

“Designer Babies”

1. When PGD is used to prevent an inherited disorder, tabloids use the term ‘designer baby’. Is this an accurate term in such cases? Explain.



2. As well as using PGD to avoid having a child with a genetic disorder, PGD could also be used to rule out a number of other characteristics. List several examples.

3. What does ‘Eugenics’ mean? Explain, with reference to the Nazis.

4. So, what does the term ‘designer baby’ actually mean?

5. “If science can let me choose to have a child who is stronger or more intelligent, then it should be up to me whether I use the technology or not.” Do you agree? Give reasons on both sides before stating your conclusion.