Rank	Instrumental Values	Rank	Instrumental Values
5	Ambition and hard work	3	Contribution and a sense of accomplishment
1	Honesty and integrity	1	Happiness
4	Love and affection	8	Leisurely Life
8	Obedience and Duty	5	Wisdom and maturity
6	Independence and self-sufficiency	4	Individual Dignity
7	Humility	2	Justice
3	Doing good to others (Golden Rule)	7	Spiritual Salvation
2	Treating people fairly	6	Financial success

1. Whether the values I consider are universal

Yes, there are specific values that I think are universal, as they are life-sustaining ones for human interaction and community life. Just like honesty and integrity, in my point of view, are essential in all societies, because trust is the symbol of union, it can be professional as well as personal. If we cannot stay honest with the other, it becomes unrealistic to construct a meaningful connection or maintain peace in larger connections. Parallelly, treating people fairly and doing good to others are the values that have been respected by every culture. All the time, expressing in the same way is not feasible. According to the Golden rule, the lesson that teaches people how to treat others as they deserve to be treated, is something that has a foundation in religions, laws,

and morals across the world. Another universal value I think is happiness because we, all the people, search for fulfilment and joy, irrespective of where we live or what culture we belong to.

These values, according to me, are universal as they shadow shared human requisites and desires. All people have some desire to be treated nicely with dignity; they should be esteemed for who they are and should be given equal opportunities. Values like honesty, compassion, and fairness make it within reach for people to work together with peace of mind. Sometimes, the cultures can not comply with the customs or conventional norms, but the essence of respect, justice, and kindness will remain the same in those cases, too. This universality is why I ranked all these values at the top, and I think all of them go beyond personal goals and showcase what is required for all people to live their lives in their own style.

2. Where and when do you think you acquired these values

All these values have emanated to me from my childhood, typically from my family, just like others. My parents stress honesty, fairness, and love. They not only teach all these values directly through their motivating sentences, but also instill those values in every aspect of my life. For instance, they taught me why and how I should tell the truth, and not avoid the repercussions. Also, they taught me the lesson to be helpful and kind towards others. Not only that, they also assisted me in realizing the urgency of compassion and treating people nicely. These early lessons prepared me to analyze the right and wrong deeds in my future life.

Eventually, other most important people like my teachers, the school supported all these values and taught me to take responsibilities, fairness, and to be respectful to others. My friends from childhood are also quite good guides from whom I have learned to be loyal, loved, and

affectionate in real-life relationships. These moments are also beneficial for me to see values not as a personal dogma, but also as the guiding stars of how to live and interact with others.

3. Culture's Role in the Development of My Values

Culture plays a flawless role in altering the way I absorbed the values, practiced them, and understood them in-depth. Just like my culture placed a hefty emphasis on others, honesty, and responsibility, which affected my measurement of ranks, those values are so high in my life. Cultural traditions, Holy Scriptures, and community expectations placed recurring cues on how to live with these values. For example, proverbs or scriptures sometimes show fairness and kindness, supporting the concept that people should treat one another with ease. These effects are not only shaped by beliefs, but also by my values in my day-to-day life.

Concurrently, culture decides which values should be given precedence. For instance, some culture highlights duty and obedience, while others stress independence and ambition. In my case, cultural influences inspire me to keep a balance between fairness, personal successes, and justice. Culture also serves as role models, like elders, leaders, or family members, who prioritize these values even more and make them easier to follow. Largely, culture acts as both a guide and a teacher, guaranteeing that values are bequeathed and restyled across generations while remaining rooted in personal identity.