Blessed Are the Peacemakers

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences.

**1.** Define legitimate self-defense.

**2.** What is the Church’s teaching on legitimate self-defense?

**3.** Describe each of the six criteria for a just war.

**4.** What is your response to the following statement? A just war is not possible in modern times.

**5.** What is your response to the following statement? It is acceptable for some Christians to completely reject the use of violence, even in legitimate self-defense.

**6.** What is your response to the following statement? Moral reasons for using the death penalty “are very rare, if not practically non-existent” (John Paul II).

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