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

As we know by definition that ethics is a systematic study of human actions of righteousness or wrongfulness. It is also a science or we can say means of ultimate attainment of happiness.

And hence sometimes ethics not only help in differentiating wrong from right and vice versa but also look at the degree of righteousness or wrongness what we call as 'gradation'.

cases of gradation of right and wrong.

1) whenever cases emerge where both the ends seem competitively ethical, we have to opt the relatively better one. It generally happens when there is conflict of interest or exercising very ethical standard.

For instance: In this recent pandemic where every country is suffering and trying very hard to save individuals left from the outbreak requires instant medical supplies like PPE (Personal protective equipment), Mask, sanitiser, ventilators etc.

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Even in country like India, where different states are striving
harder to curb the spread of COVID-19 has become the
prayer of supply chain ~~disruption~~ of medical equipments.
This case has emerged due to insufficient medical supplies
and hence rationing of medical supplies comes into the
picture.

Rationing of Medical Supplies

This simply means when one state is privileged over
others in terms of medical supply services because of the
following predicted reasons:-

- Unavailability
- Population density
- Highest number of COVID-19 cases.

This has generally happened with states of India where
Maharashtra is privileged over Kerala because of the
gradation of right and wrong.

1. - good points.

2. - An analysis - you need to
focus on limitations of clinical
evidences in this case, & role of
ethics in prioritizing choices.

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2. Why it is, sometimes believed that feelings are better guide to action than reason? Critically analyse.

Often it is felt that thoughts provoke our actions which in turn becomes our behaviour and then habit.

But action is guided by various factors.

Action of a human being takes precedence of feelings, reason, thought process, belief etc. and every factor when applied to take an action produces different kind of result.

Why feelings - better guide to action

1. Our feelings is an outcome / realisation of inner conscience. It reflects our inner belief. It may be bad also 2.
2. This belief when transformed into action produce result which when evaluated satisfies individuals.
3. Feeling is a result of instant consideration. It provides swift action.

Why reason - better guide to action

1. Reasons are the practical consideration and hence proven advantageous in the longer run.
2. These reasons are influenced by external factors and not exclusively based on our inner instinct.

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So, looking at both the sides, we can easily verify that feelings and reason can both guide human action. It just depends on the outcome of ~~the~~ taken action and its consequences. feelings and reasons are inseparable and often they two overlap while performing any action.

good illustration required

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3. "Although approaches of religion and ethics differ, religion do provide a bedrock of values to develop an ethical framework."

Refer upon this statement.

As we know that ethics is a systematic study of human action that guides rightness or wrongfulness of an action.

And religion is set of prescribed rules either based on ethical values or non-ethical.

And obviously approaches of religion and ethics differ in terms of rules, rightness or wrongfulness, human action etc.

How religion provide a bedrock of values to develop ethical framework

- Ethics is a culturally accepted norm that demands acquiescence from others and that acquiescence gets its base undeniably from religion.
- Every individual is conditioned since childhood keeping in mind the ideals of religion and hence it provides a bedrock of values that societies attach importance to it.
- Religion being a base of ethics in various cases provide practical / day-to-day examples also. Like wearing turban in Sikh religion, ~~muslim~~^{Islam} religion has

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now become an ethical concept. And people use these criteria assuming it as ethical standard to judge anyone.

- Ethics by its nature and origin has seen the evolution from christian dogma in medieval period where Aristotelian naturalism was combined with christian dogma to set an ethical standard.

Hence, we can say that ethics by its practice has to be separate from religion but somewhere religious ideologies have framed the bedrock of values of ethical framework.

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good conclusion

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But we need to analyse from the perspective of faith & Reason also

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

As we know that ethics is a source or means of ultimate happiness. And that happiness evolves from the righteousness or wrongfulness of an action (human action).

And that human action takes precedence from private as well as public relationship. Ethical values exercised in private relationship as well as public relationship is correlated. They both influence each other.

Ethics in private relationship

- Ethical values exercised in private space takes into consideration factors like feelings, reasons, sympathy, companionship, anger, honesty etc.
- These above mentioned factors are exercised in private space without any external influence, no authority to check and altogether independently.

Ethics in public relationship

- Ethical values exercised in public space takes into precedence good and socially accepted values like all good values (companionship, empathy, honesty, etc.).
- These values can be morphed as all the external influences or factors like professional code of conduct, authority etc.

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And hence we can't say that ethics in private relationship ultimately determines ethics in public relationship rather these are adjusted as per the external factors and sometimes unethical is presented as per the situation's demand.

1. ~~any~~ public life may be guided by rule, law etc
2. In analysis keep emphasis around virtue.

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5. Law cannot mention details of human conduct in different situation. Do you agree? If yes, what should guide the conduct of a public administrator if there is a conflict b/w legality & ethics?

Law is a ^{explanation} concise but detailed ~~mention~~ of human conduct. It provides base of ethical doings in wide gamut of circumstances. But it cannot ~~mention~~ details of human conduct in different situations.

Human beings encounter different situations on a day-to-day basis where law can't set ethical standard. It can't provide right-based, virtue-based and common-god based approach.

Following are the examples that prove mixed behaviour of law:-

- It is completely quiet in the situations where often conflict of interest arises and both the parties are pulling their stand which is ethically as well as legally right.

- For instance: interest like development vs environment
interest like Technology vs Poverty etc.

In this situation where there is a conflict between legality and ethics, following should be the guiding principle of public administrator:-

- 1) ~~Virtue based approach~~
- 1) ~~Common god based approach~~

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- iii) Right based approach
- iv) Fairness or justice based approach.

These approaches could help public administrator to take a balanced decision and will be judged correctly by the parties.

- ① — Law brings uniformity, ^{merit} objectivity & continuity.
- ② — Ethics may in exceptional ^{circumstances} only.
- ③ — Your analysis in this answer is not effective

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