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Section - A

1. Answer the following questions:

(a) There is a possibility of being ethical without being religious. Illustrate with example.
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

(b) Illustrate the contribution of Religious texts towards ethics and moral philosophy. Which Indian philosophy has inspired you the most and how have you been able to benefit during your preparation for civil services examination?
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

(a) Ethical behaviour sets the moral dimensions of the society.
Religious behaviour sets the cultural dimension of the society.

There is mutually dependent as well as mutually independent relationship between ethics and religion.

Ethics have borrowed many tenets from various religions like compassion.

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even towards non-living things
from Jainism; equality from
Buddhism etc. ✓

But there is a possibility
to perform ethical actions without
being in conformity with religious
tenets. ✓

There are certain religious
ideologies that promote unethical
behaviour. Thus religion is not
always ethical.

Ex: — Entry of women of all
age group promotes equality and
impartiality though it is not
religious. ✓

Religion and ethics should
work in tandem to create
egalitarian society.

do you think
that source of ethics
could be
internal in
addition to
external sources
such as religion?

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(b) India is a heterogeneous society with availability of various texts on religion that provides ethical and moral guidelines.

→ Buddhism "Abhidhamma" pitaka provides inspiration on philosophy of equality, compassion and practicing moral life.
Contribution

→ Hinduism text "Ramayan" provides for respect for elders, moral order and commitment towards your promises and goals.

→ Jainism text provides for no harm to anybody and a

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emphatic life.

→ Islam text adheres to equality of all and resisting violence.

"Nyaya" philosophy has inspired me the most as it focuses on reason and logic to plan your action.

During my preparation for civil services, it provided me to analyze the societal problems in an objective way and think of solution rational and without any prejudices.

It provided me motivation to work towards my goal to succeed in exam to bring logical change in society.

Discusses how religious have inspired leaders such as Gandhi etc.

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2. "Intolerance is destructive of a society's wisdom and conscience that can poison a nation's spirit and brotherhood". Discuss in the light of contemporary context and justify your answer. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Intolerance means non-acceptance and non-permissive behaviour towards an individual or group who are different in terms of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, etc., than your own.

Intolerance propagates a feeling of divisiveness and creates chaos in the society and disturbs moral order.

Ex :- ~~Ang~~ Aueiangzeb's non-intolerance philosophy promoted political & social instability and led to one of the factors

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for Mughal decline.

Intolerance behaviour damages the social capital of the society and create an environment of suspicion and uncertainty.

Ex:- Intolerance of Taliban towards women's education would harm nation's spirit and human right. ✓

Highlight how intolerance affects understanding like it leads to ignorance etc

Babri Masjid demolition, recent Godhara riots, Assam-Mizoram border clash - all are result of intolerance which led to harm of country's unity & fraternity.

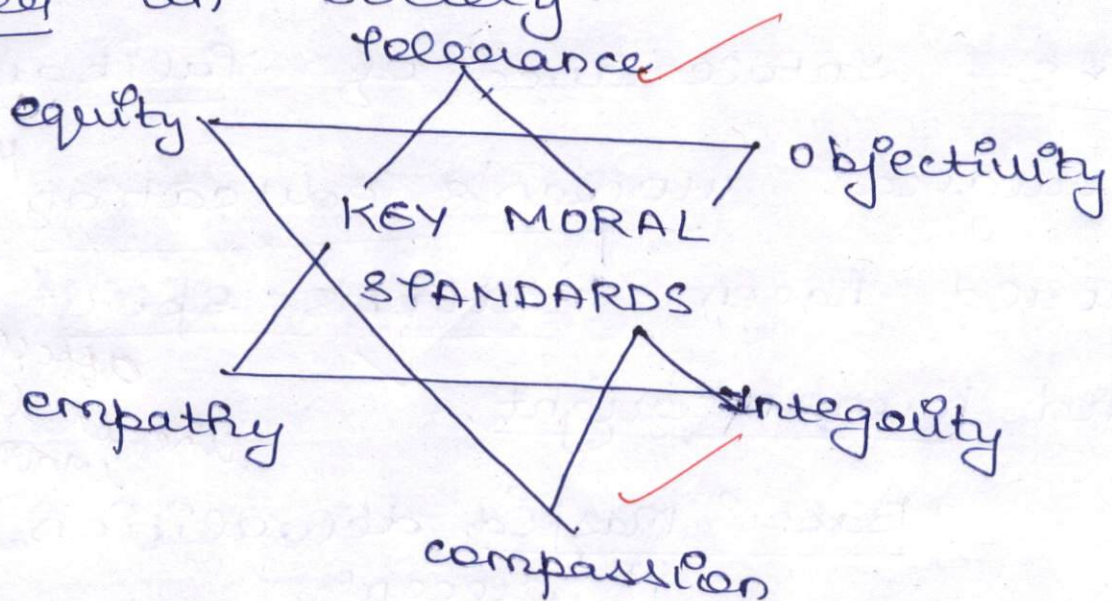
Tolerance is the key for accommodative society. ✓

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3. Having high moral standards and values in a highly immoral society is of no use. Critically evaluate. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Moral values and standards
 guides human action and behaviour
 such as to maintain social
order in society.



High moral standards and
 values would serve for
 an egalitarian society and
 promote ethical guidelines
 so that quality social

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capital can be generated.

Hence, In an immoral ^{moral} society, these [^] values and standards would be intolerant as it would be opposed by immoral forces.

In an immoral society, profit seeking motive is promoted even at public cost, personal interests are prioritized over community interests.

Thus, moral [^] values would not alter it as societal factors would work in a prejudicial manner. (3/2)

Remarks

But don't you think even one moral person can bring a lot of change like Raja Rammohan Roy did etc.

4. Answer the following questions:

(a) Examine Socrates' model of the just state of a healthy organism, where all the parts function for the benefit of the whole and the whole benefits the parts.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

(b) "Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people". Socrates. Discuss.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

(a) Socrates models points towards an Inclusive society where all the small institutions contribute for development of society and society in turn would maintain social order.

What are the various parts of states as per Socrates.

Ex: — Various parts of the democracy — Judiciary, Executive and Legislature work towards its strengthening and in turn democracy provides avenues and balance of power for their effective functioning.

Remarks

When all the parts of the society works in tandem, then only objectivity, transparency, integrity and uprightness would be maintained.

moral order requires that there is a two way interaction among society and telement and participative behaviour should be promoted.

→ focus on relation of citizen & state.

(3)

(b) mind generates the basic guidelines and framework, according to which an individual shapes their actions as well as behaviour.

● A person with a strong mind would have better emotional intelligence and cognitive skills and lead with example with practice of integrity, wisdom and uprightness.

He/she would strive to work for collective welfare and develop ideas.

Ex: — Gautam Buddha had a strong mind to analyze human

Remarks

suffering and provided ideas to relieve those suffering.

● A person with an average mind would limit their scope of enquiry and focus on specific events to justify their actions.

Ex: — ~~Britishers~~ used notions of caste differentiation among Indians to justify their rule over divided society.

However, they ignored village solidarity and rich culture of India.

● A person with weak mind falls under the grasp of subjectivity and prejudices and feels its imperative ^{to degrade} another people to gain satisfaction.

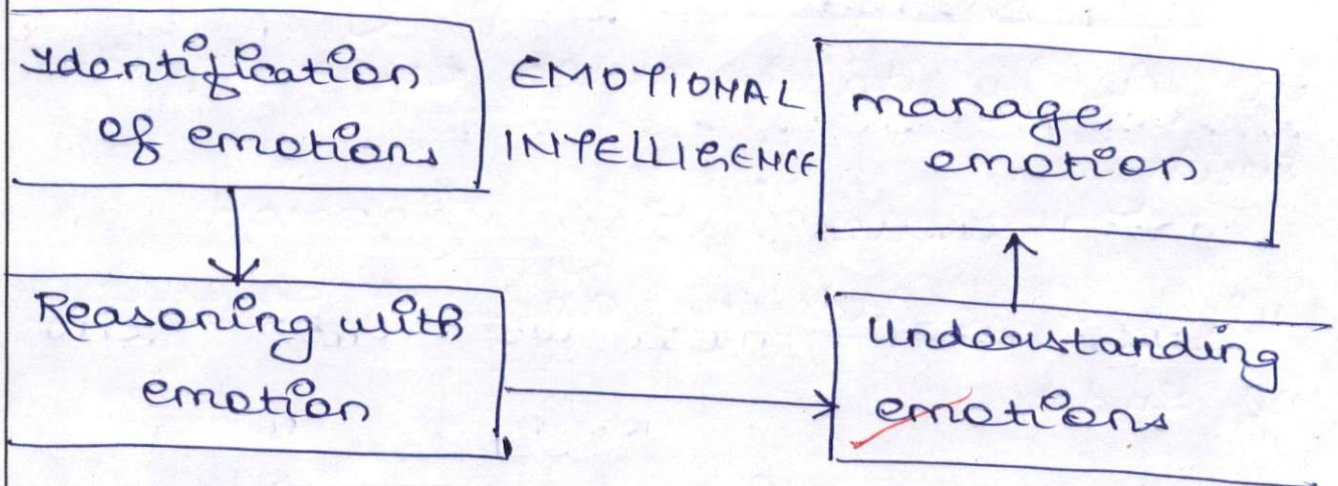
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(Y)

But don't you think Socrates may be wrong here too? what is your view?

5. Is it possible to impart emotional intelligence through training? Examine. and Emotional management can help a person to sustain losses and overcome setbacks? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Emotional Intelligence is to perceive the emotions of others and your own, understanding those emotions and then the management of those emotion.



Emotional Intelligence can be imparted through training :-

- ① by promoting induction programs.
- ② organize a role-play

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model in the training curricula

③ stress-release programs like cultural gathering should be promoted

Discuss what are the components of emotional intelligence

④ interaction with marginalised section for better understanding of their grievances and issues.

that can be developed with training such as personal awareness etc.

An efficient management of emotions can help a person to sustain loss ^{due to} ?

① Self awareness regarding your own emotions & its impact on others.

② Self regulated to prevent impulsive behaviour and handle situation calmly.

help in overcome heat of the moment etc.

③ Motivation towards the goal.

Emotional intelligence combines the emotion with cognitive abilities.

Remarks

✓

3 1/2

6. "Civilization in the real sense of the term consists not in the multiplication but in the deliberate and voluntary reduction of wants". Discuss the above statement in the light of Gandhi ji's Concept of Sarvodaya. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

"Nature provides enough for every person needs, but not for their greed".

What are values essential in society to call it civilized, like Compassion etc. — Mahatma Gandhi
The society works on the basis of various social, political and economic relations.

An ethical society is the one that provides for equity and impartiality.

For establishing an egalitarian society, wealth and power should not be concentrated and distributed around

Remarks

the society.

Ex:- Tata group spends a significant portion of their profit in the societal benefits.

Gandhi's concept of "Swadaya" rests on the promise of trusteeship. Wealth generators should act as trustees and earn wealth and then use it for positive change in society like promotion of education etc. Good!

Concentration of wealth leads to unequal society with various paradoxes present in India.

To promote equity, wants should be reduced to only fulfilling needs required for survival.

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7. What do you understand by social media ethics? Discuss the major ethical issues that social media faces today. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Social media ethics are certain level of ethical guidelines and values that social media must follow to maintain morality.

- political neutrality
- integrity
- transparency

Also introduce the rise of social media & its importance.

Key social media ethics

- accountability
- wisdom
- non-partisanship
- respect user privacy

However there are certain ethical issues that social media faces :-

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① increased political influence leading to conflict.

Ex :- Gent - Twitter tussle.

② pornography and deep fakes leading to harm to dignity of women.

③ ingraves into user privacy

Ex :- Whatsapp privacy policy.

④ lack of accountability

issues such as social & online abuse,

⑤ creates a notion around body shaming, racism leading to damage to integrity of target person. *propaganda tools etc*

Since social media has penetrated to deeper sections of society, it should follow ethical guideline to maintain social order.

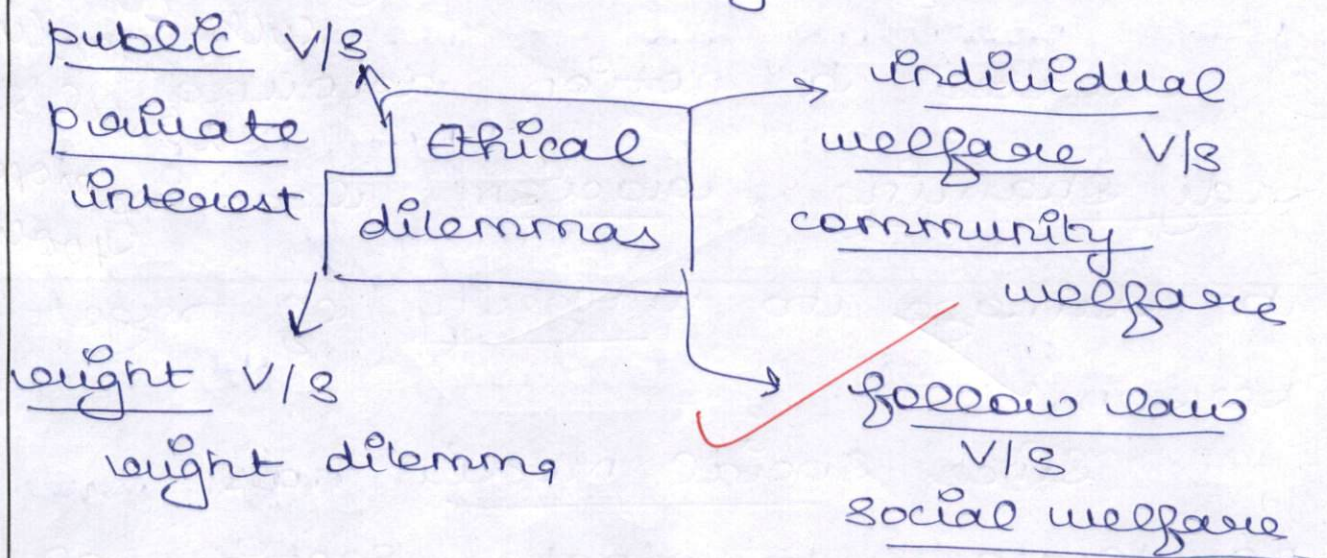
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8. What should be the process to resolve the situation of Ethical dilemmas in Public Administration?
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Ethical dilemmas are conflicting situation where one option is chosen among various available options where no option is wholly perfect.

In public administration, there are various ethical dilemmas, one may strike.



To resolve an ethical dilemma, one may follow

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following process :-

- ① Analyze the situation and its various parameters.
- ② Identify various stakeholders in the situation.
- ③ Prepare a list of options and analyze dilemmas present in them.
- ④ Every option should be scrutinised based on its merit and demerit and applying moral values like collective welfare, impartiality, wisdom etc.

Discuss what are various measures & values that should be kept in mind such as constitutional values.
- ⑤ An option with utilitarian approach or egalitarian approach should be chosen.

Ethical dilemmas need to be resolved in an objective and rational manner.

Remarks

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9. How aptitude is different from intelligence. Explain.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Aptitude is the competency to perform a certain task and it can also be perceived as "talent" to perform an activity.

also ability to acquire new skill?

Intelligence, however, is defined as the cognitive abilities to perform a task.

Aptitude and Intelligence

are different as aptitude works on a suitability to work for a task whereas intelligence is the knowledge required for the task.

Ex:- Sachin ^{Pandulkar} has Intelligence regarding cricket but to be

Remarks

a leader, M.S. Dhoni was considered more apt to be the captain of Indian team.

Intelligence can be acquired through books, academic courses and institutions like schools.

Aptitude is acquired by identifying ones weaknesses and strengthens and interest towards a chosen field. It can be strengthened through pragmatic ways like training.

Aptitude and intelligence also like Aptitude is related to future etc.

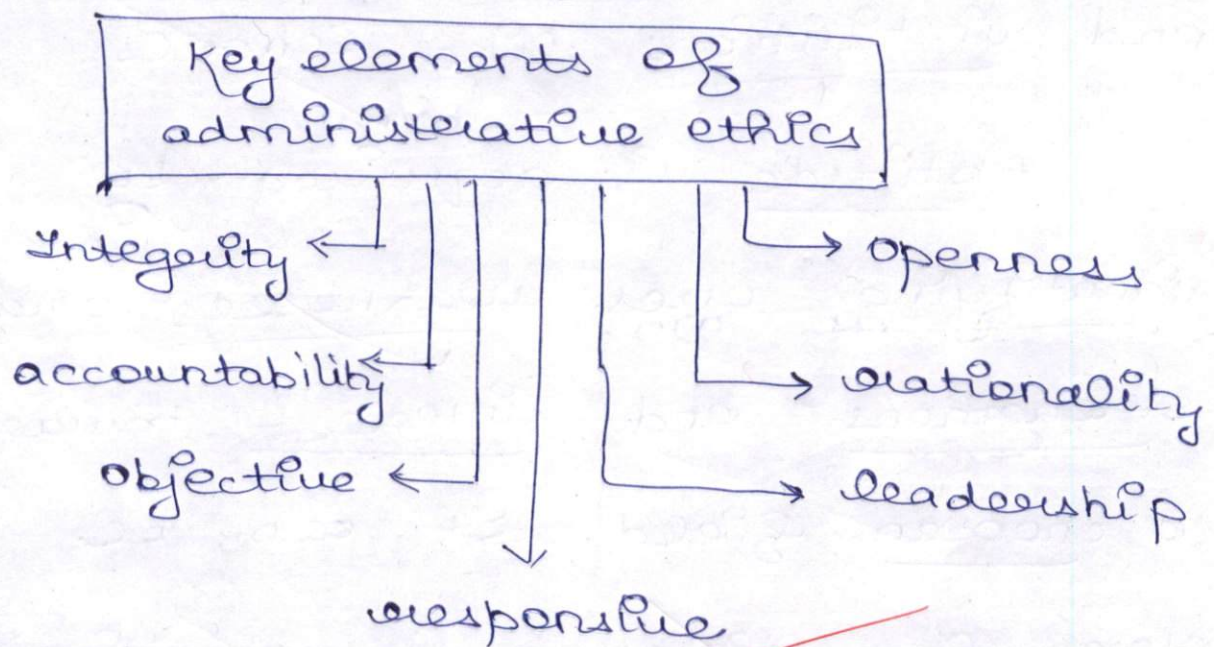
both are required for moral well-being of an individual.

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10. Administrative Ethics needed for efficient functioning of the administrative machinery.
Comment. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Administrative Ethics are the key moral standards and values that guides for ethical working of the organization.



Administrative ethics are crucial for functioning of administrative machinery as it promotes 3Es — efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

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It creates a organisational work culture that is ethical, as everyone is encouraged to be judged on merit; conflicts should be avoided and if happen would be resolved amicably; success should be appreciated.

Discuss how administrative ethics ensures trust in citizens

In an ethical administration, failure is not criticised but motivated to work harder; impartial functioning is taken up.

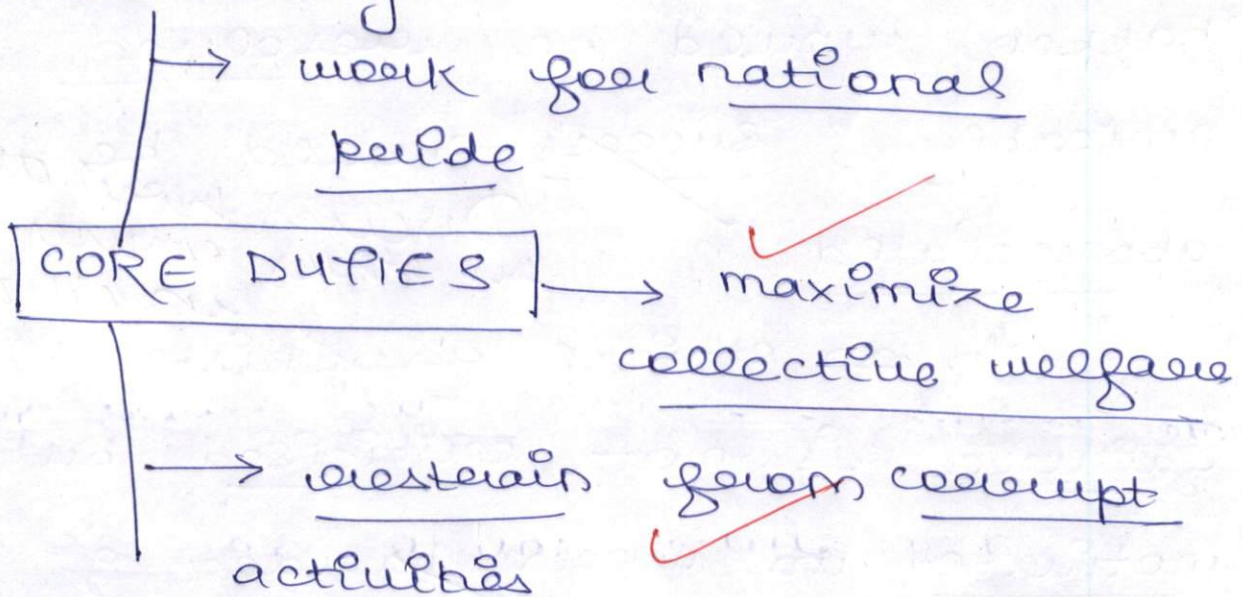
All these administrative ethics leads to efficient administrative machinery.

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11. According to many Philosophers Ethical behaviour should be defined in terms of duties as there are certain core duties that are imperatives and will always apply regardless of circumstances. Critically analyse. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Philosophers like Immanuel Kant, Mahatma Gandhi etc., emphasized upon the duties as the key guiding principle for a ethical society.



Core duties are the ones those are not situational but apply to everyone so that morality and ethical standards are maintained.

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Deviance from the core duties can promote chaos in the society and would lead to disorder in the society.

Ex: — deviance from duty to restrain corruption would lead to black money and parallel economy that could hamper social and economic development.

Core duties must be performed with efficiency and urgency to moral and social development.

Discuss how duties defines ethical behaviour.

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Section - B

In the following questions carefully study the cases presented and then answer the question that follows:

12. Suppose you are called as the Chief Guest in an educational institution to address a gathering of youth on the issue of 'cultural transition in India'. You confine your lecture mainly around one of the most apparent pointers of cultural transition taking place in the country, i.e. changing man-woman relationship with the latter being more open, forthcoming and assimilating. But the transition is marred by many sour and ugly events leading to sexual exploitation, honour killings and subjugation and defiance by male dominated office environment. After the lecture there is a question answer session. Answer the following questions that students and teachers posed in front of you:
- Are women outrageous in their liberty with regard to dressing up, breaking silence and asking their share in decision making?
 - What should be the "limits of openness" for women in a culturally transitioning India in an era of globalisation?
 - Is the institution of family responsible for the aberrant behavior of their male children regarding man-woman relationship?
 - What will you do as a Civil Servant to change the attitude of society with respect to women?
- (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case defines an case environment to discuss on the prevalent gender divide in our society, new empowerment of women is reducing this divide and various barriers in form of honour killings, patriarchy etc. which still hinders their growth.

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(a) With increasing social media influence and knowledge about the rights, women are coming out of the confines of their home and demanding and asserting their rights to choose a lifestyle they want and get a share in decision making process.

Do you think but many times parents become overzealous & promotes anti-men sentiments?

(b) In an era of globalisation, a woman should freely pursue her dreams, educational opportunities, job prospects and any other activity which contributes to their moral, economic and social upliftment.

There should not be any limit on her openness that aims

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to retard her progress and growth.

"limit of openness" should be there for protecting personal details, so as to be not misused by anybody.

↳ But could society & culture be completely ignored?

(c) Family as an institution provides for first interface of socialisation.

Thus, patriarchal working of the family and prevailing inequalities in the society leads to no proper gender sensitisation leading to aberrant behaviour of male children regarding man-woman relationship.

(d) As a civil servant :-

- ① I would plan community awareness camps
- ② Achievements of Rani Lakshmi Bai, Sarojini Naidu would be highlighted to create role models
- ③ adequate implementation of legal provisions

Remarks

↳ proper education plans etc

⑧

13. A region has been affected by the flood. It has impacted huge population and led to their displacement. Majority of them have no food and shelter. You are an officer in charge for relief and rescue operations in a flood hit area where a big section of youth, not having trust in the state agencies have agitated against the latter demanding secession. However, while carrying out relief and rescue operations, you find out that a select group of youth turns hostile, resorts to stone pelting against the soldiers and also using some violent methods. It disrupts relief operation. Force present on the occasion also retaliates and a few youth got injured in this incident. This further aggravates the situation. One powerful minister suspends two of your team members. Whole team is de-motivated. What options do you have to handle the situation?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The situation is of a disaster, management premise where displacement has taken place. To carry out relief operations, there are various ~~barriers~~ like hostile youth, violent activities etc.

The situation ~~also~~ leads to :

- conflict of interest
- organisational work culture ✓
- unlawful behaviour
- trust issues ✓

Discuss what are the major issues that need to be addressed.

As an officer in charge of the relief and rescue operation

Remarks

I have following options :-

I to suspend the relief work

This could be a short term term measure and would lead to deal with situation till relief is resumed.

However, it would harm the basic human rights and bring more impoverishment among displaced community.

→ this would be violation of your duty

II order for arrest of the youths involved in violence

you yourself may be suspended

It would lead to peace and stability and increase the efficiency of the rescue and relief operation as forces can now focus on it exclusively.

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However, It would display the intolerant behaviour regarding dissent and may even create more alienation and hostility among the community.

III motivating my team to carry out relief operation

Persuasion and value driven motivation for team to work towards the goal in adverse situation.

Doesn't solve the issue of youth hostility.

I would get III option to display quality of effective leadership and benevolence and perseverance.
Discuss how you could assure them proper justice will be done.

I would also engage with youth to redress their grievances and show compassion and empathy towards them.

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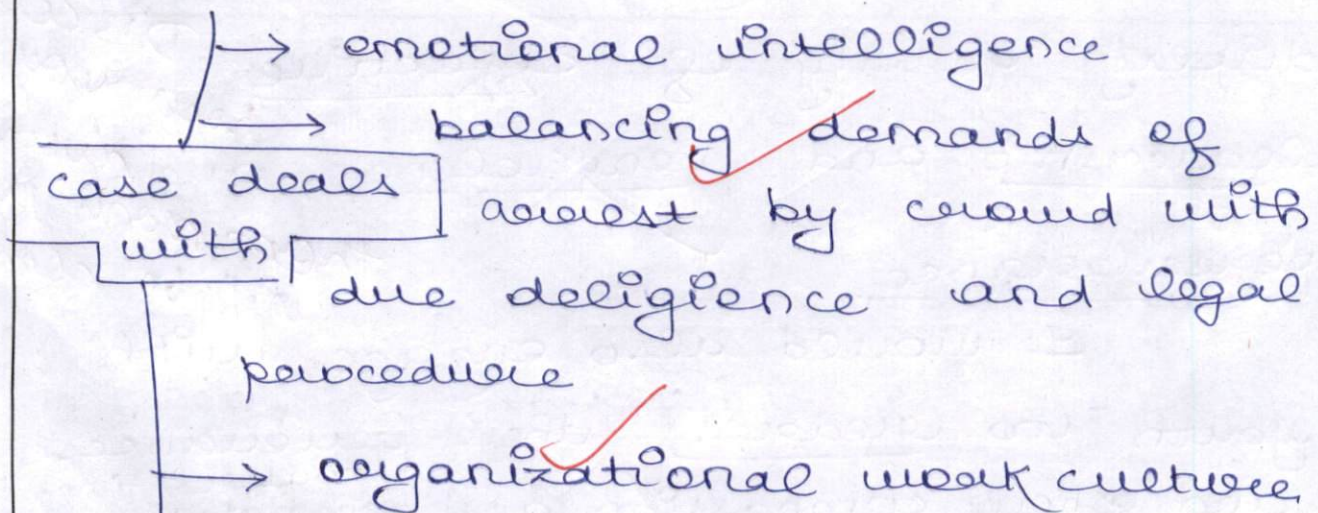
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14. There was a day-light murder of a very popular social activist who always raised the issue of poor and downtrodden before District Administration. He was very popular among the downtrodden. A strong and determined crowd of ten thousand people have assembled at the collectorate with the dead body demanding immediate action against the accused police officials who have failed to provide necessary security to the leader. People suspect that there is a hand of one powerful leader from the ruling party. You are the head of the District Administration?

(a) What are the options available to you?

(b) Evaluate the merits and demerits of each option and choose the option which you consider best, giving reasons?
(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The situation involves the murder case of a person having strong social influence and respect and a determined crowd who demands justice and impartial functioning of administration. There is a suspicion regarding the political influence.



Remarks

(a) As the ^{head of} district Administration, I have following options :-

- ① ~~disturb~~ disburse the crowd by using force ✓
- ② arresting or suspending police officials who are accused ✓
- ③ organisation of an enquiry ✓

(b)

① MERITS

Social order would be maintained and credibility of administration is maintained. ✓

DEMERITS Hampers the free speech and expression of the crowd, violate their right of dissent and seek accountability from administration. ✓

Remarks

↳ sense of injustice deepens

② MERITS

provide for swift action by
 administration, increase the
trust of public on the administration

DEMERIT disturbs the credibility of
police as an institution; unethical
move; create a demotivated work
culture.

*natural
 justice etc.*

③ MERITS

rational and objective way to
 gather information and taking a
informed decision.

DEMERIT may attract political influence,
violence may increase.

*also you
 need to convince
 people protesting*

I would go with option ③

as it provides me to practice
 qualities of perseverance, courage,
objectivity, wisdom, integrity and
non-partisanship.

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15. A young civil servant, after completing his training schedule, joined an assignment in a government department. He as a young and zealous officer tried to implement the ideas for change and improvement in the existing system by adopting innovative ideas and out of the box thinking, but found hierarchical set up too feudal in mindset to allow new thinking and experiment. He was very frustrated to find that he was just a small cog in the system with no say at all in the decision making. He also found that there was no mechanism to raise the issue without attracting the ire of his seniors. He decides to quit the job, which is too monotonous, onerous and lacking in space for new things and liberty to make things better. Answer following questions:

(a) What are the issues that a new entrant into the service face?

(b) Examine those issues and find possible solution. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The situation provides for a young civil servant who is motivated to perform his official duties and responsibilities with determination and enthusiasm.

However, it was faced with immoral organizational work culture which forces him to quit the job.

(a) There are variety of issues that a new entrant into service faces :-

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- ① personitization of interest
- ② corruption ✓
- ③ subjugation by superior
- ④ no place to grievance
redressal
- ⑤ asymmetry between knowledge
gained during training and
practical work environment
- ⑥ difficulty to apply cognitive
abilities in real life.
- ⑦ lack of innovation to improve
efficiency and effectiveness of
service delivery.
- ⑧ political influence lack of
meritocracy,
etc
- ⑨ frequent transfers of off to

Remarks

Speak against immoral actions.

(b) Solutions :-

- ① applying concepts of integrity and aptitude ✓
- ② Intolerance towards corruption
- ③ objective and rational decision making process. ✓
- ④ use of technology to bring efficiency in governance.
- ⑤ political neutrality and non-partisan functioning. ✓
promotion of innovation, etc.
- ⑥ Security of tenure for civil servants to raise moral actions without hesitation.
- ⑦ generating effective value for public money.

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16. Consumer Oriented growth combined with rapid product obsolescence and technological advances are new environmental challenge - the growing threat of "Electronics Waste" or "E-waste" that consists of obsolete electronic devices. Though the government has designed E-waste management rules but the implementation of it are poor. As a head of NGO what steps can be initiated to provide skill to the informal workers which are handling the e-waste and suffering from diseases arising due to it. Further how you may bring different stakeholders at one platform to initiate implementation of E-waste Management Rules. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

E-waste are waste generated due to inefficient and unscrupulous disposal of electronic waste like mobile, laptops, electric wires etc.

These waste are non-biodegradable and are penetrate into soil and releases toxins like lead, cadmium etc. which leads to pollution and harm to health of society and environment.

As the head of the NGO, I would suggest following steps to provide skill to the

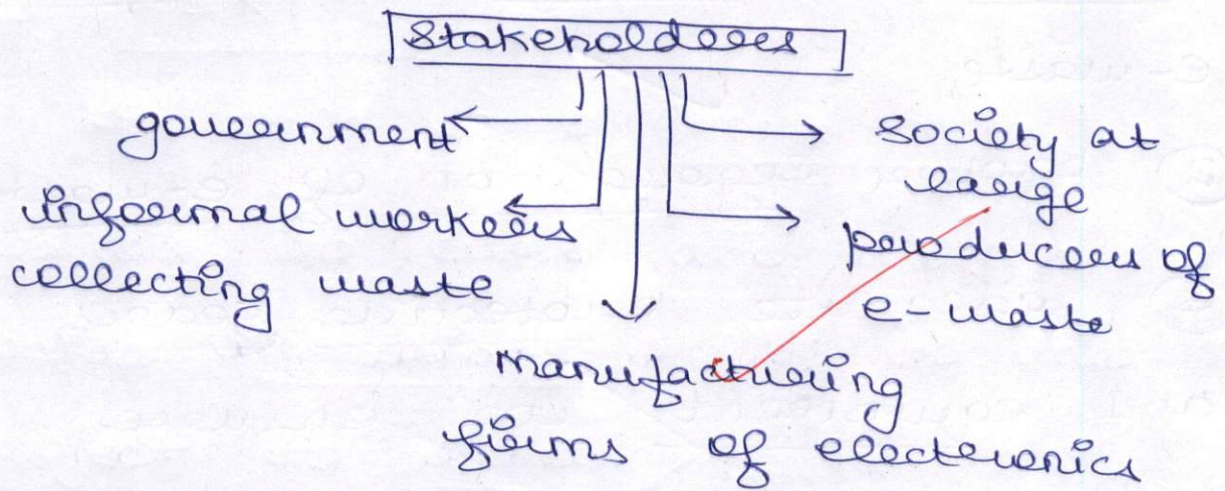
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Informal workers :-

- ① identifying a standardised criteria to manage and dispose e-waste. ✓
- ② proper segregation of e-waste
- ③ adequate protective gears and equipments ✓ to ensure safety of workers should be provided.
- promote eco-friendly technology etc
- ④ Seminars and awareness camps ✓ organised among informal workers to convey the harmful effects of unsafe handling of e-waste.
- ⑤ Industry linkage ✓ must be provided to create products with less toxins.

Remarks

⑥ Extended producer responsibility must be implemented in letter and spirit.



To bring all stakeholders on a single platform — platform must be created in an impartial and robust manner; integrative dialogue mechanism; decentralised approach; inclusion of all in equity and impartiality; the governance of all must be addressed holistically.

Good approach!

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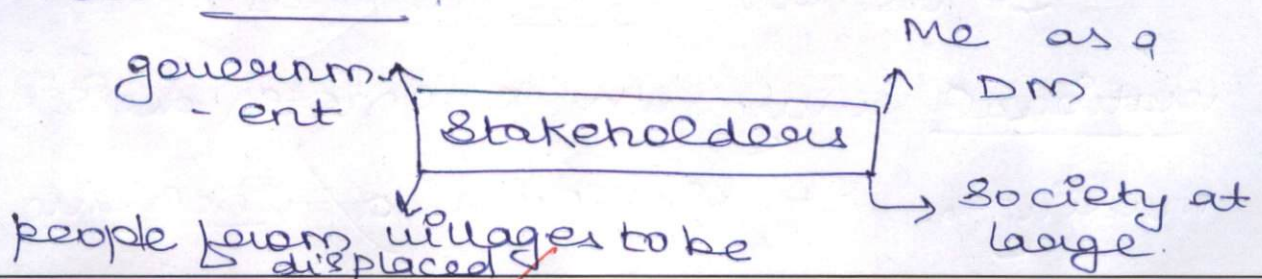
17. You are DM of a district where a big infrastructure project is underway which is apprehended to displace large number of villagers. The work of building that infrastructure is often interrupted by environmental and social activists who off and on organize massive protests. The project is stipulated to be commissioned very soon by the Prime Minister and the project work has stopped for more than two weeks. Which of the following options would you prefer to take and why?

- Use of the force to disperse the protesters and arrest the leader.
- Talk with the leader, hear the complaints and apprehensions, convey that to the government and request quick redress or assurance in writing for the same so that work can begin.
- Try to negotiate, give assurance of redress of complaints and apprehension as far as possible and request the leader and protestors to leave the project site immediately, failing which, resort to the use of force immediately. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The situation highlights the ^{need for} conflict between the development and assuaging societal and environmental balance simultaneously.

Development infrastructure is needed for economic and social development of a country.

However, such development should adhere to ^{prevailing} environmental and social ethics.



Remarks

Analysis of various given option is as follows :-

(a) [MERITS]

It could be a short term measure to curb the protest and provide immediate relief to the project to resume work

[DEMERITS]

hamper the right to dissent of protesters ; shows intolerance towards their grievances ; unresponsiveness towards their displacement

could state action, bad name for Govt, etc

(b) [MERITS]

It is an objective and rational way to promote decision making. It follows a inclusive

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approach and satisfies every section. By addressing their grievances and assurance in writing, villagers could witness the integrity and uprightness of the govt.

DEMERITS

It is a time consuming process; leads to wastage of public money due to stalled project.

(c) MERITS

generating of consensus among the community and providing platform for grievance redressal.

DEMERITS

Force can increase hostility of villagers.

I would prefer option (b) as it would solve the problem to the roots and plan for a environmental & societal oriented development project and provide a long term solution.

Remarks

→ Good! (9)