Week 1 Discussion Questions: What are some things you should look for in a job? Why are these things important to you? What does “job satisfaction” mean to you?

Some things that I would look for in a job are: good pay, the excitement to get up to go to work, being able to use my skills, to get along with my coworkers, and to feel fulfilled with my job.

These things are important to me because I wouldn’t have to worry about having trouble in life. I would be able to take care of my house payments and wouldn’t have to depend on other people to help me with bills. I could buy a house that could be passed on to my family when I die.

Job satisfaction to me means being happy at your job, liking your coworkers, liking your boss, and if you like what you are doing for your career, working towards a greater goal.

I already have my dream job in mind that will give me great job satisfaction. A description of a job that I have in mind is one that works with animals. I would be happy working inside or outside, especially in a jungle or nature-like setting.

Some things I would be interested in doing in my dream job are: nursing animals back to health, finding good homes for the animals, ensuring that the animals are happy and cared for, providing vaccinations and monthly check-ups, and training them to be house broken, well-behaved, and to do tricks.

The kind of job I would like may be titled: zookeeper, veterinarian, animal trainer, or aquatic animal trainer. In order for me to get there, I would have a medical and science background in college, study animal behavior, animal habitats and diet, and make good grades.

In the meantime, in order for me to be able to achieve this goal I would have to volunteer at a veterinarian hospital, humane society, or the ASAP (animal shelter assistance program). The job that I can get to prepare me for my dream job is veterinary technician while I’m at school at UCLA.

I will have the greatest job satisfaction when I am working a job that I love. I am excited about following my dreams.

Love, Tanja