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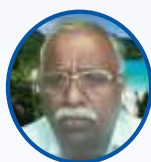
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# ETHICS

## 1. CUSTODIAL DEATH AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES

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- Q. Custodial deaths often highlight the misuse of power by law enforcement agencies. How can ethical guidelines and stringent accountability mechanisms be established to prevent such abuses and ensure the protection of individuals' rights within the custodial system?
- Q. Discuss the ethical responsibilities of law enforcement officials in ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals in their custody.
- Q. What measures can be implemented to balance the use of authority while respecting human rights to prevent custodial deaths?

## 2. ETHICS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT

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- Q. How will you term an act as Ethical or Unethical? What are the different grounds for Parliamentary ethics?
- Q. Is limiting the parliamentary scrutiny not a violation of ethics? Why and why not?

## 3. ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS:

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- Q. What is the value of a humanly restored environment compared with the originally natural environment?
- Q. If we as global citizens fails to achieve the targets of limiting the global rise in temperature beyond intended 1.5 degree Celsius, then who is at wrong? Individuals or politicians, or business or the human quest for material growth?

## 4. ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHILD BORN OUT OF IVF

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- Q. Given the ethical concerns surrounding children born through IVF, how do you think society should address the tension between technological advancements in reproductive methods and traditional beliefs that consider artificial reproduction as contrary to natural creation or the will of a higher power?

## 5. RISING CONSUMERISM- THE ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE

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- Q. How do you think businesses and individuals can navigate a path that balances economic growth with ethical considerations in the face of rising consumerism?

## **6. WORK ETHICS & MOONLIGHTING**

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- Q. How would you address the potential conflict of interest for civil servants if moonlighting is legitimized, given their role in public service and the risk of personal gains conflicting with their professional duties?

## **7. ETHICS OF PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION:**

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- Q. In the context of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in India, as a prospective civil servant, how do you perceive the balance between addressing public concerns through PILs and the potential burden it may add to the already-existing backlog of cases, especially ordinary ones?

## **8. RULE OF BULLDOZER**

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- Q. What is the nature and purpose of Punishment? Is it concerned with reform within the individual and society or vengeance?

## **9. ISSUES IN CIVIL SERVICES**

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- Q. In the context of Max Weber's concept of impersonal bureaucracy, how would you balance the need for formalization with the recognition of the role emotions play in efficient decision-making?
- Q. Considering the identified reasons for unethical acts, how would you promote a culture of integrity and conscientious decision-making within the civil services?

## **10. ABORTION: MORAL OR IMMORAL**

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- Q. In the context of abortion, balancing the right of a woman over her body with the right to life of an unborn poses ethical challenges. How would you navigate this complex terrain, particularly when there's a lack of consensus on when life begins?

## **11. INFLUENCE OF OPINION POLL**

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- Q. How do you propose maintaining the delicate balance between ensuring freedom of expression in opinion polls and implementing reasonable restrictions to safeguard the transparency and fairness of electoral processes?

## **12. ETHICAL DILEMMAS RELATED TO WAR (JUST WAR THEORY)**

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- Q. How do you view the ethical tension between the utilitarian perspective that justifies wars based on consequences and the Gandhian stance that deems all wars as inherently unjust?

**13. ETHICAL ISSUES IN SURROGACY:**

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- Q. Considering the concerns about surrogacy being seen as an act against God's creation, how would you address the ethical dilemma of balancing technological advancements in assisted reproduction with religious and cultural beliefs?

**14. EMBRACING EQUALITY: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN A NUTSHELL**

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- Q. As India navigates discussions around societal norms and LGBT rights, how do you envision the country addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by the growing global acceptance of same-sex marriage?

**15. DECEPTIVE TECH: NAVIGATING THE ETHICS OF DEEPPAKES**

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- Q. In the context of the rising prevalence of deepfakes and their ethical implications, how do you believe society should strike a balance between embracing technological advancements and safeguarding against the potential harms?

**16. WARS AND ETHNIC CONFLICTS**

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- Q. In the context of war and ethnic conflicts, the ethical violations are often intertwined with severe consequences for human rights. How do you perceive the role of international bodies and diplomatic efforts in addressing these ethical challenges and safeguarding human rights in contemporary conflicts? How can advancements in technology be harnessed to expose and prevent such ethical violations during times of conflict?

**17. SANCTIONS REGIME: UNDERSTANDING THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND COLLATERAL DAMAGE**

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- Q. If faced with the decision to impose sanctions for diplomatic goals, how would you navigate the ethical dimensions to minimize harm to innocent lives? Additionally, can you propose alternative strategies that achieve geopolitical objectives while upholding human rights and ethical principles?

**18. THE GIG ECONOMY: BALANCING OPPORTUNITIES AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES**

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- Q. In the evolving landscape of the gig economy, how would you propose fostering an ethical gig economy that ensures fair treatment, worker protections, and equal opportunities, while still allowing businesses to harness the benefits of this dynamic work structure?