

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Time Allowed: 3 hr.

Max. Marks: 250

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SECTION - A

Q1. Answer the following questions:

- (a) What do you mean by self-realization? How the self-realization can help in the establishment of authentic self?
- (b) What is the role of courage in practicing virtue consistently? Do we need courage to be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest? Why? (75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

1.a) Self realization is the process of truly understanding oneself - one's nature, values, desires, weaknesses as well as strengths.

Many a times in this globalized world, the "principle of imitating others" or "go with the flow" is the prevalent norm. People often fall into the trap of "group or herd mentality". Cases of students committing suicide in IITs exemplify the situation. Maybe due to parents pressure they enroll into such institutes but due to lack of interest often cannot cope with the environment there.

Thereby, self realization is of utmost

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importance, because then only one would actually know what he wants or what he is made for and live a peaceful life.

(b) Courage is that quality of human nature which allows humans to speak up one's mind fearlessly or do what he wants without the constraint of fear.

Thereby in many circumstances it plays the role of the foundation on which other emotions depend. To be living in a society, often man has to live within predefined norms and regulations. For eg.

being witness to a domestic violence case in the family but still not being able to speak up because of the family ties with the oppressor. This is one of the hundreds of such situations in the society.

Thereby, it takes courage to speak up and even be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest.

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Q2. What is a social sin? Is there any standard definition of it? How can we abstain from social sins? And if we fail to abstain from so called social sins, what would be the consequences? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Social sin can be defined as any such activity in the societal precedent which has harmful effect or causes injustice to certain sections of the society.

Many activities would come under the ambit of social sin - Female foeticide & feticide, bonded labour, human trafficking, dowry system, caste oppression, racial discrimination, domestic violence and others.

It has been observed that even after coming of modernisation in the 21st-century society, still people are bonded by these social sins which are prevalent in good numbers. Various steps in comprehensive manner needs to be

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done -

- 1) Value education from an early age in the education system.
- 2) Providing education and job opportunities to the oppressed one like the dalits, females for their emancipation and empowerment. By this, they would be able to fight back. A good eg. is Dalit entrepreneurship being aided by MSME scheme; Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Mahila e-hat for women empowerment.
- 3) Proper awareness about laws against these social evils and campaigns for behavioral changes.

These steps need to be taken up urgently otherwise, it would result in general acceptance of these sins within the society - a vivid eg. is dowry system which even the educated lot carry on. Also result into oppression & gross human right violation of a large number of people.

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Q3. A philosopher said "when I was young I wanted to change the world" and now as I am mature "I want to change myself". In the light of the above statement answer the following questions:

(a) Why did philosopher say so?

(b) The world does not change much, our perceptions do change. Explain.

(75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

3(a) When we are child, we often perceive things as it is. We are just starting to explore the big world. With innocent inquisitiveness, a child goes on to learn about his environment and surroundings and to build his perceptions, his parents are the first teachers to mould him and give him

certain values.

The child is enclosed in the world that he perceives based on the values given by his parents, family, and teachers and has a narrow thinking about what is good or bad based on his knowledge base. thereby he often tends to think of changing oneself or the world to fit his definition of good or bad that he has been taught.

But, as one grows up, one learns

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various aspects of life from one experiences - both good or bad and then tries to change his pre-defined perceptions according to the reality.

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As one grows up, one's horizon of thinking broadens as the people with whom one interacts increases.

As we go to school we learn certain things, then college provides us with another area of experiences. All these experiences helps us to decide the stereotypes that we had learned.

One personal eg. can be - earlier I used to think that people who drink or smoke are bad particularly women. But after going through college and other experiences, now my perception has totally changed - people are inherently not bad but drinking is bad as it is injurious to health. Thereby, like these one's perceptions keep on changing with experiences.

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Q4. It is commonly accepted that "don't promise when you are happy, don't answer when you are angry, and don't decide when you are sad". What is the essence of this statement for a working civil servant? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

One important value that a civil servant must possess is objectivity - i.e. perceiving the things as it is without letting it being overpowered by emotions or personal values.

Humans being an emotional animal, one experiences various emotions of anger, happiness, excitement, sadness, fear, etc. in one's day to day life which are inevitable. Similarly, a civil servant also experiences these. But in spite of it, a civil servant needs to maintain his objectivity otherwise the basic motto of serving the people would be skewed.

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Thus by, it is often observed that emotions such as anger, happiness or sadness reduce our rational thinking.

For eg. → being happy makes us super-optimistic and in this situation giving a promise might lead to unattainable objectives in reality.

→ similarly being sad, we are at our nadir of negativism and may take some decision, which could cause us more harm. For eg. a depressed person committing suicide.

→ also when in anger, our tendency is often to hurt anyone near to us or even themselves, thereby one shouldn't reply to anyone when in anger.

All the emotions would lead to bad decision making which would have wide impact on others in the life of a civil servant, hence their importance.

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Q5. Answer the following questions:

- (a) Spontaneity and self-restraint are the two complementary values needed at the workplace. Explain the importance of both with example.
- (b) What is the relation between the quality of a work and happiness while doing the work? What are the main impediments in being happy and how to overcome them?
- (75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

a) At workplace, various problems and challenges exist. And to overcome it, one may require spontaneity to resolve it.

Since the problems are becoming complex in nature, some out of the box solutions are required often to address it. Thereby, nowadays, often organisations are resorting to group discussions and activity based projects where ones spontaneity in thinking plays great importance.

But at the same time, self-restraint should also be adhered to. Every organisation has its own rule book of rules and regulations, codes of conduct etc and while

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working in it, these needs to be taken care of by self-restraint. ✓ ✓ ✓

b) Quality of a work is heavily dependent on the person's happiness while doing it.

When a person is happy with what he is doing, he feels motivated to work more more it and thereby, the efficiency as well as the quality of the work ~~depends~~ improves enormously. But many a times this is not so. ✓

There exist various impediments in being happy -

- Social norms & thinking about what people think.
- Parental pressures.
- Our own prejudices.

All these restrict in the realisation of our self and thereby impede our happiness.

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Q6. What is the difference between 'appeasement policy' and that of utilitarian principle of "Maximum good for maximum people"? Explain with appropriate example.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

The difference between 'appeasement policy' and that of utilitarian principle of 'maximum good for maximum people' is actually a very thin line.

Appeasement policy → Here, one tries to appease or please a section of people or some influential person for one's own gain or profit.

Eg. Tying the lines of a minister regarding the implementation of a policy which might not bring our greater good to the society. For

Eg. wrongful clearance in an inspection of a factory which otherwise is not following laws.

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This in return would bring personal gains in form of promotion, etc.

"Maximum good for maximum people"

This utilitarian principle highlights that certainly actions may not have the impact on all but ~~to~~ ^{is} benefiting a larger section of the people, but effective only to a certain smaller section.

Eg. Regarding construction of dams - this principle is cited as it would bring electricity and irrigation facilities to larger people especially the urban ones but it harmful effects the indigenous tribal people there & often they are relocated elsewhere.

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Q7. Which is more important for moral integrity: the idea of 'live and let live' or 'self-indulgence'? Why? What is the significance of both the ideas in the real life?

(150-Words) (10 Marks)

Moral integrity basically means to be what you are, thereby to uphold it rather than 'self-indulgence', the idea of 'live & let live' would be more appropriate.

Because often in 'self-indulgence' one tends to believe that only he is correct and everybody needs to emulate him. It creates a sense of superiority complex amongst oneself. But 'live and let live' would

opine that even if you think that you are correct and self-righteous and maybe the other person is wrong, but until that other person is not causing any harm, everyone must

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be living peacefully without any
clashes or violence.

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Q8. Can ethics solve the problem of poverty and hunger in India? Analyze.

(150 Words)(10 Marks)

Poverty and hunger are not just a problem in the economic front but it carries a moral obligation with it.

The root cause of this problem can be traced to the inequality between the super rich and the poor that is depressingly widening in today's era.

Positive discrimination and help from the government eg. food security schemes, MGNREGA etc are not enough to address it. The richer sections of the society do carry an ethical obligation. Rather than indulging in materialistic desires, if the richer ones part with a portion of their wealth towards

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the betterment of poor, a lot work is done.

- Similarly, tax evasion by them is also aiding in growing poverty.

They have an ethical obligation to pay rightful taxes.

If only Gandhi's idea is emulated, "The Earth has enough for everyone's needs, but

not for anyone's greed", his way of ^{simple sustenance} life is followed; poverty and hunger can be reduced to a great extent.

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Q9. 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 is a quality being ethical and having various values like honesty, kindness, etc.

Many a times in this age of competition it might appear that goodness often appear as hindrance to ones personal as well as professional goals but abiding by ones values would bring in positive returns in future. Eg. many officials resort to corruption, leaving their values and goodness aside but later often they are caught on their acts and loose even the material gains as well as their image. Eg. Satyam scandal scam.

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Thereby, even if being good may result into difficulty in living in this corrupt society, then also one must not forgo it for it would give one peace and satisfaction from within which is most important in life.

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Q10. 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 model are those persons who have an immense influence on a large section of people and who try to emulate their habits and values in their lives in order to be like their role models.

Role models are made by their actions and efforts. The impact of their actions if its affecting a large ^{section of} people to bring a change in their thinking or way of life.

For eg. Gandhiji during the freedom struggle became a role model for the whole society.

This way of satyagraha, non-violence and truth had an

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immense impact on whole of the
 nation with almost the whole
 country emulating him. At that time,
 the revolutionary forces also went
 down and Satyagraha became the
 salt and butter of all.

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Q11. Given are three quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these, bring out what it means to you in the present context?

- (a) It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.
 (b) Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.
 (75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

a) Our society even if its modern, is fraught with certain social evils like dowry, gender discrimination, casteism, communalism, etc.

And even being aware of these grave issues, we often become deaf eared to these and try to ignore them and live our lives as if everything is fine and normal.

This is not ethically correct. Accepting the moral standards of the society without indulging into the rightness of these practices is equally unethical as being a part

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of these activities.

b) This phrase can be superimposed on the political sphere of our nation. Often in elections it is seen, for political gains, political parties indulge in divisive forces of casteism, class, communalism, regionalism and create a sense of distrust and hatred on the society.

This action totally undermines the rich diversity and of our nation and the potential of utilising it as a soft power and also depicting the positive force of unity despite so much diversity.

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SECTION - B

Q12. You are officer in charge for transfer and posting of personnel of a particular department. This position is very difficult mainly for two reasons- (i) people closer to the power corridor try to influence you and (ii) women officers often send requests to postpone transfer orders on the pretext of family responsibilities. Consider the following situations and give your views with suitable explanations:

- (a) A Cabinet Minister sends a D.O letter to you regarding posting of an official on a supposedly 'lucrative assignment' for which you have already decided about the name of a more competent officer with a good track record of honesty, integrity, probity and timely delivery. What will you do?
- (b) As per the rules in your department, every officer needs to be transferred from one destination to other after three years. A woman officer comes to you with a request that as the new destination allotted to her is far flung and remote, she would fail to provide medical treatment to her ageing and sick in-laws who need constant clinical help. But according to her innate qualities and high level of expertise, the new destination would need only officer like her to deliver best results and meet official targets. What will you do?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) In this situation, there is a case of conflict of duties. On one hand, is duty to the public by assigning the most competent and able person to a post and on other abiding by the orders of the superior authority.

Following steps can be followed here-

i) Asking the ~~sup~~ authority superior to me for advice regarding the case and what decision to make. ✓

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a) Requesting the Cabinet Minister for a written order as the decisions undertaken

by me would be under RTI, thereby to maintain my integrity.

Depending on the written orders, the posting of the official could be done or otherwise as being directed by the superior authority.

both you & your case of objectivity & merit consideration

b) In this case, there are issues of organisational objective and the individual or employee objective.

For best and efficient performance, an integration of both objectives is the ideal situation.

Even if the lady has all the expertise and qualities for the job, if she is posted to that place against her will, it would affect

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her productivity because she would be delivering her duty half-heartedly which her personal tensions always along with her.

Thereby, for the betterment of both her as well as the organisation, her request should be accepted and another official with similar qualities even if lesser than the lady's and who is willing to go to that place should be allotted that place. This would ensure better efficiency and effectiveness.

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Q13. A police officer has been assigned to control petty crimes like snatching, stealing, pick-pocketing and immodest behavior against passing-by women in a particular locality of a city dotted by several shanty residential slums with lot of street urchins and extremely poor and unemployed households. Despite his good and human intentions, he is not able to control crime in the region. Some people complained to the boss of the police officer that the concerned police officer is professionally undeserving as he is not able to create terror among the perpetrators of the crime in the area. He should give third order punishment to the slum dwellers so that they are deterred once for all from committing crimes. There is no use of attributes like being sensitive, human and kind in police service. The officer should be removed soon and replaced by another officer who uses his powers to scare the criminals. The boss of the police officer, however, finds that the concerned officer is very dedicated and does his duty with honesty and sensitivity. Nevertheless he directs the concerned police officer to be tougher on the criminals so that grievances of the people are addressed soon. The concerned police officer introspects and he is very confused what to do. His lines of thought are given below. You have to consider all the options he is thinking and give reasons, which is the better course of action for him?

- (a) Despite his best efforts and sensitive approach, people complained against him, so he should henceforth act in vengeance against the criminals with very stiff actions without bothering about human concerns.
- (b) He should continue to blend stiff but human actions, with a policy of engaging the street urchins, poor people and women of the slums in the neighborhood in productive activities, education and participatory security through the help of NGOs and civil society.
- (c) He should be tough police officer and put an end to being swayed by human attitude towards the criminals if he has to rise in his career. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) Opting for this course of action, has both its pros and cons -

Pros - May help in reducing the crime levels and create fear psychosis among the petty criminals and bring him public appreciation inspite of complaints.

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Cons - It does not guarantee a long-lasting solution. Even studies have not been able to prove the effectiveness of capital punishment in lowering crimes.

On the other hand, it might lead to more violence and crimes due to the vengeance feeling of the slum dwellers.

b) In this option, there is more of +ve attitude than -ve,

Pros - It tries to address the root cause i.e. poverty, lack of education and job opportunities which is driving these slum dwellers towards these crimes. Instead, indulging them in productive activities would be the most effective utilisation of their potentials as well as service to the society.

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Con - For it to be successful, large commitment is required by the officer as well as civil society to bring those people for the work, otherwise it won't be effective, and crimes would continue.

a) Similarly,

cons - use of harsh attitude, ignoring human values would lead to a slippery slope which might create a -ve image of police among the society and many a times, it could also be used for oppression of innocent citizens.

Pros - personal advancement in career as well as may be temporary control of crimes.

But going through all the options, option (b) seems to be the most pragmatic and human course of action which is followed with dedication can do wonders!

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Q14. 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 emersion 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 emersion of the statue in the river eventually. Answer the following questions?

- (a) 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?
- (b) Will you completely ban movement of a religious procession in case of apprehension of a conflict? Give reasons.
- (c) 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)

a) Communal mistrust and conflicts being a sensitive issue which often lead to harm to innocent lives need to be handled with care. In this situation of a procession being marching through areas dominated by other community, the following steps should be taken up -

(i) Consulting with the procession organisers about any alternative route if possible that could be taken, and avoid the previous route.

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ii) If not, then asking from concerned authorities permission for increased number of police personnel along the route in order to maintain law and order.

iii) Giving guidelines to the residents of those areas of strict actions citing the relevant rules and laws, for any mischievous activity inciting violence, and installation of CCTV cameras wherever necessary.

b) India being such a diverse nation of a myriad of cultures, religions and beliefs; a hard ban of such activities cannot be a practical solution.

Such an action would be undermining the fundamental right of freedom of conscience of religion (ART 25) enshrined in our constitution and undermine the peculiar nature of our nation.

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Rather, some practical solutions to prevent such clashes as provided in (a) above can be taken up.

- c) In spite of undertaking all the precautions if a riot like situation does take place -
- Immediate mobilisation of the force to stop the attackers
 - special preference for the safety of women and children and to escort them to safe places.
 - May even resort to lathi charge and other measures if the situation demands so to maintain peace.

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Q15. There is generally a difference between two groups of civil servants- one group always think in terms of public interest and tries to devise programmes and policies that best serve the public interest while there is another group, which in the name of public interest devises programmes and policies which run political campaigns of the government in power. The Home Minister has called a special meeting of the civil servants to listen to their problems in serving public interest and find ways for improvement.

Suppose you are in the first group, whose sole concern is public interest and you are attending the meeting. Answer the following questions based on the above case:

- Would you make a point that, it is an intolerable abuse of power to serve the political campaign of the ruling party in the name of serving public or national interest? Why?
- Do you agree that civil servants should follow the commands of the ruling class, which has a compulsion to fulfill commitments expressed in their manifesto based on which they have won electoral mandates?
- How a civil servant can maintain political neutrality, which is one of the most important attribute of a good officer? Discuss with respect to the above case where one group of civil servants is fitted against you and they have their own opinion and reason for such stand.
- If your Home Minister is willing to be with the other side, then how will you present your case to the Home Minister?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

a) Being a civil servant, public interest and welfare are the foremost priorities of ones duty. And if while at being such a responsible position, one abuses ones power to serve the political campaign of the ruling party which might not be bringing any welfare to the people or ~~would~~ might be harming the society, then yes, this intolerable abuse of power

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needs to be put up.

b) In a parliamentary form of government the civil servants are required to maintain anonymity and according to Art 11 of our constitution, the civil servants are required to work under the political representatives and help them in working of the government.

Thereby, yes civil servants need to follow the commands of the ruling class in fulfilling the commitments on their manifests because they are the 'popular sovereignty' and being elected by people and hence their manifests is representing people's demands.

c) But the thin line between serving the political representatives ~~and~~ for the working of the govt. and for

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personal gains to the ministers as well as the civil servants needs to be maintained.

For it, political neutrality needs to be followed diligently, but with increased political interference and influence in postings and promotions of civil servants, it becomes often difficult. To resolve it;

- A civil service law needs to be made up - clearly demarcating the functions of political and permanent representatives
- A Civil Service Board at arms length from govt. should be set up to look after postings and promotions
- A Code of Ethics should be made up for both civil servants and ministers and should be made enforceable.

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d) Even if the Home Minister is with the other side, then also the basic premise of our constitution - public good and welfare needs to be highlighted to the Home Minister.

And how this being the lines with the pol. representatives is hindering the developmental and welfare activities for the people and put up the point forward.

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Q16. You are an education minister of a state. Recently, lot of reports on how women teachers of secondary school dresses up came and emphasized that many teachers wear ungracious and party type of attires against Indian cultural ethos while they are in school. People from one cultural group meet you and wants you to clear your mind about that to the public. There is an opinion in air that such things put indelible mark on the impressionable minds of the adolescent students about 'image of teachers' in general and 'women' in particular, Public expects something from you in the given situation. Answer the following questions related to it:

- As a minister, when public is expecting something from you, what would you do to safeguard the Indian cultural ethos regarding teachers and women on dress matters?
- You are a minister in official capacity and a public representative, but you must also have your personal opinion than the public expectations. Do you think that dress is a matter of personal choice and there should be no official dictate regarding it?
- Also can you say that what matter is quality of education and not the type of dress teachers wear?
- There must be views from both the sides, one may go with you and other will criticize you.

Give arguments for and against the dress code for teachers in schools.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

Dress code, in particular often depicts the expression of suffocation of fundamental rights of choice or freedom. But the premise where dress codes are being suggested should be taken into consideration.

a) In this situation, taking into consideration the public's concern, I would go along with dress

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codes for teachers in schools.

A public service is very different from one's personal life. It has its own sense of dignity as well as responsibility. Even a civil servant has to maintain conduct rules including maintaining dress codes while receiving dignitaries.

Thereby, dress codes for teachers would also help in maintaining the conduct rules of the public service.

b) Regarding personal opinion, yes; dressing is something which is an individual's choice and no one has any right to dictate upon it.

But public service demands certain adherence to rules and regulations, thereby dress codes for teachers in schools can be acceptable.

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c) Obviously, education is what matters most rather than dresses of teachers. But to maintain the dignity of the position and responsibility, teachers need to take care of these things such as improper dressing and abide by the conduct rules of the organisation.

d) Addressing the issue of Right of choice and responsibility towards public duty; a proper dress code should not be taken as violation of the former and can be followed by all members

Better answer
 ✓ Be as per need ✓
 ✓ Be objective & precise ✓

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Q17. There is a dispensary in a rural area. It is the sole medical center in the region and provides health care facilities to people. But the dispensary is not following the biomedical rules and disposes a large quantity of waste in its backyard, which is affecting the health of the nearby people and is also affecting the animals.

You are health inspector of the region and got the complaint related to it. This hospital is governed by family members of the district collector under which you work. Even public do not care much about this problem, as this is the sole hospital in that vicinity and they trust hospital as treatment and hospitality is good. Media and NGO's staff gets treatment at low charges and sometimes free also. You have already warned hospital about their responsibility but they don't take you very seriously.

- Identify three crucial problems that are obstacle to practical solution. Also discuss why these are 'crucial problem'.
- Find different steps for solution to this problem and argue their capacity to achieve desired results.
- Suggest the best course of action, that can help addressing the problem in this case. Why? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

- a) The 3 crucial problems to practical solution are -
- No resistance by people against the activity and their acceptance of it [difficulty in creating public opinion].
 - Family of DC - could create conflict of interest
 - The involvement of Media and NGOs in free treatment which might result into their biasness towards the hospital

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b) Keeping into consideration the above discussed problems, the course of action which could be taken are -

- Approaching the District Collector, highlighting the issue and suggesting him to give our strict directions to the hospital.

But it might not be effective, as the DC's family members own the hospital.

- Involving the media and NGOs to create awareness about the issue.

But it might also fail because people have immense belief in the hospital & medical & NGO people are provided free treatment.

- Thirdly, a petition can be forwarded to the higher authorities on the health dept. maybe to the health minister, if the earlier steps

doesn't bore fruit. And seeking help of national media and NGOs from elsewhere to come forward and create awareness.

At the same time, would suggest the higher authorities for improving health infra at the place - more hospitals and doctors etc to provide alternative to the people.

c) The 3rd option explained above would be the most pragmatic and doable option to address the situation.

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Q18. 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?

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

The situation above is a sensitive case of violence due to caste differences which is somewhat prevalent in the country,

considering the whole incident, the steps that can be taken up to control the situation are -

a) since asking the local police station did not ~~see~~ bore any result, the

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police chief should himself go to the place of the incident i.e. the highway and request higher officials for added police force to control the situation.

Since the mob already had started becoming violent, may use of brute force if required:

Merit - ~~is~~ being personally present would lead to following of commands and brute force might help in controlling the mob.

Demerit - might ~~be~~ backfire and create more violence among the mob.

b) Use the police force to keep the mob under control and talk to them to clear the mob from the highway.

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at present and assure them of punishing the culprits involved.

Merit - It might somehow help in resolving the issue of clearing the highway and subsidence of any violence.

Demerit - The mob may not listen to it and hence it won't be much effective.

e) Ask the help of some powerful and influential people like politicians from the caste that are creating the mob to talk to them and assure them of action against the attackers.

Merit - People may listen as the person would belong to their own caste and is also a powerful figure.

Demerit - Chances of failure of this step also exist if the mob turns violent. The best option would be a combination of (b) & (c).

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Q19. 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 kinds of happenings are described as "witch hunting." Previous experiences show that when women have been left on the rationality of the villagers and their kangaroo courts, they are often killed for witchcraft.

One day you have received 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:

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

To resolve this situation of preventing a 'witch hunt' and possible attack on the woman the following steps could be taken up -

- Special protection may be provided to the woman, but it won't be a permanent solution.
- Shifting the woman from that place to some other area where she would be safe.
- After that, talking with the villagers and trying to make them understand

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that they should not involve in such activities

- But it might not bore much fruit, thereby giving out strict guidelines about ~~also~~ strict punishments against those who resort to such violent activities -

- Creating awareness about the various laws regarding murder etc in IPC,

- For long term solution, taking help of media and NGOs or helping create education amongst the villagers and bring about changes in their thinking and attitude.

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