

GSISCORE**ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE**

Time Allowed: 3 hr.

Max. Marks: 250

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REMARKS

SECTION - A

Q1. (a) What do you mean by virtues? How are they related to excellence and happiness?
 (75 Words) (5 Marks)

(b) Discuss the role of five constituents of Confucius concept of perfect virtue, viz gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness in good governance.
 (75 Words) (5 Marks)

Ans! (a) Virtues refer to the capacity for excellence to act in an ethical manner. They are values of mind considered good for the individual as well as for the society at large. Aristotle, for instance holds kindness, courage, temperance, prudence as virtues. He gave the principle of golden mean whereby a value lying in the middle of two extremes ~~is~~ is ~~not~~ a virtue. On the other hand anger, greed, lust, basiflattery etc are vices and should be avoided (negative virtues).

If virtue leads to goodness and happiness Aristotle used the term - Endamenon which refers to happiness and fulfillment and satisfaction of a virtue, therefore essentially amounts to general as well as individual good and as a result is valued and exalted in a society. For instance kind being the individuals would lead to a loving sharing and harmonious community devoid of violence.

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Be more specific in your approach

How virtue leads to excellence & virtue

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together leads to happiness

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too general

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among virtue
excellence &
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(b) Confucians gave five virtues that are essential for good governance.

Mercy - refers to magnanimity and largesse; it is the capacity of an individual to be considerate and benevolent. In governance, it is essential for the state to be generous in providing financial assistance to poor, so as to provide opportunities for their growth.

Sincerity - refers to commitment towards an object. Governments should show sincerity towards their subjects who elect them as their representatives and public servants. Should show sincerity towards their duty and instead of their self-pity to lethargy, sloth and corruption. ~~with their consequences~~ It refers to humility and the consequent capacity to be grounded. It is essential that leaders do not become arrogant and end with vanity for this may eventually lead them to misusing power. A well-grounded public servant should never forget that he holds the office in public trust.

Kindness - the ability to show mercy, tolerance and benevolence. It is the capacity to reach out to the masses, take an empathetic view of their situation, and decide on policies thereafter.

Coming Conclusion

be more
emotional in your
approach

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- Q2. Which is more important for moral integrity- the idea of 'live and let live' or 'self-indulgence'? Why? What are the significance of both the ideas in the real life?
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

(b) Moral integrity refers to the ability to show consistency in behaviour that reflects on the set of values of morals, the person of moral holds it is reflective of one's character. Being the for instance an honest person cannot, ~~bring him consistency~~ deny bribes on one hand and cheat on his spouse on the other. This would amount to inconsistency and lack of commitment towards the moral standard, in this case - honesty.

Self indulgence refers to not being concerned at all by others, which while sticking to individual standards and codes. This may, to some extent enable a person to display moral integrity by avoiding difficult circumstances that involves pleasing others. For instance - it is easy for a self-indulgent person to be truthful and criticise his colleagues when wrong, than for someone who cares about what others think. But such a behaviour pays little regard to others' emotions and is also lacking in empathy and warmth.

The idea of 'live and let live' on the other hand involves the notion of non-interference whereby a person upholds his ideals without creating others' influence, at the same time & influence of both are two bonds to influence others.

For instance - a protagonist of free speech argues that he has absolute right to express his opinion on some religious issue as he does not encroach upon anyone's personal liberty. But after this attitude can make it difficult to maintain moral integrity. For instance - a your argument though sincere and honest cannot close your eyes to swindling in his department. Whistle blowing often casts the concept of love and let live away.

Be more specific thus both self indulgence and love and hate backs the attitude, depending upon circumstances, play role in expression of moral integrity.

Being those points which are more
natural to the topic

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Q3. What is goodness? Does it help in achieving our personal and professional goals in the real world? What are the disadvantages of goodness? Should we be deterred by disadvantages of goodness? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Goodness, as defined by Plato is the highest ideal often equated with God. Aristotle on the other hand uses the term eudaimonia which refers to happiness, welfare and a sense of fulfillment. All these amount to goodness.

The highest end as cited by utilitarians is the general good or good of the highest number of people. So long as individual goods and ~~repet. attins.~~ are in line with this end; goodness is instrumental. Too much achievement of ends for instance - a man ~~expaining~~ who wishes to excel in music, does so for goodness only. His own sense of fulfillment also contributes to the good by way of art and aesthetics to the good of society. He cannot do so by being mean, except and incentive.

On the other hand, if an individual is utterly selfish and wishes to amass wealth at the cost of others, he may not shy away from lying, cheating etc with little regard to others. Goodness may in this case prevent him from accomplishing personal and professional goals.

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But, success and fulfillment is the real end of an individual. This cannot be accomplished without earning love, respect and ~~in your point~~ goodwill in society.

Goodness, therefore, can hardly be disadvantageous ~~except perhaps for short~~ in view where being good can result in loss of wealth or in exploitation by others.

In the long run however, goodness begets goodness.

You need to
balance your point
for each part of the
question.

All the aspects should be explained in well manner with completeness in itself.

Mention all the dimensions
asked in the question to
bring completeness.

- Q4. How true is it to say that human beings are rational and social? Do we find rationality and social traits in adequate amount in modern societies? What is the possibility for a government servant to be rational and social? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Ans

Early philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle divide human psychology into three aspects of rational, appetitive and spirited. Thus, aside from survival and basal instincts, and passions, humans also possess rationality i.e. the ability to reflect, think, ponder and evaluate. It is often said to be innate and instinctive.

Humans are also social animals. They derive a sense of fulfilment and security in society. This forms the basis of later political theories of social contract.

But man also has appetites and desires. It was said by Socrates that the 'soul is willing but flesh is weak'. Thus, rationale or reason often fails to guide human behavior. Over-indulgence, often amounts to disregard for others and man therefore has the tendency to show more of individualism than collectivism.

Modern societies, particularly owing to declining channels of interaction between individuals, and a shift towards virtual platforms accompanied by limited focus on value-based education, show growth of

Avoid those points which are not necessary to the context

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irrational and aerosal behaviour among individuals. The spike in warfare, terror attacks and floods is symptomatic of such a decline.

At the same time, globalisation and internet generation have facilitated more cultural interaction and communication, accessibility that has helped build objectivity and rationality among people.

A government servant cannot afford to be irrational in his judgements for policy decisions that impact people need to be well thought of. He needs to also ensure participative decision making - for which democratizing is important.

Approach is
good

Be more
rational

Bring conclusion

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Q5. What is a role model? How are role models made? Illustrate and analyse how do role models influence virtues, morals and ethics in a society? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Role models are also individuals or with values that are put on a pedestal; an exalted position by individuals and exert significant influence on a person's attitudes and behaviours. Qualities of role models often inspire people and pull them as they try to emulate them.

Role models are made by depending upon individualistic likes and attitudes, social norms and familial values often create a disposition towards certain qualities which play a role in choosing role models. Values often respect and praised in society such as truthfulness, humility, kindnes play a role in selection of role models.

Role models exert a major role in influencing societies and individuals.

Virtues - Role models not only inspire, but also hold a degree of command over who they inspire. Thus when M.K Gandhi asked society to shun caste discrimination and espouse values of equality and humanity his voice was heeded.

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Morals - Morals are values that guide behaviour. These standards are often set by societies by role models. For instance - Mother Teresa espoused kindness and mercy, Clinton and Nixon on truthfulness, Mahatma Gandhi on non-violence, Mandela on equality, and so on. Inspires courage and valour.

Ethics - These deal with right and wrong behaviours. Role models help in taking ethical decisions in face of dilemmas. For instance, Rama; the hero of epic Ramayana chose to keep his father's promise and left for exile over the King's crown. This he continues to inspire respect for elders and selflessness amongst people.

Points are good.

Bring conclusion

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(1)

weak value system in families eventually transmits to weak social, political & administrative systems, leading in turn to degeneration of whole nation

(b) It is futile to focus on moral & ethical issues in school & uni. systems because although learning them is easy, it is far more difficult to practise them.

(2)

Ans. (a) Families are the first institution that children derive education and learning from. By observing how elders behave, children pick values lying, cheating, anger, violence experienced in family leave an impression on children and this is copied by them in their interaction with others. Weak values, weaken the entire socio-political system in a nation. The saying 'like father, like son', reflects how much families can influence children.

The problems witnessed today such as intolerance, violence, corruption have their roots in the failure of families to impart the moral values to children that shape their character and influence their behaviour in society.

Be more specific to the question
Boing national
and analytical points
It seems you are just explaining the question

(b) Learning and theorising about ethics is far easier than taking ethical decisions when faced with such situations. Role playing has thus little role to play in building ethics.

Bkt. ex-diplomat points out that Ethics depend on habits and so frequently putting oneself in ethical dilemmas can train the mind for behaving when faced with situations involving value conflicts. At the same time, a study of precedents helps people in taking decisions grounded in facts and objectivity.

Ethical education in schools and colleges is thus not useless, but is in fact oriented to train future generations in taking ethical decisions.

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- Q7. What is the role of courage in practicing virtue consistently? Do we need courage to be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest? Why? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Courage is the ability to stand in the face of adversity. It is the median between cowardice and rashness. Courage is boldness regulated by reason.

Courage stands as guard to all other virtues and is vital to practice and upholding of other morals.

Gandhi, clarified that love and non-violence is not a cup of tea of a coward it needs courage to fight the tendency to show hatred and anger and maintain composure.

Similarly, to be kind requires the courage to sacrifice, to give put aside anger and revengefulness and shows mercy. To stand by truth also requires strength to face unpopularity.

Honesty requires the courage to fight the temptation of personal gain through falsehood.

Generosity requires the courage to share benevolence and part with one's possessions. Courage and veracity are virtues essential for a virtuous life. A coward, though virtuous cannot act upon them.

Remarks

Good

- Q8. A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties and needs; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by the fear of punishment and hope of reward after death." Comment.
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

1. Ethical behavior is often required by religious scriptures by fear of punishment in after life. Religious basis of ethics is not as sound as secular grounds due to - eroding relevance religiosity in modern societies.

Behaviors guided by fear is not voluntary and hence does not amount to full moral development of an individual.

As per Kant, a man must show ethical behaviors for its own sake; he must show subservience to the Categorical Imperative which is a universal law applicable to all.

2. Ethics must therefore be grounded in sympathy whereby every man is respected and treated as an end in himself.

They also derive from social institutions and education which impose values held dear in a society. This is called acculturation.

Social ties often inspire reciprocity and fellow feeling that generate a regard for others in the society and help in

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have played significant role in building ethical norms, such as Jainism, Buddhism, etc.

Buddhism and Christianity. Religious
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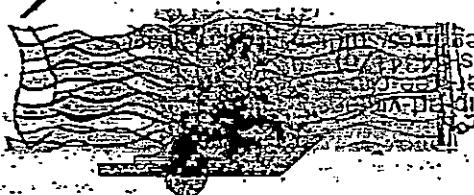
No doubt religion shapes the ethical ground for human being but it also brings fear in terms of reward after death punishment for the so called sin. There are apart from human rationalization human need to think in accordance with their situation and behavior in sympathy, education and social needs for greater good of the society.

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You need to favour one aspect over another

Focus on the question & being specific points what the question is asking

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Q How can one be well when one suffers morally.
Elaborate & explain the statement in individual
and societal context citing real life examples.

~~What does well-being mean? Well-being is usually related to physical health and refers to physical well-being, mental well-being. Well-being is an important topic which is influenced by societal constructs, education, what all it's influenced by, societal constructs, education, also individuals of morals, attitudes and his perception of himself.~~

~~32~~ In this light moral well-being is essential for psychological and emotional well-being. For instance - a couple person who engages in bickering cannot have peace and worries constantly about bickering. The misdeeds, this also impacts health and physical well-being.

Similarly emotional support from society and fellow beings removes mental well-being and an immoral person who is mean, bent on immoral acts is deprived of physical and mental stress is deprived of the wealth of love, affection and support that comes from society.

Moral fitness, there is a relationship to well-being in both individual and societal contexts.

~~Mention all the dimensions:~~

10. Explain the following quotes

(a) He has achieved success who has lived well, left the world better than he found it, laughed often & loved much.

(b) To rely upon conviction, devotion and other excellent spiritual qualities, that is not to be taken seriously in politics.

Do you agree? why?

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(a). Success refers to a sense of accomplishment, satisfaction and pride. It gives a sense of happiness and fruitness.

Therefore, success is a multi dimensional concept, it does not merely involve accumulation of wealth or achievement of goals but also enjoyment of gifts and wealth earned along with joy, happiness, love during life.

Living well therefore is a pair of being successful. A rich man who took no care of his health and suffered from illness cannot be successful.

Here goes another. Besides, love and affection is also need to be successful. Besides, love and affection is also earned in society and goes into forming strong or main successful. Malala Yousafzai need to be successful entirely because of her resilience, courage, and injustice. But also because she is a role model and inspired many children.

Success ful persons are successful and inspire many children. They also made the world a better place and betterment of world.

Who made success full person? Martin Luther King Jr. was a great leader and leaves the world more complete. Being completed for your answer.

(6) Politics is often said to be a dirty game involving deceit and trickery, lying and persisting falsehood so as to retain power. But this view is very well espoused by the modern day political defeatists in their conviction that politics has become a game of lies and played similar tactics and tricks of opposition to gain power. In reality, this is a very limited view of politics and puts down the strength of masses in making national choices and judging actions.

Politicians, as was held by Chanakya in Arthashastra, must convince their subjects that their is doom and good for them if they win power. They can then win popular support. But the philosopher Plato or even Aristotle's concept of philosopher king says that only those states can serve the purpose which are led by men of high moral character like M.K. Gandhi. He also says that spiritual qualities are necessary in politicians for they are to act in the interest of their subjects, often at personal cost.

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You need to be more specific towards the question

Q11. Define the term values. Explain any two values in each of the following categories:

- (a) Values in the self
- (b) Values in human-human interaction
- (c) Values in interaction with the nature

(150 Words) (10 Marks).

Values refer to the moral standards that guide human behaviour and shape their character. It is a set of principles whereby one judges an action as good or bad, right or wrong.

(a) Values in self

Courage - the safeguard for all other values and virtues. Veracity is linked to truthfulness and the ability to stand tall in face of adversity.

Honesty - the ability to remain grounded. It is the opposite of vanity and arrogance.

(b) values in human interaction

Reciprocity - which makes one acknowledge the role played by society for his success and makes him humble and loving.

Kindness - the ability to show mercy and leniency, set aside anger and hatefulness by taking an empathetic view of the other's situation.

(c) Values in interaction with nature

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Environmentation - the ability to show respect towards environment restrain from exploiting it and taking measures to conserve it.

of humanity
care, sustainable etc.
utility, aesthetic etc.

Mention all the dimensions completely

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Q12. Can ethics solve the problem of poverty and hunger in India? Analyze.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Ethics are judgments whether right or wrong, or good or bad. They apply on voluntary actions based on free choice. They certainly have a significant part in elimination of hunger and poverty.

Ethics guide governments to undertake efforts for welfare - MNREGA for employment generation, Skill India to build capacity. Ethics also compel civil servants to act fairly and impartially and effectively in carrying out their duty. This limits the scope for corruption, swindling of funds etc. Ethics towards society and community give rise to philanthropy in rich business owners and also form the basis for Corporate Social Responsibility.

Besides Ethics obtain force from individual Conscience. This pushes men to indulge in charity and assist in providing food for hungry in India. They are also the fundamental to ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~item~~ bringing about tax compliance amongst traders and many others.

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Yes Ethics alone cannot help to solve this problem as it also requires -
Cost effective, technological solutions
Efforts to be made at population control
And also depend on global economic scenario, which is beyond the control of individuals.

good points

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SECTION - B

Q13. According to a 2013 remark of the Supreme Court of India, although the law is obvious that promises made in an election manifesto cannot be construed as a 'corrupt practice' under Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, whereas the reality is that distribution of freebies of any kind undoubtedly influences all people and it affects the level-playing field. The Court opined that "Freebies shake the root of free and fair elections to a large degree." In view of the above remark of the Apex Court, answer the following questions:

- Who are responsible for vitiating electoral environment those who distribute freebies or those who receive freebies happily?
- Why distribution of freebies during election times goes on unhindered is it lack of enactments that could govern election manifestoes or lack of value based politics?
- Generally parties release their manifesto before the announcement of the election date: in that scenario, strictly speaking, the Election Commission will not have the authority to regulate any act which is done before the announcement of the date. Nevertheless, an exception can be made in this regard as the purpose of the manifesto is directly associated with the election process. Do you agree? Why?
- Make a case for a separate law, to be passed by the legislature, with regard to distribution of freebies for governing the political parties.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The distribution of freebies is often with the intent of influencing voters choice before the election.

- (a) Political parties are to blame for this practice whereby they distribute money, dala and other articles right before elections and exploit the circumstances of poor. Often the waiver of loans and debt launch of populist schemes are also undertaken before elections, are just with such malicious intent. At the same time acceptance of freebies is also a part of the practice and so condemned as voters trade their free choice for a temporary gain. This however has implications for the whole electorate.

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can be held
responsible for
shorter ground or
who stand on a standstill at conditions of poor
for mere and scattered supplies
against his election into consideration before putting
the blame on them, as an empty stomach
cannot think reasonably~~

- (b) Despite the provision in law and the PEC¹⁶ which comes into force after election announcement based on value based policies, the practice continues because -
- of weak implementation as election commission often has limited personnel to keep track on such activities
 - vested interests. The model code comes into force after announcement of date, but freebies are doled out much before that time.
 - Shortcoming in statute - no harsh punishment is specified, neither are clear guidelines framed to help decide what constitutes freebie. This limits the effective working of legislation.

- (c) Putting sectoral division on promises made in election manifestos -
- will prevent parties from exploiting the vulnerability of backward classes
 - will amount to a fairer election process as variation of promises would not influence voters.

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Despite this election manifesto cannot be fully regarded as they reflect a political parties' ideology they carry an imprint of genuine initiatives the party seeks to undertake; they may not necessarily succeed in achieving all. A manifesto is more a statement of intent, and this cannot be regulated in a fully democratic country. But some effective mechanisms can be made to keep track on such activities and shade off promises

- (a) Distribution of funds needs to be done with specific legislations which spell out clear guidelines on permissible and impermissible, mala fide promises which establishes an institutional mechanism to identify violations and determine suitable penalties which creates and strengthens enforcement of above provisions

A clear enunciation of such a law is the need of the hour, but much will rest on implementation and monitoring

which needs to be effective

why our existing laws are inadequate?

explain

Mention all the dimensions going completeness

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Q14. There is a village living in fear consistently due to regular case of clash between the two castes. In a recent incident two young children from a particular caste were burnt alive and their parents suffered injuries after their home was allegedly set a fire in the deep winter night.

A special police posting had been made in the village about a year ago after similar attacks. However this initiative by the administration failed to serve the purpose.

You are a Police Chief of the district that has witnessed this grave incident. After this incident one group jam the busy highway with the dead bodies of children, and traffic movement is out of gear as highway is busy and suddenly protest started turning into a mob.

You have asked the local police station to handle the situation but you came to know that local police is divided as one group belongs to the same caste who is protesting. You fear that mob may turn violent.

Being Police Chief of the district what steps will you take to control the situation?

Discuss merits and demerits of the various options you have. Which is the best option and why?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The present situation has evolved due to consistent presence of atrocities against a section of society and the failure of law and order machinery to curb it. Now, the situation is at the verge of spilling into public disorder and can cause greater damage to life and property and needs immediate handling.

The various courses available before me as Police chief are -

- Letting local police handle as they are more so better versed with the situation. There being untrained officials with strict orders.
- Let the issue clear up so that the grievance of this aggression get public and political attention.

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fix position to free the highway
Here action should start from softer level of organizing families and involving leaders if still the situation is not under control then harder action

(14) c) carry out heavy repression using tear gas and batons to disperse the mob.

d) Identifying leaders of the group and engaging them while also taking measures for crowd control. This is to be done by keeping additional forces, including armed forces on standby so as to contain future escalations.

The merits and demerits of each option are as follows:

(a) Merits - Makes use of resource and knowledge base of local police machinery.
 - Delays in decision making will build capacity and responsibility.

Demerits - Can result in delays and be ineffective, threatening security of innocent civilians.
 - Wored amount to erosion of faith in law & order machinery if timely intervention is not made.

(b) Merits - political apathy towards garranced castes will end and stronger legislation may follow.

Demerits - amounts to dereliction of duty on my part
 - I will have to answer for the loss of public order and would jeopardise my career.
 - could deeply poison and divide

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Arrest
Lathi Charge
Use of water canon
Cutters //

the society and become riotous if not dealt with.

(c) Merts - law and order will be maintained
- people will desist from taking law into their hands.

Demerits - goes against the democratic ethos which allows for expression of dissent and grievances.

- will also breed anger against police machinery amongst people
- can lead to loss of life on both sides - civilians and security officers

(d) This course is the best one to be chosen for the given circumstances as

Merts - avoid civil measures prevent further escalation
- parties are engaged and given chance to express grievances.
- gives opportunity to ~~poss~~ to act and make amends for past failures.

Demerits - may take longer for solution to emerge.

This delay however must not be avoided as a solution that emerges after prolonged dialogue is essentially a long lasting.

Incomplete

You are not addressing all the issues involved in the question

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Q15. Everybody lives and dies for the progress and prosperity of his or her own family and kith and kin. If one person gets on higher position of power and authority, the expectations of family members and neighbourhood increases from him that he would be instrumental in getting them into employment or business as well as other opportunities. The pressure is sometimes very high. Observe the following situations and answer the questions posed:

- (a) A civil servant who plays an important role in decision making in a government procurement deal was in severe dilemma. He was compelled by his wife and son to allow their companies to participate in the bidding process, which he was supervising and do favour to them by supplying few information. What should he do?
- (b) A marketing chief of a Public Sector Oil Company was urged and coaxed by the people of his village to open a gas agency in their village for the ease and convenience of the people in accessing clean source of energy. How can he fulfill such aspirations? Will it be justified to do such a favour where such decisions are taken by the pre-fixed criteria?
- (c) The brother of a high ranking police officer was found collecting money on weekly basis from the petty businessmen on the footpaths and pavements of a district where a new IPS trainee joins. What are the options before him?
 - (i) He should ignore him otherwise he would face the ire of his senior officer;
 - (ii) He should take the right action according to the provisions in the law and his charter of duty; and
 - (iii) Before taking any action, he should communicate with the senior officer as to what to do with his brother.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

Ans (a) In this case the decision making lies in the hands of a civil servant whose family members seek a favour by choosing their firm. This is often called favoritism. The dilemma faced ~~there~~ involves - his commitment to impartiality, honesty and transparency as a public servant and his duty towards maintaining the well being of his wife and son.

In case, he divulges the information in ~~a~~ ~~wrong~~ amount of breach of protocol

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as he holds the information in fiduciary capacity, it would also amount to one of giving effect for personal gain or a breed of corruption for which he may in future be liable to disciplinary action.

On the other hand denying his family's demands may lead him to face their ire, which can upset him emotionally and impact his work.

Good points He must however convince the former choice and explain to his wife and son, the limitations of official code and his conscience that prevent him from exploiting his position. He can however let them hold fairly to the tender while also declaring conflict of interest before competent authority so that his core company can participate fairly in the process.

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In this case the marketing chief may have to choose between the principle of reciprocity towards fellow villagers and that of impartial decision making while deciding a venue for gas agency.

If he decides to grant a favour and make an exception in this regard he would be praised and respected by fellow

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villages.

He would also be opening up employment opportunities for them, which is a noble task per se.

On the other hand, he may have to answer for his action before seniors. It may be viewed as misuse of position.

Thus, it may not be advisable for him to set aside citizen and make exception for his village. Yet if it is not impossible for him to meet the aspirations of people, he can make a case for this before his seniors and seek their approval and with a proper transparent procedure he can open the gas agency in the village.

(c) In this case the officer may feel intimidated and frightened as the issue concerns the brother of his senior. He may ignore this and carry on with his duties. And this would demonstrate lack of courage. He would fail to stand for right, due to his timidity.

He may act as per his character of duty and report the matter but this can bring him in confrontation with seniors and can affect the work environment. It may also be the case that the senior is unaware of his brother's activities, in which case he may have to face the ire of authority without being himself involved.

He can thus first bring the matter to the notice of his senior and then take action as per the charter.

good approach

Q16. You are posted as an IAS officer in a backward district where rural women are often ostracized, and every time when something bad happens to any villager either at individual or household level, the blame is often fixed on some women who are generally a most primitive kind of believer or devotee to some deity. You get one such information, where the villagers are planning to try a woman and punish her for the death of newly married couple in a road accident. Such kind of happenings are described as "witch hunting." Previous experiences show that when women has been left on the rationality of the villagers and their kangaroo courts, they are often killed for witchcraft. Answer the following questions:

- Now when you have information about witch hunting and possible attack on the woman said to be a witch, what steps would you take to stop violence and inhuman behavior against her? State the steps you would take in a sequence.
- In your first encounter with the villagers what would you say to them?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

Ans

This case brings the conflict between grassroots democratic institutions and women's rights. The Indian constitution shows commitment to both, and so I cannot let one sacrifice the other. The security of life and person of women is as important as the right of panchayats to take decisions at local levels of bodies these institutions are not legally permitted to act in judicial character. I can therefore intervene to stop this on my practice.

~~First immediate control should first deploy police machinery to ensure safety of this particular woman against the panchayat and locals~~

~~in the situation, I would engage with locals and the panchayat seeking help for conducting inquiry into the causes of accident.~~

~~In the meantime, I would ask women empowerment groups, village communities~~

Remarks

(16) such as SHGs, NGOs and local leaders to educate the locals and help put an end to such baseless organisations beliefs. I would also encourage police department to engage with locals and explain to them the reasons behind accidents and mishaps which often range from potholed roads, to sharp bends, slippery roads, lack of head lights on vehicles driven at night among others.

Finally I would take steps to reduce the rate of such avoidable accidents by taking measures such as filling potholes, putting bollards on sharp turns etc.

(b) In my first encounter with villagers, I would try to seek their views on these accidents and on the role of these women therein. I would try to discern the pattern and basis of their belief which will help me in formulating counter arguments. I would also ask them to sit back in their hands and let the enforcement machinery bring the culprits to book. I will accuse them of impartial working of

Remarks:

the police department and thus seek their confidence.

Once this confidence is won, it would be easier for me to change their attitude towards women and towards mishaps. Here longer term goals will be achieved. I would also try first to understand and grasp their perspectives. and short term goals will be achieved.

Mention all the possible dimensions to bring completeness

Boring completeness

Remarks

Q16. You are posted as an IAS officer in a backward district where rural women are often ostracized, and every time when something bad happens to any villager either at individual or household level, the blame is often fixed on some women who are generally a most primitive kind of believer or devotee to some deity. You get one such information, where the villagers are planning to try a woman and punish her for the death of newly married couple in a road accident. Such kind of happenings are described as "witch hunting." Previous experiences show that when women has been left on the rationality of the villagers and their kangaroo courts, they are often killed for witchcraft. Answer the following questions:

- (a) Now when you have information about witch hunting and possible attack on the woman said to be a witch, what steps would you take to stop violence and inhuman behavior against her? State the steps you would take in a sequence.
- (b) In your first encounter with the villagers what would you say to them?

(250 Words) (20) Marks

Ans

This case brings the conflict between grassroots democratic institutions and women's rights. The Indian constitution shows commitment to both and so I cannot let one obscure the other. The security of life and person of women is as important as the right of panchayats to take decisions at local levels. Besides these institutions are not legally permitted to act in judicial character. I can therefore intervene to stop this malpractice.

I would first deploy police machinery to ensure safety of this particular woman against the panchayat and locals. Next, I would engage with locals and the panchayat seeking time for conducting enquiry into the causes of accident. In the meantime, I would ask women empowerment groups, village communities

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I would also encourage police department to engage with locals and explain to them the reasons behind accidents and mis-haps which often range from potholed roads, to sharp bends, slippery roads, lack of head lights in vehicles driven at night among others.

Finally I would take steps to reduce the rate of such avoidable accidents by taking measures such as filling potholes putting barriers on sharp turns etc.

(b) In my first encounter with villages, I would try to seek their views on these accidents and on the note of these women therein. I would try to discern the pattern and basis of their beliefs which will help me in formulating concrete arguments.

I would also ask them to sit take law in their hands and let the enforcement machinery bring the misfits to book. I will assure them of impartial working of

Remarks

the police department and thus seek their confidence.

Once this confidence is won, it would be easier for me to change their attitude towards women and towards perhaps I would see my first encounter to understand and grasp their perspectives.

This answer
is already checked
before

Remarks

Q17. There are various religious and cultural occasions in India when a large number of people gather to form a big procession which marches from one area of the city for celebrations and immersion of statues to other areas dominated by people of different religions and sects. In such cases the possibility of riots and conflicts are very high. Suppose you are the Police Superintendent in one such area where after Puja (worship), a procession of a particular community is learnt to have planned to pass through some streets before immersion of the statue in the river eventually. Answer the following questions?

- As Superintendent of Police what will you do if you learn about marching of such a procession to the areas dominated by other communities which have a record of mistrust?
- Will you completely ban movement of a religious procession in case of apprehension of a conflict? Give reasons.
- In case a conflict takes place during the marching of a procession and a riot like situation arises, state the steps you would take to keep the situation under control.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The constitution guarantees right to assemble peaceably without arms and so processions are permissible - also in a deeply religious society; a respect for such sentiments is a must for efficient working of police department.

However religious processions have an atmosphere of zeal and excitement, whereby flaring up of communal tensions as a possibility cannot be overlooked.

On learning about such a march from areas where disorder or conflict can be apprehended, I would look for alternative routes and suggest such changes. In case, this is not possible I would deploy machinery in the said area.

Remarks:

(17) after giving them requisite training and instructions on crowd control

~~Also I would~~ best engaging community leaders and residents of the area informing them of the processions, seeking their advice and requesting cooperation.

~~I would~~ also ask bring both community members together through exchanges and interactions, so that their differences are narrowed down, and would ask them to exercise restraint in the event of a provocation, which must be reported to authorities.

Before the procession, I would also be on lookout for anti-social elements who often take advantage of such face ups and are often instrumental in creating them.

(6) I would not ban the movement, on the ground of mere apprehensions of conflict.

After taking the above said measures, if sufficient grounds exist pointing to an conflict which cannot be contained or prevented, I would then have to push for an alternate route as I cannot allow a religious conflict in circumstances.

Also maintaining the adverse effect of banning and change of routes

Remarks

(C) In case such a situation arises - I would immediately put the police machinery trained and instructed to deal with such matters on the gear.

The police would prevent the crowd from building up and keep the roads clear of vehicles, and people.

Gradually, attempts would be made at dispersing the crowd, involving participants of the procession. I may discontinue the procession if the need arises.

~~Here the violence and procession~~ ~~for each would~~ In the meantime, book the participants and take action against them.

To prevent issues from flaring up, I would request the media to exercise restraint while reporting the incident.

Afterwards, I would take steps at ameliorating cordial and peaceful engagements between the two communities.

Action are incomplete

Amrit
Lathe
use of water
workers
etc

Remarks

Q18. There is an MLA who is very popular because he responds to the complaints of the people about the failure of local institutions in service delivery very proactively. His method of responding to the complaints of the people often comprises of using force and bullying the failing local institutions and the concerned officers rather than invoking the lawful procedures. Sometimes he even uses threat as a weapon to get things done in favour of the people. Answer the following questions:

- Can we justify the MLA's method of redressing complaints by virtue of force, bullying and threats because his motives are good and his act is in the public interest?
- What should be right way of redressing people's genuine complaints?
- Should the act of the MLA be considered as 'pressure from below' which is necessary for a democratic system to deliver services and desired outcomes and so can be endorsed as morally right?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

(a) The idealogical conception of ethics would justify the use of improper means to secure justified ends and so the MLA would be hailed for his success at addressing the matter.

Desmological and Gandhian ethics however hold that means are as important as ends as wrong means can never lead to justified ends. The MLA's acts though successful in short term, amount to weakening of democratic institutions in the long run, the tendency towards less working also gets promoted and people fail to learn using promoted instruments such as RTI, the grievance redressal and periodic electoral grievances account ability. The MLA can therefore not be supported.

Remarks

All the action should
be based on rule of law
citizen charter

The right approach would be -

To initiate a formal inquiry into reasons for such failure, which may range from funding shortages to lack of personnel.

More devolution of funds and functions

Strengthening of monitoring and supervisory bodies, by ensuring appointment of public information officers and also creation of grievance redressal dept.

Training and educating masses for demanding information, & making institutions more accountable & specific & needed

(C) Although the pressure from below in this case is visible as people approach the MLA in demanding action, but this is not directed as they fail to organise themselves and demand accountability through right channels.

The MLA on the other hand seeks to exploit this situation by creating and consolidating his vote base, this however prevents successful working of grassroots democracy where peoples grievance are addressed directly without there being the need for intervention from above.

Even if his intent was to genuinely resolve the concern, the method is

Remarks

exercises bullying tactics and force, which reflect scant regard for law and order and also smack of ~~arrogance~~.

The situation demands an overhaul of the entire delivery system; bureaucratic machinery and reporting and simplification of procedures, not bullying of certain officials involved in ~~particular~~ cases.

Conclusion

Remarks

