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ETHICS

ETHICS CLASS TEST - 7*Time Allowed: 1 hr.**Max. Marks: 100*

Q.	Marks	<i>Instructions to Candidate</i>
1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 5 questions.• All questions are compulsory• The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.• Content of the answer is more important than its length.• Answers must be written in the space provided. <p>Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.</p>
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Q1. Due to fall in agricultural productivity and faulty procurement policy, a marginal family head has committed suicide and left his family and two children, daughter (12 years) and son (8 years). They shifted to nearby city in search of work and ended up living in a slum. Both children had to leave their studies and mother went searching for some household work. Finally she is a maid at your home. She works at your personal residence. One day she felt ill and ask her daughter to continue in place of her. Your wife is an IAS officer and quite busy. She does not have time to take care of old in-laws who needs constant care. Though there is a nurse to take care of them but there is a need of help in small household works also. So she gave consent to daughter of maid to continue in place of her. As she fears that your family may engage someone else and she will loose livelihood opportunity. When you raised the concern, she replied that this is matter of few weeks only, and also saying no will bring them on street. As in such a metro city one cannot survive without work, everything has a cost. You are Mayor of the city.

- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas related to it?
- (b) Your wife is in support of her placement as domestic worker as it will help her in balancing household and work responsibilities. Do you find her justification right?
- (c) How will you persuade her to change her decision? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) The ethical dilemma here is whether to employ the maid's daughter for few weeks considering she is less than 14 years in age. (lower Age limit for child labour) or not which will leave daily household chores unfulfilled. Moreover there are elderly in the house who need constant care.

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b) Her justification is right as far as taking care of the household is concerned.

However this step will have socio-economic consequences

- The young girl is already missing studies.

- She is only 12 years old. Employing her even for minimal tasks may adversely affect her health. On top of it there are

Legal consequences

Thus as a public servant the wife's primary responsibility is to uphold the law as well as social responsibilities.

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c) Here the wife's decision is based on 2 considerations:-

- Need for someone to do ~~more~~ work.
- The maid's fear that she might employ someone else.

In order to assure the maid I can tell her ^{everwhile} that I will pay her salary ~~that~~ she is on leave and bear her medical expenses and ~~as~~ employ someone temporarily (perhaps the neighbour's maid) assuring our own maid that we shall resume her services. This should be acceptable to the wife as her primary need is for the work to be done.

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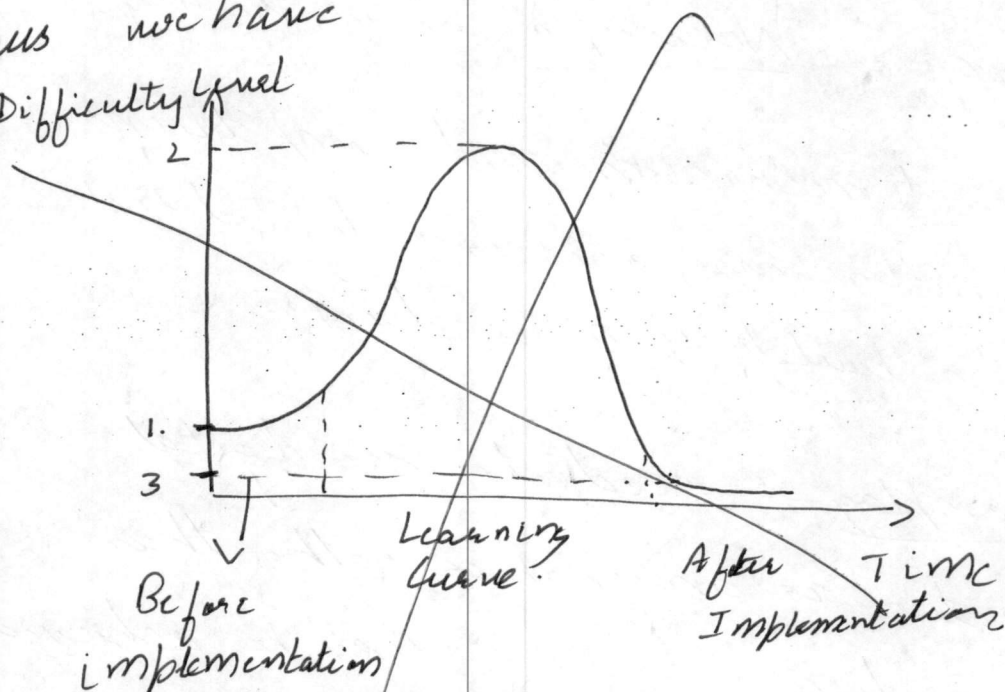
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- Q2. You are a head of the IT department in government office. Due to the launch of Digital India programme, the work pressure has increased tremendously but you have poor manpower to handle the situation so you can either reduce the level of challenges to something more manageable or increase the level of skills. But reducing the level of challenges is infeasible as you can't mould the outer circumstances. Hence, how can you improve the level of skill? How will you make sure that your colleagues accept the changes wholeheartedly? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

Digital India programme is a prime agenda which requires a paradigm shift in the way organizations are run. Therefore wholehearted acceptance is required.

Thus we have

Difficulty Level



Thus in order to implement this we need :-

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- Persuasion.
- Reward
- Attitudinal change
- Proliferation real i.e. teaching others
- Fear of losing out.

• Persuasion is the first task. It shall involve explaining to colleagues the benefits of the change. Workshops can be the key.

• Reward mechanisms and competitions like hackathons, quizzes or digital tech etc to build up motivations.

• The employees need to see digital initiative as an enabler rather than an impediment. This shall be achieved by gradual mechanism. Starting with

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paperless file transfers, digital signatures etc and graduating to video conferencing equipment etc.

- Teaching a fear of losing out - These steps can go hand in hand. A handful of motivated individuals can be chosen who will teach others and at the same time act as benchmarks which everyone will sort to achieve.

The learning curve in adoption of Digital India is steep but outcomes are rewarding.

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Q3. Due to the contemporary developments in the information technology and convergence, the access of adults and children to media including variety of entertainment have increased. The children have impressionable minds and the quality of entertainment would have a bearing on them even when they grow adults. One moderately rich family has two children who have given mobile phones to their children with internet connection so that they can complement their studies with huge amount of information and aids available on the internet. Father encourage children to 'grow with the technology of their times' and rather than 'forcing discipline' on them. However, there is also misuse of information technology. The students are engaging in many undesirable activities outside the school, especially their exposure to many computer games (Blue Whale Challenge, Dead Space 2, Mortal Kombat, Medal of Honour, Call of Duty Black OPS, New Vegas etc.), which are known to be fatal and addictive, impinging on their education and value systems.

Answer the following questions:

- What steps parents can take to stop such new and pervasive kind of menace due to the unrestricted use of the computers and mobile phones?
- What is the importance of "forced discipline" in this case?
- How can discipline be sustained for a long time without discontent of the subjects?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) WHO has recognized Video game addiction as medical addiction. In 2017 the Blue Whale challenge spread across the Russia like a 'CYBER EPIDEMIC'.
 Keeping pace with technology is important yet passive vigilance is also required especially in adolescents. Coercion in such a case often has opposite results as it rouses childrens' interest and

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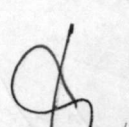
they make fall into habit of lying.
Thus parents need to take following steps:-

- Monitoring their scores in studies and the time they spend on gaming.
- Keep track of browsing history.
- Be in the confidence of children and indulge with them. There are non violent games like FIFA, ^{Miscraft} Need for Speed etc which parents too can take part in.

b) Forced discipline is a double edged weapon. It might provide instant results only when a child is receptive. Adolescents of present generations are often rebellious and may resort to lying and hiding.

Therefore forced discipline like taking away devices, cutting of internet, scolding

etc should only be resorted to if the child crossed red lines like cyber bullying, harming oneself. etc.

- c). Coercive discipline is unsustainable in long run. The key is to win the confidence of the children. and monitoring them from a distance. For example a parent should not needlessly place restrictions on technology, however should explain the perils of it. Parent-Teacher contact and Parent-Parents of friends contact is also essential to enabling yet protective environment for the student.
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Q4. You are professor as well as a social activist. There is an educated and well employed couple in your vicinity who often fight on their personal issues. One day they started fighting as usual, starting from arguments, turning loud, slamming doors and finally the male partner resorting to physical violence, the cry of wife and children started coming out. People come out, but do not dare to go to them citing that it is their personal matter, so any interference would be unethical and uncalled for. Answer the following questions based on the above case:

- Would you agree to be a bystander on the advice of the people that it is a personal matter of the couple? Give reasons.
- Suppose you go to the flat of the couple and enquire what is wrong but the male member insists that they be left on their own as it is their personal matter and you should mind your own business. What would be your reaction?
- Can police help in curbing this social malady by using legal authority and provisions?
- What is your moral and ethical locus standi on intervention of neighbours to stop the domestic violence?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) No I would not be a mere bystander. as it would be going against my duty as a social activist and a responsible educated citizen.

Having a law broken or abuse happens right in front of me, my inaction will make me as responsible as the perpetrator. However I will remain a bystander till tempers cool and

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I establish that domestic violence did indeed happen. Rather I will contact the woman later in my capacity as a social activist.

b) In such a case a tactical retreat would be a wise choice as without any concrete evidence I will be only making loose talk. However, I can tell them

that as a member of the society/neighborhood, their activities are disturbing others and affecting the children and next time ~~they~~ ^{we} would call the police.

c) ~~Police~~ Yes, a responsive and sensitizing police staffed with women members are the key in cases of domestic abuse. provided they

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are complemented by an aware responsible civil society who inform them of such instances immediately.

- d) A virtuous society is the key towards harmony and social well being. Abuse towards women & children and Domestic violence is a blot on the society. Thus as its member it is my and the neighborhood's responsibility to take action or report on such incidences. Our judicial machinery which has done away with requirement of locus standi is adequately armed to handle these matters.

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Q5. There was a residential school situated in the remote part of the country in which approximately 250 class IXth and Xth level boys used to study and stay. School principal had his residence in the school premises only. The principal used to attend and participate in the daily morning prayers and take his two meals along with students. He was a kind hearted and empathetic person who used to provide also the moral education. The students liked and admired him because not only he preached, he used to set personal examples.

On the basis of above, answer the following questions:

- (a) What could be contribution of school principal in attitude formation of the students?
 (b) If one of the students gets into civil services at a later stage, what impact and influence does the school will make on his attitude and behaviour?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) Class IX & Xth students are at the cusp of adulthood. ~~The~~ Following this age their receptiveness declines. The Principle of the resident school in a remote area must be a father figure to all thus his influence would be high.

His contributions:-

- Empathy and Kindheartedness - This would have developed Emotional Intelligence in the students

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His kindness & giving nature would help students ~~to~~ resist consumerism when they enter the real world.

- Inclusiveness - By diving with all and shunning any kind of class divide which is required more than ever.

- Moral Integrity - With practice what you preach attitude.

b) All these virtues will be instrumental in role as a civil servant.

These teachings will inculcate in him:-

- Emotional Intelligence → Empathy
→ Control over emotions

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- Leadership & leading by example.
- No 'Mai-Baap' attitude which is a problem in civil services.
- Inclusiveness i.e. ability to unite a divided society.
- In a way the civil servant would try to emulate his principle.

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