you want to ask?