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**ETHICS** 





1 Ethics is not about right and wrong but also about the gradation of right and wrong. Comment on this statement in the wake of rationing of medical supplies in the times of COVID-19

Ethice is a system of moral principles that helps us differentiate between right and wrong, good & bad, fair and unfair. Though morals help us in making choices, however they are not absolutely right and wrong and may depend on the circumstances under which the choice has to be made.

COVID-19 has emerged out as one such circumstance which has had an imprecedented impact on the healthcare

With limited resources, there has been a controlled distribution of medical supplies both among countries & within a country

While countries limiting the stock for it's citizens is justified, however when the less impacted developed countries start procuring supplies leaving the more impacted pour developing countries, it becomes ethically wrong eg

witheya country, equitable distribution based on impact andung ovaile among the states is justified but hoosding

black marketing of drugs, producing counterfect products book or some criteria. is ethically unjust

Testing times like cov18-19 depict ethics as a gradation of right and wrong.

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2. Why it is sometimes believed that feelings are better guide to action than reasons? Critically analyze. (150W, 10M) Individuals take actions based on their values, beliefs, morals while they do prescribe what the right conduct is, morality is ultimately a personal compells. Think of religion, say Jainism which has it's 5 principles (Truth, Non-Violence, Non-stealing, Celibacy, Non-attachment) that act as moral guide, however it ultimately depends on the emotional state (feeling) of an individual to fellow the reasoned morals and use it to judge the wrongress or rightness of an action. "Morals are generally an individual choice, they lack objectivity. Actual behaviour may deviate from his/her eg- It is reasoned that cheating is unmoral but a person might still cheat in an exam given the opportunity allowing her emotions/feelings to take over her reasonin flowever the same night not hold true in every context In a society, there are some shared beliefs on which collective consenius is built based on legic. If individuals deviate from such norms salely on the basis of feelings, they might be treated with suspicion. eg Stealing is a crime and thus a thief would be termed deviant for letting their emotions empower their reasonflogic. Good

3. "Although approaches of religion and ethics differ, religions do provide a dedrock of values to develop an ethical framework." Reflect upon this statement. (150W, 10M) - In a developing society like India, where tradition co-exists with modern practices, religion plays a very crucial rale in determing the values & norms of the society -Though ethics as a set of moral principles acts as the guiding light in the formation of a just and equitable society. religion lays emphasis on certain practices, beliefs, values, which appreve an individuals membership of that religion in attaining some cammon goals. -Though different religions may support different practices but the underlying values remain same which help in developing an ethical framework. eg Rote of women in scienty, banning of beef you could -eg Love, tolerance, Service to humanity, Respecting others, Murate kindness, dedication are some of the values preached by teachings or vorious religion These values provide a bedrock of morals which ultimately helps developing an ethical society - However there might be some contradictory beliefs too (eg beef is permissible in some religion & prohibited in other) which might lead to crises of conscience at times directed

towards others. However the ultimate aim of religion is to preach peace

and solidarity by charting an ethical code of conduct

4. "It is ethics in private relationship that ultimately determines ethics in public relationships." To what extent do you think this is correct?

(150W, 10M)

- Ethics in private Xelationship deals with close relations (family, friends) and hence informal & Ethics in public relationship deals with interactions in the professional life.
- The distinction between the two is however dubious as ethics pranotes a virtuous life & thus we have to live by same ethical values in general.
- A person who is unethical in their private life can hardly be expected to be ethical in their public life and vice versa.
- egoThe way a civil cervant treats women in their family is reflected in how they breat their female coworker & whether policies framed by them have a gender bias or not
- eg (2) A person of integrity & honesty (in public life) will have high morals in private life too
- Ethics in private life may not always determine public/ professional ethics eg a doctor may consider obortion morally wrong personally but has to do abortion due to professional ethics.
- However both ethics in public & private life supports.

  reinferce each other and there cannot be a dichotomous relation between the two a dood analysis

5. Law cannot mention details of human conduct in different situations. Do you agree? If yes, what should guide the conduct of a public administrator if there is a conflict between legality and ethics? (150 W, 10M) - The old caying, " If it is not illegal, it must be ethical seems flawed in the modern context

Though laws and human conducts based on ethics aim at creating a citizenry which is just and four, the two might also be anomalous to one another. When ethics collapses, laws fill in the void eg: Not

littering was previously based on morals, however with law imposing fines on those who litter the road, the issue has shifted from the domain of ethics to that of law.

- However there might be some conservative laws which are conjust. eg Gandhiji's civil disobedience movement was against the corrupt laws
- On the modern context, there might be laws inconsistent with the beliefs of a section of people depriving them of their human rights. Here laws do not mention details of human conduct with respect to the demands of time -- might lead to conflict between legality & ethics.
- A public administrator Should
  - i) Favour the law until the conflict is resolved; however convincing the public to took into the that the dissented part of law will be looked at ii) Check the rationality of the law with respect to the

present context

in) Suggest improvements if the law is inconsistent with 4000 the contemporary society.

6. Human society is today creating more problems than skills can solve and human values and ethics can reduced problem creation'. Illustrate your opinion

Conomic development and desire for well being is bringing in inclusivity along with rapid urbanisation and concept of cosmopolitanism.

It is bringing in modernism, social justice, peace, good governance but also creating many problems like:

- 1) Environment sustainability Versus use of resources for development project.
- 2) Conflict of resources
- 3) Rising inequality and the condition of poor & vulnerable
- 4) Global versus regional values
- 5) Individualisation versus collectivism
- 6) lifestyle changes versus healthy routine
- 7) Cultural diversity versus cultural clashes
- 3) Salad bowl versus melting pot model cultures losing their identity and subsumed by the dominant cultures.

Skills are not able to address the problems human Society is creating adequately. Thus human values and ethics play a vital role here.

- -> Introducing behavioureal ethics contime as per need and not greed
- > Community participation (Reduce-Reme-Recycle) community participation (Reduce-Reme-Recycle) community of the most vulnerable sections
- -> Policies for the most vulnerable sections

Could you analyze some common source & most of out problems?

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- 7. What do you understand by the famous injunction" the greatest good for the greatest number"? Do you think it is the perfect basis for policy-making? (10M, 150W)
- According to Jeremy Bentham, maxim of maximization of good in that, "the greatest good for the greatest number, es based on the Utilitarianism approach of Normative ethics
- It means that if the happiness pleasure of the majority of But don't you the society depended on the persecution of the individual or a minority, so be it. It gauges on the utility of an object, event, action This may lead to authoritarianism eg Hitler's Holocaust

- However in terms of policy-making, this would not be

the perfect basis

- The right of an individual is equivalent to the right of majority framing policy by placing majority over minority may lead to divisiveness in the society of Depriving condition of - In context of Indias which is a country of unity in diversity, et becomes important to keep the development of all sections of society in mind for the country to develop as a whole. - with such a stark inequality present, the good would be in framing policies that bring the most downtrodden vulnerable section at par With other members of society
- Solidarity in the society is needed so that privileged Section of society may help alleviate poverty, better access to infrastructure and hunger redressal through publicprivate partnership

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8. Discuss attributes of 'Crisis Leadership'during the times of (150W, 10M) Crisis-leadership refers to the process by which an organisation deals with a crisis, i.e, unprecedented organisation, its stakeholders & the general public Highlight how crisis from is difference from situation. ATTRIBUTES OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT-1. Mobilizing a network of teams: - Instead of scalar Chain communication, the leadership should set clear priorities empowering teams to implement solution. 2. Deliberate calm and bounded optimism: uncertainty during times of crisis can illust fear and amxiety among people. Good leaders tread lines between confidence & realism. Acumen leadership: - The ability to take wise and Mutrate quick decisions with the available information the impostance Ob each attim 4. Demonstrating empathy Understanding that all disasters attribute. are human estuations first and foremost & thus it is briefly. necessary to understand & share other's feelings eg during the crisis of covid-19, Jacinda Ardern, Prime minister of New Zealand through combination of clear communication, decisive actions, human touch could cardral the epidemic far earlier than most other countries She showed improational Crisis leadership 3/2

- 9. Introduce the idea of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". Do present times provoke us to change our understanding of the moral community. (IDM, ISDW)
- "Vasudhava Kutumbakam" is a Sanskrit text which means the "world is one big family". Though we are divided by territorial boundaries, culture, belief, practices, however we all are connected as humanity triumphs above all. This family includes birds, animals, plants, humans and other living organisms. that co-exist together.
- Moral community may be a particular group of people of who are integrated every to a recognised moral philosophy that governs their caumon pursuits.
- However in the present context, with increased inclusivity among different communities, rapid globalisation, we need to expand our worldview.
- egent times of crisis like covis-19, countries have

  Stepped up to help those in urgent need of medical

  supplies/vaccines India supplied Remdesevir; paracetamol

  et al. Also as part of Vaccine diplomacy India has
  helped poor and worst impacted developing countries.

  Also India has received medical supplies (ventitators,
  oxygen tanks, PPE kits, vaccines) from the developed

  countries.
- 1 The world leaders are coming together to address climate change, terrorism, money-laundering as ultimately the world is one by family and together only can we succeed in tackling global issues

Review

10 "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, comething is lost; when character is lost, all is lost " why has character building been emphasized so much since ages? - According to Belly Graham, "when wealth is less, nothing is lest, when health is lost, something is lost, when character is lost, all is loss". - The importance of character transcends transcends any other measure of success of our existence. - Character refers to the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual It determines what kind of person you are and what types of relationships you form in life. - Consistency in your character makes you a person of integrity and thus a reliable person -Throughout history, person of high character were able to bring changes in the society because of their belief. in their morals and consistency in their approach. Good but auro -eg Mahatma Gandhi was adherent to his principles of Athensa and thus was able to fice India from the cage of discus how - I health is lest; with proper treatment the body can companied.

- However if character is the state of the control of the c colonialism in a way applauded by generations & morals are lost and the society views your real face and the damage is threplacable 3/2 eg Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar once considered an enspiration for many is now facing criminal charges against him, which has definitely slotted his image.

11. "Relativity applies to physics, not ethics". Do you agree with this statement? Give arguments and illustrations to clarify your position.

Relativity refers to absence of standards of absolute and universal application.

Though it applies to physics in a scientific way, however in ethics it is mainly concerned with the relativity of accepted merals and beliefs.

Relativity in ethics means the availability of morale, beliefs, practices held by an individual/society which may not be in consonance with the values held by others It implies that there is no objective right and waring. ego Caste system which is unique to India, may not hold

morals for other societies 3 Relative position of women in different societies while some societies may put limitation on how a women dresses, acts and behaves, for others women are given

complete independence

: Relativity in ethics deals with the co-existence of different morals not necessarily in congruence based on -

1) Diversity of moral values

2) Maral uncertainity - what is merally right & wrong remains uncertain

Thus a person adhering to relativity in ethics might values that we say, "When in Rome, behave like to honerty etc.

there are several universal file lover

- 12. "Where the roots of private virtue are diseased, the fruit of public probily cannot but be corrupt". Explain this statement in the context of working civil sedvants. (10M, 150W)
- Private virtues refers to the merals that one holds with respect to people and situations that they deal with in everyday life. It largely involves relations with family and friends and are based on emotional bonds.
- Ramayana is a classic example of ethics in personal relations based on the virtues of Coyalty, love, affection.
- Public probity means adhering to certain set of rules & moral principles, doing one's work with honesty. It requires courage, will and strong determination.
- Though the difference between private virtue and public probing is not dichotomous and one has to live by the Same set of morals generally. Thus they are interrelated
- A civil servant's way of treating the females and elders of the family tells a lot about how they would treat the female co-workers or whether the policies they make are free from gender bias or not or how compassionale they are towards the vulnerable section of society.
- Thus a person who is unethical in their private life cannot be expected to be ethical in their public life, although sometimes the private virtues held may be contradictory to the professional ethics.

Nonetheless when the roots of private virtue are diseased, the fruit of public probity cannot but be corrupt".

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- 13. What is ethical dilemmas and how utilistarianism can help while dealing with ethical dilemmas? (ISOW, IOM)
- Ethical dilemma arises from a situation that necessitates a choice between campeting sets of principles in given, usually perplexing situation. Commonly it manifests in a situation where personal values or personal interest comes in conflict with professional duties leading to a conflict of enterest.
  - Utilitarianism is a form of canequentialist approach of normative ethics which believes in maximizing utility. Utility can be measured in terms of human-welfare or well-
- Utilitarianism can help white dealing with effical dilemmas Discus www in a way that in case of a dilemma, the decision that favoure the maximum stakeholders be taken. on boyy or
- However this should not mean that immoral means are used to come at an end and that the outcome, because et is in favour of all, justifier. the means
  - eg 1) a pharmaceutical company releases a drug with known side effects, but because the drug is able to help more people than those that are bethered by the minor Side effects, the government approves the drug
- eg 2) In a hospital, four patients need a liver, kidney, heart, lung transplant respectively doesn't means killing a healthy person justifying saving four lives in place of one.

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#### SECTION-B

14 Being the district collector it is my duty to address

the concern of the public. The disparity in the education system is a major concern today and hence government intervention is necessary

The problems regarding the dismalstate of schools can be listed as-

1) Lack of hygiene

2) Non-availability of clean drunking water

3) lack of proper security

4) Absentee teachers

s) Rude behaviour of teachers

6) High dropout rate

7) Parents reductant to send children to schools

The solutions I would provide are listed in the same order as

1) Release fund for the construction of toilets. Separate toilets for girls and boys. Ask teachers to train students on the importance of hygiene and cleanliness and make arrangement for socially useful productive work (SUPW)

2) Release fund for the purchase/repair of water purifiers and hold teachers accountable for the regular maintenance of trater purifiers and ensure that they have a regular supply of water

- 3) Ask the School Management Committee (SMC) to arrange fer the construction of proper boundary and maintain a check in and out register at the entry gate
- 4) Ask the Block Education officer (BEO) to keep a regular record of the attendance marked by teachers in the biometric recorder Surprise visits by BEO & DEO.

Discus how schemes like MNREGA etc could help.

- 5) Periodic teacher training programmes arranged by DEO with a focus on community participation, group exercises, instilling team work, compassion, empathy.
- 6) Introduction of incentive based programmes at schools including scholarship, rewards. Proper implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme Counselling parents on the importance of education by Shikshamilta.

7) Shikiha mitra be asked to counsel & encourage parents to send their children to school.

Sarpanch of the village to be given the responsibility to encourage parents, citing examples of successful people from their village

how attitude change in staffs ! feather be headle.

- 15 Being the Police Inspector of the area, it is my duty to to maintain law and order. It is also my duty to ensure that justice and fairness is meted out to all the members of society:
- a) The dilemma tangled in this case:
  - i) Community presence and individual concern +

    As the community considers Ratandeep to be a threat

    to the society based on his drug-habit, however Ratandeep

    is an exphan & arresting him would tead to less of job

    and financial uneustainability.
- ii) Personal ethics and political obligation—
  Should 9 arrest Ratandeep only because 9 am aware
  of getting such instructions sooner as later from the political
  quarter or should 9 consider the viewpoints of all
  stakeholders involved to come at ai balanced decision
- iii) Drug Habit of Rafandeep:
  If Ratandeep has already been arrested for possessing drugs and is a drug addict, he seems to be a threat to the society; but, he only uses it for his personal consumption & isn't involved in any other crime means he should be given an opportunity to make amends.
- b) Ratandeep is a drug addict and has been arrested before, hence he might still be in possession of drugs. However he is an orphan, and hasn't been envolved in any other crime. Also he uses drug out of addiction

analyse tolking and is not concerned with it's illegal trading strict action of Thus it would be fair if Ratandeep is given a chance to improve and taking strict action against him doesn't seem bous of different ethical principles. ethical. c) Drug addicts are a result of improper socialisation, peur pressure, isolation. lack of social validation leads them to vely on drugs Hence to convert drug addicts into productive assets of 1) Drug Rehabilitation camps should be organised. 2) Mainstreaming the issue. 3) Canmunity been couraged to not ostracise the addicts but faster a culture of healthy living 4) Rewarding those addicts who overcome drug-addiction & and how to stop suprly or drugs? employing them into some productive work

16. As 9 am the head of the disaster management (DM) team, it is my duty to complete make adequate arrangements to tackle disaster. I must also remain accountable and transparent and ensure that my team works without external pressure or influence and deliver the best to the public.

- a) Options available to deal with the crisis -
- i) Remain silent on the usue of suspension of two of my revenue officials

  Yalidate the account & records maintained by the revenue officials

  ii) Speak up against the injustice meted out on the revenue officials) to the minister
- iii) Convince the local leaders and bridge out a middle path
- iv) Name and shame the total leaders
- b) The merits and demerits in the same order as the options listed above are given below -
- (1) Remain sitent on the issue
- i) My position as team teader is secured
- ii) Better connection with the leaders and ministers

#### DEMERITS

- i) Injustice with the revenue officials
- ii) Going against my personal & public ethics
- iii) Demoralisation of team
- team unwilling to perform thus injustice to the public
- v) Pave way for future injustice when bersonal interests of leaders not served

(2) Validate the records maintained by the revenue officials Testify it from the other team members. Speak to the minister DEMERIT. (i) Justice with the revenue 1) Riskung my position as team officials. @ Conflict with Relations with @ following the professional code of conduct the leaders and minister will get affected. (3) Team members are motivated (4) Similar course of action in future can be presented. 3 Convince local leaders & bridge a mid-path DEMERIT MERIT 1 Team members morale will 1 Revenue officials reinstated be affected 2 Local leaders happy as private interests fulfilled @ Professional code of conduct not followed 3 Work of rescueng people restarts. Public Saved 3 Pare way for similar actions from the menace of flood in future 4) My position & relations with leaders unaffected (4) Name and shame leaders DEMERIT MERIT 1) Going against professional & 1 Team's merale reinstated · personal ethics 2 Revenue officials may be brought back to the team @ Risking the image of organisation will load to less truit by public 3 Kantinuation of reliefwork 3 Meating with my team's position and relations with leaders at risk I would suggest seeard option as the best course of action because being the team leader it is my duty that work is done with transparency & accountability & if hyurice is done to any Good approach! of my fear member, It is my responsibility to speak for them.

- 17 I as a civil servant must enure that law and order is maintained. I must try to prevent any course of future conflict from happening
- a) I would ask the Experintendence of Police (SP) to take control of the situation and ensure that no violence take place at the space being claimed.

- Suspend all construction activity at the site until elections would you try to are held.

Impose Section 144 of CRPC at the concerned area.

rejoire is sue between Consult the leaders of the clashing groups and ask them two communities? to resert to judiciary.

- b) If the dispute flares up and turns violent, I would -
- Canmand the SP to employ the police forces to maintain law and order.
- Section 144 of CTPC will be imposed
- If need be so, ask the state to employ CRPF (Central Reserve +000, Special tout tout internet shutdown etc Police forces)
- c) If I am unable to pre-empt & contain such a situation and for the same I am suspended, I will hold myself accountable for my wrangdoing Being the civil servant of the state it is my duty to maintain law and order and ensure that the district runs smoothly: However if due to my inefficiency and lack of criess leadership, the public has to suffer, I will hold myself

accountable and follow along all orders that I receive, be it my suspension and wall for any order for future course of action I igill however make sure that my side of story is properly presented to my seniors. I will remain calm and accept my mistake and make sure that in future, if such a situation arises again, I am able to take right decisions and control the conflict L But you took all proper would joy prove that? before it turns violent.

18 lagging is supposed to be a means of communication to aquaint freshers with each other and build a strong and helpful junior-senior connection. However with time it is being misused. I, being the Vice Chancelles. (VC) of the university will make Sure that the atmosphere in the university is conducive to one's growth and development a)1) first of all I would appreciate the student for showing Do you thank thout the courage to speak against the injustice meted out victim shall be shown ii) I would assure the student that the ensensitive seniors extra come slove by would be asked to apologise. confidence that such an incidence will not occur again saculties & statos? b) i) I would make sure that it is explicitly conveyed in the induction sessions of freehers that Ragging is strictly prohibited. I would comfect them and encourage them to Create a healthy & progressive atmosphere ii) I would direct all teachers, seniors, wardens to take strict action against those found violating the rules Ease of accessability to students. iii) Alrange for senice-junior training/interaction workshops where feeling of feamwork, compassion and professional behaviour are enousaged. () i) I would make them understand of the ill-effect of such actions on the life/personality of an individual. ii) Proper training be given to such students. could police action iii) Arrange for parents-leachers meeting of such students. Convey to their parents of the doing of their children be taken against gulty students? iv) Ask them to apologise. v) Ask them to sign an undertaking that in future if such incidents are regeated, they may be expelled. 7/2

19 I am the officer in-charge of the vaccination program campaign under which my team-teaders would reach out to households:

I must ensure that the campaign runs smoothly

The five most important check list that I would ensure are-

- (1) Professional Code of conduct is maintained—
  The team members are to follow a set of rules and a proper procedure be charted out which would include guiding and advising people on the benefits of vaccination and not forcing anybody against their will.
- Detained any conflict of interest—

  All members of society should have equal chance of getting vaccinated.

  Ensure that members maintain objectivity in the vaccine obrive and don't let their personal emotions towards friends, family hamper the vision of the drive.
- 3 Proper electronic record be maintained. Setting up a target for every day and the vaccines used should be proportionate to the daily larget.

  Holding each member accountable for their doing.
- (4) Ensure that all members have a certified identity card and that all member are registered with the central database.

  The public is also to be made aware of the vaccine drive and of the authenticity of the members as well as the procedure to be followed.

would you ensure that your team has proper number of women?

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(5) The member are given proper training on dealing with the households, maintaining hygienes cleanliness, we of PPE kits, mask, sanitices at all times Team members are trained to stay polite in their conduct and ensure that the households feel safe. In case of a conflict, Stay polite and stay out of any disagreement that may arrive. At the most, bear with the dissented household and report to it to the concurred outhority later.



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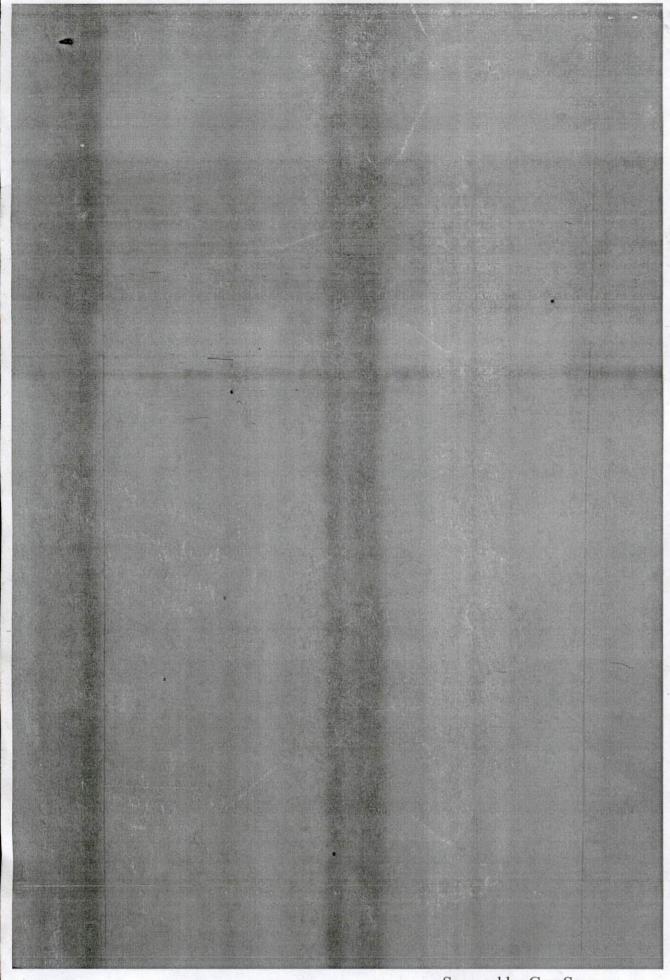
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