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## ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

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Q1. What is attitude? What function does it plays in our life? Illustrate.

[Attitude] is positive or regative perception towards a person, a situation or an entity

It is the regulator of one's emotion If a person possesses a positive cittitude, (She will find best even in the most difficult of times. This cerelles that the behaviour enhibited by the preson is also positive. This helps a pleson breeze past any obstacle. soe instance, APJ Abdul Kalam despite coming from a poor background did not lose hope. He worked hard and teansformed his adversity into opportunity by being positive.

On the conteasy, a person who is regative continues to blame people and or circumstances around him. The is

thereby succumbs under adversity.

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For instance, Hitler dispite being a great leady possessing a negative attitude led Germany and the world towards disaster.

Therefore, attitude is core component of our personality which ensures our adaptability and success in life.

Q2. Establish the correction between Ethics & Emotional Intelligence Ethics is the science of moral conduct. It provides a set of standards to " decide whether an action taken by us is right or wrong. However, ethics can be comprehended by an individual enhibiting a high emotional intelligence: Emotional intelligence refers to the ability of an individual to perceive, access and generate emotions. It helps the individual do regulate emotions, thereby stimulating emotional and intellectual development. It a peesoer enhibits eigh degree of constional intelligence, only then can the understand the people around him. High EI helps person to face an adversity and handle the situation

empathetic and compassionate and thereby, facilitating him/her to place show welfare above all his/her needs thus, a man with high EI remains third dispite conflicts. On the contrary, a person with low EI remains detached with the bon the world, driven by sulf interest thus, (3) he lacks expathy and compassion and may commit an unethical act.

therefore, EI is a vital tool to promote anothical society and well being for all

Describe the process of crowd funding and reasons why it may be successful? What are the positive effects of crowd funding? (150 Words) (10 Marks) Ground funding is the process of arranging finances from the civic/public domain to achieve a noble goal. Good funding involves making emotional appeal to the society, thus, arousing compassion and sentiments of the members of the society. This ensures them to integrate to a noble course and experience delight and grateful for being in the position of comfort and at the same time being able to assist those who are less fortunate. This ensures the success of would funding Some of the positive effects of crowd funding There are numerous instances in real life where crowd funding has been a Success

For instance, Armstrong Pame, IAS, saised money to build the "Friendship Bridge" in Maripur and provide connectivity. Thurfore, some positive effects of accord funding are. (1) It beings self realisation amongst common citizens. 3) This permits them to be more empathetic and compassionate and participate in societal challenges (3) This ensures that governance is demand driven, thereby, making it [good governance] - Better degree of accounta-(4) Less advantaged people are given opportunities other than the one's provide by state. (5) Promotes featurity and nation Thus, crowd funding is an effective instrument to promote social welfare and notional integration.

Remarks building.

Q4. What are the signs of low Emotional Intelligence? Where would you place yourself with respect to these signs? What would you do to improve you emotional intelligence level? Emotional intelligence is the ability to perceive, access, generate and regulate emotions. It facilitates in stimulating intellictual and emolional growth. An individual with low emotional intelligence has the following characteristics (1) mable to handle adversity > looks stressed 2) blames people and circumstances around him/her. 3) enhibits a negative attitude and behaves indifferently with other people On a pusonal level, on the spectrum & EI, I would put myself to be in an evolving state. As an individual to improve my EI level, I would practice the following

- (1) Be Lonest and truthful to myself and to others.
- (2) This would allow me to be frank to inject and help be self introspect without bias.
- 3) I would self introspect to facilitate self realisation -> help in seeing greater good and place in this world.
- (4) This would permit me to enhibit a wise, just and an upright pusonality,

thereby, developing my conscience.

(5) I would then try to be compassionate and emporthetic.

All the above steps will ensure my will is constantly developed which allow with me to handle any challenge with an objective mind and with a positive attitude.

Q5. What is the possible cause of domestic violence? Domestic violence is the act of violence committed by a family member against another member in order to assert one's dominance. Though, a gender neutral concept, it is usually associated with a husband committing violence against his wife. Causes of domestic violence-() Culturel In some cultures, women are treated as secondary sex. (2) Portriarchal mindset forces men to view women as their property. (3) Objeitification of women makes them a commodity with no dignity. (4) Reinforcement in successive generations as children usually view the domestic violen as a natural norm (5) Lack of education confines women to

donestic sphere, thereby, causing feminisation of poverty However, domestic violence can also happen against elders and children It is the consequence of lack of empathy, compassion and a feeling of superiority. in the aggressor. Thus, recognising domestic violence as a rampant phenomena, government passed the Domestic Riolence Act, 2005. Other steps like awareness programs by NGOs, educational and employment opportunities to the printing should be provided. This will secure them a

better and enpowered life.

Q6. Give brief description of the concept of 'cyber bullying'. What are the adverse consequences of cyber bullying on its victims? (150 Words) (10 Marks) Cyber bullying is a lecent phenomena which is the consequence of emergence of ICT (Internet and communication technology). It involves lampooring, memes, jokes based on one's life and personal characteristics and sharing them on the uisternet with a wider audience via Twetter, Jacebook, WhatsApp etc Some of the adverse consequences of yber bullying are-(1) May force an individual into depression (2) Alienates a man from the society both physically and digitally (3) Results in defamation of an individual which is a criminal offence. (4) It is against an individual's fin fundamental eight of free speech and orpression

Therefore, it is essential that notizens are conscious of their actions on the internet. Enfor Asserting one's freedom of speech should not result in devoiding another individual's freedom. This not only hampers well being of people but also threatens the social fabric of a diverse nation. The ladia where one wrong message can spark communal or regional riot.

Q7. Why does self-control sometimes fail to act as an internal system of restraint?

self control is an ability that is enhibited by an individual with high EI (Emotional intelligence). It assists an individual to perceive, generate and regulate emotions despite the situation.

However, there may be instances when on may fail to enercise self control. This primarily occurs for the following reasons—

- (1) Conflict of interest among personal and public interest > results in corruption
- (2) Clouding judnest with emotions.
- (3) Failing to acknowledge the relevant information to remain wise.
- (4) failing to strike a balance between enotions and practicality -> Fails to enercise pragmatism.

An individual who is unable to enercise self control is usually unable to handle adversity. (The blames people and encironment around him and fails to face a challenge positively.

Thus, it is essential that people semain rational and calm, reliase self realise and practice spirituality. This will ensure arines such as robbery, muder, lynching reduce and promote harmony.

What is social intelligence? Why does it matter? Social intelligence ] is the ability of all individual to undustand the norms and traditions of the society and adapt accordingly. A person enhibiting high social intelligence is usually one with high emotional intelligence (EI) because only an individual with a high EI can appreciate the external surroundings and be receptive of people around him. A high SI is vital for the society (1) it promotes better integration of members into the society irrespective of one's culture, ethinity, religion etc. (2) it promotes pluralism and tolerance. (3) thereby, facilitating tenot among the

society members.

(4) it promotes a stable social order, thus, promoting technology and incrovation.

(5) it makes all members empathetic and compassionate, thus, promoting featurity amongst our the members and promoting good-governance.

Therefore, it is essential that a chigh SI is enhibited to strengthen national unity.

Q9. What is the role of perception in making our views regarding complexities, conspiracies and obstacles around us while pursuing our objectives? How does attitude help us to conquer such difficulties in performing our duties? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Perception I is a self concept. It allows us to understand and view complexities, conspiracies and obstacles de uniquely. A person possessing positive perception always views an obstacle ar a new challenge to be conquered, a new learning. This allows him her to develop both emotionally and intellectually and emerge as a better individual. On the contrary, an individual having a regative perception will always view Obstacles as a hindrance and continue blaning enternal world instead of improving oneself to face the challenge thus, (5) he will fail rot only in meeting the Objective but also in developing new Skills and ability.

Therefore, it is essential that a person tries to develop a positive attitude to cultivate a stronger and a positive perception.

Fails to evolve emotionally mentally.

This is because a person with positive attitude will always regulate one's emotions irrespective of the situation, thereby acting as an enabler to view any obstacle positively.

Thus, attitude is imperative to help us conquer difficulties while performing our duties.



Q10. 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)

Happiness is an elevated state of emotions wherein a puson is entremely jolly. Therefore, if a civil servant is very happy and promises without being pragmatic, The may compromise the very goals and ethos of the organisation by promising something which is not premissible or possible as per voens Similarly, a civil servant is suppose to be empathetic and compassionate. However, when an individual is argy, (3) he is in a highly tensed state of mind. This impairs the cognitive ability of the civil servant, thereby, failing to realise the impact of his/her words on the public motale. Similarly, being sad leaves a person Remarks dejection. (6) he views

every situation with entreme melancholy, thereby finding faults in every situation. This impairs a civil servant from being objective and prognatic while taking a decision.

Thus, it is commonly said,

66 don't promise when you are happy,

don't answer when you are angry,

and don't decide when you are sad."

Q11. What is the difference between rational intelligence and emotional intelligence? Why is it important to have a blend of the two while taking a decision on an issue at personal or social level?

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Emotional intelligence (E) the ability to (150 Words) (10 Marks) perceive, occess, generate and regulate one's emotion. This allows an individual to develop both emotionally and intellectually It allows a person to face a challenge with a positive outlook and remain empathetic and compassionate. [Rational intelligence], on the contrary, allows a person to take into account all facts of the situation and take an informed decision. It promotes scientifie semper in an individual?

When working it is vital top an individual both at personal and al coceital level this is because to blend the above two attributes. This is required to ensure that any decision taken by Remarks

the individual coersiders not only facts but also societal and personal values.

greater is the overlap between the two better is the occeptance by everyone and better are the outcomes.

For instance, ain officer suppose to rehabilitate a slum has the laws that are to be observed which requires rational intelligence thowever, (s) he needs to have high emotional (FI) to be emporthelic to plight of the people.

Q12. Imagine you are asked to assist with college-wide campaign to increase seat-belt use. How would you create a persuasive message for the college students?

As an assistant to the college wide campaign to increase a short bett use I'll pursue the following means to spread the message—

(1) Stage a play showing how not wearing a seat belt can distroy a family -> Appeal to effective emotional component.

(2) Raise awaveness campaigns and conduct seminars highlighting that accident related deaths in India is the most related deaths in India is the most significant factor. Appeal to cognitive component.

(3) Involve volunteers who are willing to share their personal story.

(4) Involve some celebrity who is seen as a vole model to promote the message.

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(5) Discuss the impact of road accident on college students future and dreams.

These steps coupled with sharing instances and stories from real life of how wearing seat belt protected life of many individuals should also be incorporated.

Q13. 'Emotions are not hurdles but are facilitators and help to become a very beautiful person'. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

[Enotions] are the stimuli enperienced by individuals against a particular person, entity or a situation.

Whether they are hundles of facilitators depends on one's emotional intelligence (FI).

A person having a low EI will view every situation as an obstacle. (S) he will blame everyone around him/ her. (The will be self engrossed and will never be able to rise above personal heeds-

In the other hand, a person with a high EI is able to control and regulate emotions. (8) he is able to see every obstacle as a new opportunity. This enables a positive attitude, thereby,

resulting in intellectual and emotional development.

This creates a favourable breeding ground for a person to become more empathetic and compassionate and, thereby, becoming more spiritual. This creates a truly happy person resulting in a beautiful soul.

Q14. An attitude of contentment is an antidote to the tendency of consumerism. Do you agree with this idea of contentment? Substantiate. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

[Consumerism] is linked to the want of materialistic certities. For certain people it is money, for some it is luminous goods etc.

Consumerish is a manifestation of self centered attitude. This attitude is a result of individual's perception of oneself based on other's perception of.

Therefore, consumerism results in buying things not out of need but out of want -> causes wastage and reflects greed.

Thus, to solve this malaise, an attitude of contentment needs to be adopted Contentment is Satisfaction emarks of one's demands. This does not mean the man does not work hard but only that (3) he does not buys things which is rol based on true reeds.

Economically, this ensures equitable accessibility and affordability to all sections of the society, thurs, promoting a sustainable lifestyle.

To quote fandhi -

Wood Earth has enough for everyone's med but not for everybody's greed?

- Q15. "For a public servant there is no black-and-white situation, but his reactions or responses are good or bad-whether s/he reacts negative or responds positive to the situation is, therefore, more important." Explain and answer the following questions:
  - (a) What is the difference between reacting and responding?
  - (b) Are Confusion and Dilemma the natural routes to understand a situation and find solution or obstacles? ' (75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

(a) Reaction lie an immediate stimuli based purely on emotions. Whereas, a response is a wise technon based on enotions as well as all facts present. Therefore, for a civil seriant, it is highly essential that (5) he enpects any situation without a predetermined mindset and respond appropriately based on an objective understanding to ensure best possible outcome, otherwise this may result into reglect of people's

(b) Confusion and dilemma are the an essential component of decision making. For a civil servant & to take the most approxiate and an objective decision, (she needs to be prepared to take a holistic view of a given situation. This results in many confusions and dilemma for instance, torturing a terrorist to extract information to protect a nation from abomb blast.

Thus, confusions and dilemma form a natural component while finding a solution.

Hous, a civil servant has no black and white situation. (3) he needs to act positively in order to reach a a proper and valid solution to uphold public welfare

- Q16. Due to fall in agricultural productivity and faulty procurement policy, a marginal family head has committed suicide and left his family and two children, daughter (12 years) and son (8 years). They shifted to nearby city in search of work and ended up living in a slum. Both children had to leave their studies and mother went searching for some household work. Finally she is a maid at your home. She works at your personal residence. One day she felt ill and ask her daughter to continue in place of her. Your wife is an IAS officer and quite busy. She does not have time to take care of old in-laws who needs constant care. Though there is a nurse to take care of them but there is a need of help in small household works also. So she gave consent to daughter of maid to continue in place of her. As she fears that your family may engage someone else and she will loose livelihood opportunity. When you raised the concern, she replied that this is matter of few weeks only, and also saying no will bring them on street. As in such a metro city one cannot survive without work, everything has a cost. You are Mayor of the city.
  - (a) What are the ethical dilemmas related to it?
  - (b) Your wife is in support of her placement as domestic worker as it will help her in balancing household and work responsibilities. Do you find her justification right?
  - (c) How will you persuade her to change her decision? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

(a) Employeing the child of the maid is an ethical concern as her eight to education and quality of life is being taken away. This also against the constitutional provision of fundamental rights and the ensure constitutional ideals are upheld. However, if the child is not employed, it impacts not only her but her ailing mother and younger brother with he earning, it would result in deprivation

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of all 3 members resulting in their exploitation or death which would be a violation of their right to life

(b) my wife's justification is partially justified but is partially self motivated since she is an IAS, she wants to focus solely on her professional life. for which she is thus, she has hird a maid to take care of the house and runse to take care of the in-laws.

However, with the absence of the maid, my wife will have to focus on the household chores, thereby, her she Making her compromise on ideals and allow maid's daughter to work.

On the other hand, her justification that not allowing her to maid's child to work would endanger maid's family's right to life and livelihood.

(c) I can cask my wife to continue paying the naid without asking her child to work.

We can either hire a temporary help and employ the maid back once she is healthy or we can share the household thoses amongst ourselves

Also as the mayor of the city sit is my responsibility to ensure no activity against the constitutional ideals should be undertaken. Child employment is in correct and an 175 officer it should be Tartamount to enploitation understood to her.

We should ensure that all legally and novably assistance should be given to the maid so that her fundamental rights are secured. Children are sent to schools.

By highlighting all the above concerns I will appeal to my wife to charge her decision. Q17. You are a head of the IT department in government office. Due to the launch of Digital India programme, the work pressure has increased tremendously but you have poor manpower to handle the situation so you can either reduce the level of challenges to something more manageable or increase level of skill. But reducing the level of challenges is infeasible as you can't mould the outer circumstances. Hence, how can you improve the level of skill? How will you make sure that your colleagues accept the changes wholeheartedly?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

As the head of IT department, it is my duty to ensure that the organisational goals are met.

However, to meet goals I am handicapped in terms of manpower. Solution— Solution— Fran request my senior officials to

provide for extra workforce but due to ta it may take time.

therefore, I can focus on improving the skills. I can request the management to provide - (1) a workshop to provide the skills.

(2) arrange for an online course that can provide the skills required.

As a leader, it is my responsibility that a proper communication channel is established where the employees can

share their grierances. This will increase their trust in the organisation and make them feel important and, therefore, they will make their personal goals subordinate to organisational goal.

should as as the head of the organisation demonstrate leadership and commitment by devoting my time and effort to supplement the workforce.

I should convey the public spirited nature of Digital India i.e. how the work done by our department impact millions of lives and improve the governance in the nation.

All of us can spend longer hours and I how firm commitment and dedication in achieving the goal. This will sensitise all the employees and mould a positive

allitude in them.

they will view themselves as an agent of social change and office participant in the nation-building process.

This will promote positive attitude and recognition of the government's vision in line with their demands from the job.

challenges is at another aspect of developing a positive perception of the for a workplace. Therefore, I would ask the employees to view the challenge as a new opportunity to develop personally and emotionally. This may help the colleagues accept the changes wholeheartedly.



Q18. Due to the contemporary developments in the information technology and convergence, the accesses of adults and children to media including variety of entertainment have increased. The children have impressionable minds and the quality of entertainment would have a bearing on them even when they grow adults. One moderately rich family has two children who have given mobile phones to their children with internet connection so that they can complement their studies with huge amount of information and aids available on the internet. Father encourage children to 'grow with the technology of their times' and rather than 'forcing discipline' on them. However, there is also misuse of information technology. The students are engaging in many undesirable activities outside the school, especially their exposure to many computer games (Blue Whale Challenge, Dead Space 2, Mortal Kombat, Medal of Honour, Call of Duty Black OPS, New Vegas etc.), which are known to be fatal and addictive, impinging on their education and value systems.

### Answer the following questions:

- (a) What steps parents can take to stop such new and pervasive kind of menace due to the unrestricted use of the computers and mobile phones?
- (b) What is the importance of "forced discipline" in this case?

(c) How can discipline be sustained for a long time without discontent of the subjects?

(a) As a parent, it is their responsibility
that the children learn the best values and have the education. However, due unrestricted use of computers and nobile phones, some measures heed to be taken—

(i) Fix time to use computers and mobile phones under supervision Merit—(a) Restricts their access to a limited time

(b) Ensures they do not access bad content.

Option 2 — Enforce forced discipline by banning use of computers and mobile phones.

Merit (a) No access to rulgar confent.

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(b) May indulge in other wrong activities out of function.

Whereas, option (1), though restrictive promotes denocratic parenting, promotes responsibility -BEST OPTION

(b) forced discipline as an intervention is necessary as children are not mature enough to regulate their passion and desire to achieve understand and achieve their life goals.

Loved discipline, therefore, gives emphasis on the things which are essential and slowly promotes sense of exponsibility and discipline essential for a successful life.

(C) Discipline as an intervention can succeed only if its importance is realised by the target group and is seen to be benevolent and beneficial for their growth.

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A complete ban on usage of mobile and computer will generate resentment resulting in adoption of some other incorrect behaviour

Thus, it is essential attent discipline is enforced with limited restriction and once responsibility and discipline amongst wildren is developed, discipline is slowly released.

- Q19. You are professor as well as a social activist. There is an educated and well employed couple in your vicinity who often fight on their personal issues. One day they started fighting as usual, starting from arguments, turning loud, slamming doors and finally the male partner resorting to physical violence, the cry of wife and children started coming out. People come out, but do not dare to go to them citing that it is their personal matter, so any interference would be unethical and uncalled for. Answer the following questions based on the above case:
  - (a) Would you agree to be a bystander on the advice of the people that it is a personal matter of the couple? Give reasons.
  - (b) Suppose you go to the flat of the couple and enquire what is wrong but the male member insists that they be left on their own as it is their personal matter and you should mind your own business. What would be your reaction?
  - (c) Can police help in curbing this social malady by using legal authority and provisions?
  - (d) What is your moral and ethical locus standi on intervention of neighbours to stop the domestic violence? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

(a) Though, the matter on which the couple quarrel is personal, it is does not justify domestic violence. Therefore,

I disagree that the matter it is a personal matter of the couple for the following reasons—

(i) it is unethical to resort to violence against an individuals since it is violation of one's human dignity.

(2) since other people are witnessing the violence, it may be adopted as a practice by others. Therefore, it is a crime against society.

- 3) Donestic violence is illegal under Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
- (b) As an ethical person, if I visit the glat to enquire about the situation and I am asked by the male member to leave, O's will insist that he listens to my side, I will then ask him to veselve any conflict with his wife pracefully

  Merit-
- (a) He may stop the riolence -> seek the counsel.
- (a) It may further enrage the husband and he may become more richent.
- (2) option 2 Ask Rim to ask his wife to whether she wants the same i.e. for me to leave.

Merit-Ca) Neutralise the situation - violence Will

Demerit-(a) May enrage the husband further and nay act violently against me.

obtion 3 - Report the matter to the Police asit is the duty of any morally upright citizen.

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(c) Under Domestic Violence Act, 2005 though The Police is empowered legally to auto such crimes with authority. However, such provisions are insufficient as it requires moral and ethical understanding by the society to appreciate the human dignity of all irrespective of race, religion, gender and respect them for being humans. (d) As a moral and an ethical individual, I personally would request their family friend to approach the couple as the may be able to pursuade them to change. In case this fails, intervention of reighbours is justified as it is a crime against society

Q20. There was a residential school situated in the remote part of the country in which approximately 250 class IXth and Xth level boys used to study and stay. School principal had his residence in the school premises only. The principal used to attend and participate in the daily morning prayers and take his two meals along with students. He was a kind hearted and empathetic person who used to provide also the moral education. The students liked and admired him because not only he preached, he used to set personal examples.

On the basis of above, answer the following questions:

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

(250 Words) (20 Marks) (a) Students are part of a residential scholal located remotely. Therefore, it's clear that these students have no socialisation except with themselves and the faculty. However, the greatest impact would be of the Principal as he symbolises authority and victures of deadership. (3) He being a resident of the school, participating in morning proyers and taking his meals with the students demonstrate that she is a purson who values equality, e'spirit de corpsspirit of the service).

He fuether demonstrates his qualities of being empathetic by imparting moral education.

Since, children formulate their ideals based on the environment, Principal

acts for them as a role model especially for Ix and I students ##
since they are in adolescence where
the real intellectual and physical
development occurs.

This, they will imbibe the above ideals from the principal and shape their attitude.

(b) If a student later becomes a civil servant, the school would have the maximum impact on his attitude and behaviour.

Since the school days as the civil servant was educated in moral science, was taught to be empathetic, value equality and be a participant in all



social activities, the civil servant would be empathetic and compassionate towards the public.

(3) He enhibit gratefulness and be pragmatic while taking any decision and uphold public interest.