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SECTION - A

Q1. 'The civil servant who is not feared is not respected and so are his decisions'. Critically examine the statement. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

A civil servant is given a lot of power to ensure —

- (1) A citizen-centric administration
- (2) Social and economic justice
- (2) Proper implementation of schemes.
- (4) Maintain law and order
- (5) Punish and deter crimes.

~~As~~ Gandhiji said, "Power is of two kinds: One obtained by fear of punishment; other by love."

~~Law-abiding and honest citizens~~
Civil servants derive power from the latter for law-abiding and honest citizens, and from the former for thugs, criminals and corrupt officials.

Thus, ~~the~~ civil servants need ~~to~~ not ~~to~~ be feared by law-abiding citizens.

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His decisions will be respected, as long as they are in accordance with law and aimed at providing good governance.

Only thugs and criminals need to fear civil servants. ~~The~~ It is this power derived from fear that forces criminals to respect the decisions of civil servants.

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Q2. What is sensitivity? Is it a strength or weakness for a civil servant? Give reasons with examples. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Sensitivity = Empathy + Compassion



Ability to understand and feel others' emotions and pain, and the willingness to ~~change~~ relieve their suffering.

Sensitivity can ~~be~~ both be a strength and a weakness for civil servants.

Strength

- (1) It helps them in being compassionate to the poor and weak
- (2) Understand the problems of subordinates better.

Both these help in effective leadership and good governance.

Weakness

⇒ Can affect objectivity in decision-making

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eg- A police-officer investigating a murder by struck by the grief of the family members. He might himself become emotional and not be able to investigate the case in an evidence-based manner.

Thus, civil servants need a healthy balance ~~of~~ of sensitivity for effective administration.

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Q3. Define any two of the following terms with respect to civil servants:

- (a) Wisdom
- (b) Legitimacy
- (c) Pluralism
- (d) Habit

(75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

(c) Pluralism

Quality of being tolerant to -

- (1) Diversity of language, religion, ethnicity, etc
- (2) Diversity of opinions in decision-making.

Civil servants meet people from diverse backgrounds. They must be ~~so~~ impartial irrespective of background and seek to deliver justice.

Diversity of opinions helps in participatory decision-making and furthers the ideal of democratic decentralization as provided by 73rd, 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.

(d) Habit

Quality of developing a skill or tendency

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due to act.

Good

due to repeated performance of an act.



Thus, a civil servant who builds a good habit of being honest, showing integrity, etc develops a good reputation among people. Nobody comes up to him to offer bribes or make illegal demands. Thus, he is free from temptations.

That's why Kant has said, "Moral excellence comes from habit."

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Q4. What is the meaning of 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)

A role model is a person who inspires newer generations. ~~He~~ He may be my parents, friends, teachers or an important personality like Abdul Kalam.

Role models are not born overnight or made in a day.

To be a role model, one must have —

- (1) Conviction to lead
- (2) Courage to face difficult circumstances
- (3) Lead by example
- (4) Must have integrity
- (5) Ability to communicate with others

That's why Gandhiji has said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — A role model leads by example.

Influence of role models on virtues, ethics, morals on society —

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- (1) They can persuade others to change their ways, using their emotional intelligence.
eg - Our parents constantly teach us to ~~be~~ change our bad habits into good.
- (2) They can ~~able~~ their struggles with life are an inspiration to many.
- (3) They can their behaviour can convince the youth of what is right and wrong.

Thus, role models play an important role in society.

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Q5. What do you mean by integrity? Why integrity is called the supreme quality of leadership? What is the relation between honesty, integrity, and probity in administration? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Integrity is the quality of being honest and upholding highest moral principles. It is the opposite of hypocrisy.

eg- A person who keeps his house clean but litters in public has no integrity

Why integrity supreme quality of leadership

(1) A person with integrity is consistent in his actions, thoughts and beliefs.

Gandhiji has rightly said, "To be believe in something, and to not live it, is dishonest."

(2) He is able to lead by example

(3) He is not compromised. eg- A person who preaches honesty but cannot control his temptation for bribery will be easily be compromised.

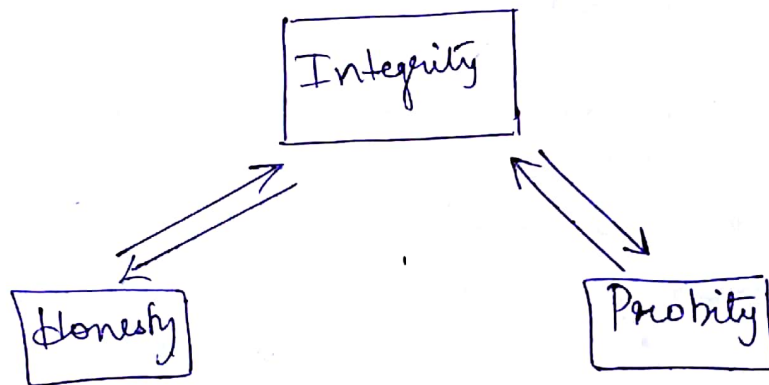
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honest
ables.

(A) He has a deep conviction about his values, which enables him to face difficulties.

Honesty → Not speaking lies

Integrity → Probity → Upholding rule of law and not being corrupt.



Relationship in administration

Thus, all three things influence each other. An officer cannot have integrity if he is dishonest or has no probity and vice-versa.

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Q6. Discuss the role and importance of idea, idealism, and ideology in civil servants' life. Is pragmatism the best option for a civil servant in finding solutions to problems? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Idea → Thought or an innovation

Idealism → Willingness to live according to ideals

Ideology → Political views on the role of state - eg - Capitalism, communism, etc.

Importance of the three in civil services

- Ideas are needed for civil servants to be creative and innovative in responding to challenges
- Civil servants must stand up to ideals of honesty, objectivity, transparency etc.
- Civil servants are expected to be neutral to the political ideology in power, and implement all policies in a fair manner, according to law.

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Pragmatism → Quality of responding to a situation in a flexible manner to make optimum use of the situation.

Pragmatism can be beneficial in case of crises ~~am~~, when all resources are constrained and response is quickly needed.

But some amount of idealism is needed. Otherwise, ^{even} bribery can be justified as pragmatism, by saying that it 'greases the wheels of the public machinery'.

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Q7. What is spiritualism? Why an enlightened leadership needs to be spiritually sound? Can it be said that spirituality is the birth point of most of the good virtues and values? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

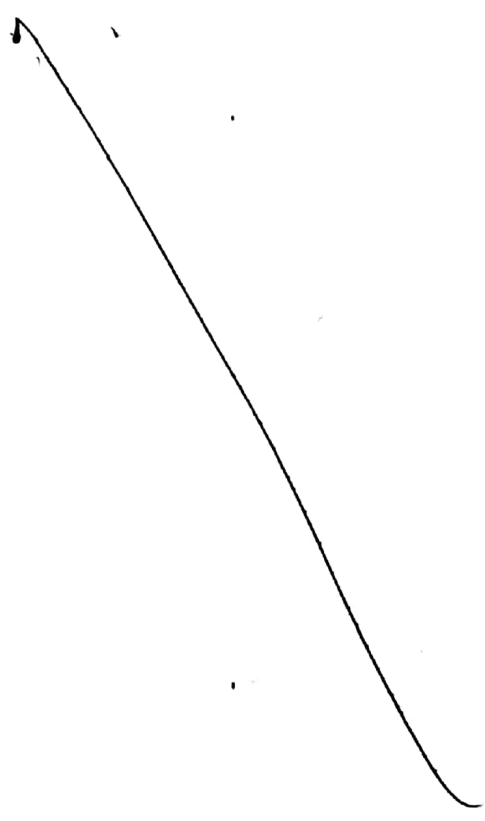
Spiritualism → Focus on the soul and the inherent qualities of humanity.

An enlightened leadership has the knowledge. But spiritualism provides the right set of values.

eg- Osama bin Laden had the right knowledge, but lacked the spiritualism of ~~course~~ humanity and peace.

Yes, spirituality ~~is~~ is the birth point of most good virtues and values.

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Q8. What is the importance of non-conformist approach in the progress of human society and institutions like bureaucracy? Is there sufficient space of non-conformism in Indian bureaucracy? Why? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Non-conformism is the quality of not sticking to social customs, norms, etc.

~~It is~~

Importance

- Brings changes and innovations in society and bureaucracy
- In bureaucracy, this can be viewed as insubordination also.
- Moral development → People refuse to follow some customs like Dowry, Sati etc. as they are against human dignity.

Indian bureaucracy is rule-bound and strictly based on conventions, norms, etc.

~~So~~ So, space for ~~con~~ non-conformism is limited.

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But many bureaucrats like & T. N. Sesham,
Sreedharan ~~at~~ have brought changes
within this system.

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Q9. What is human dignity? Why maintenance of it has been incorporated in all religious texts as well as in our Constitution? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Human dignity is centered around ~~the~~ self-respect for humanity. It focusses on the individual as an end in itself.

Thus, ~~such~~ activities like begar, trafficking, ~~and~~ dowry, etc. are seen as affront to the individual's intrinsic self-worth and hence, it has been ~~found~~ included in all religious texts.

All religions place humans at the centre of the universe.

~~Our~~ Our Constitution protects human dignity through the Fundamental Rights and espouses states to take activities for social and economic justice through the Directive Principles of State Policy.

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Q10. 'Human society is today creating more problems than skills can solve and only human values & ethics can reduce problem creation'. Illustrate your opinion. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

~~The~~ Human society is creating many problems than skills can solve, like -

- (1) Climate Change
- (2) Deforestation and environmental degradation
- (3) Wars and genocide
- (4) Artificial intelligence
- (5) Poverty and growing inequality.

Many of these problems are being tackled by scientists and policy-makers but ~~the~~ their root cause is a degradation of our ethical values and morals.

- A rise of a materialist culture
- A breakdown of ethics in international relations
- Violation of personal and professional ethics
- Disrespect for nature and environment

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An ethical framework can change our values towards these issues.

As Plato said, "the greatest wealth is the ability to be content with little," it is time to change our materialistic attitudes.

We need to respect our environment and focus on humanism instead of treating humans as means to an end.

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Q11. There are two statements given below. Explain their meaning and significance with respect to the contemporary times.

- (a) Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.
- (b) Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster.
(75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

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Q12. Critically examine the ethical basis of justifying abortion and euthanasia. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Abortion → Killing of the fetus in the mother's womb.

↳ Ethical issues involved

- Right to life of the fetus v/s right to life of the mother.
- Bodily autonomy of woman.

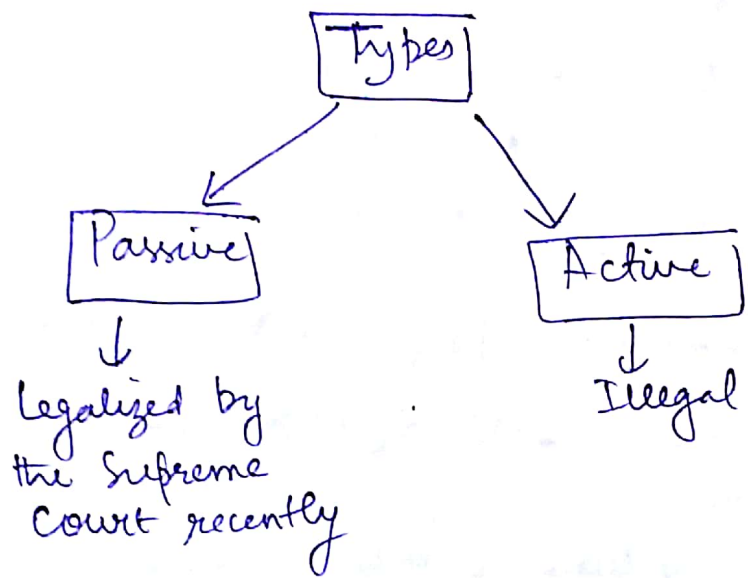
The ethical justification depends on the schools of thought -

- (1) In utilitarian school or ethical ego hedonistic school might find abortion OK if it ~~maximizes~~ brings greatest good for the greatest number.
- (2) ~~But~~ From a deontological perspective, killing in any form is unethical.

Thus, abortion can be justified if it not doing so endangers life of the mother, brings serious deformities, or is according to result of rape.

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Euthanasia → Ending the life of a living person



Euthanasia can be justified under Article 21 → right to live with dignity.

A person suffering from a terminal disease or in a vegetative state loses her dignity. Hence, euthanasia can be justified.

~~But~~ But there are issues around when to start euthanasia, who provides consent etc.

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Q13. Climate Change has been described as a perfect 'moral storm'. Critically analyze.
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Climate Change → Changes in earth's climate due to excessive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions arising from industrial activities.

Climate change — perfect 'moral storm'

- It is the result of our materialistic culture
- This culture views success as the ~~own~~ ability to acquire maximum material wealth.
- Has resulted in massive degradation of the environment
- Issues around 'common but differentiated' responsibilities also arisen, as developed countries are historically responsible for GHG emissions, but it is the current developing and island nations

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which are facing the adverse effects of harsh weather.

The need of the hour is to change our attitudes towards success.

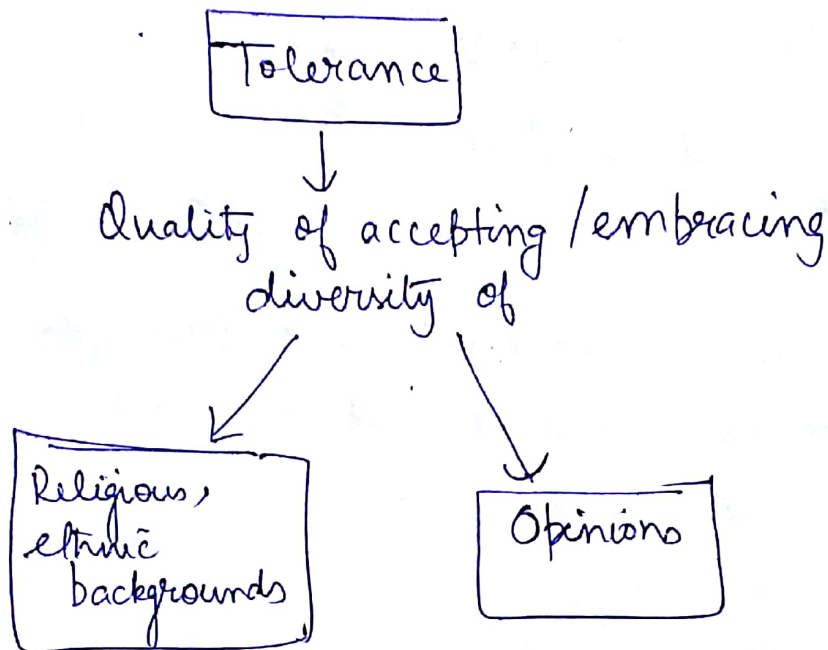
"We need to learn to respect the environment and imbibe Gandhi's statement, "The world has enough for everyone's needs ~~to~~, but not for anyone's ~~needs~~ greed."

Thus, sustainable development is the way to go.

Q14. Tolerance is treated as one of the main principle of Modern Democratic Rule. Answer the following questions related to it:

- (a) What do you mean by "Tolerance"? Discuss its importance as a virtue in public service.
- (b) Being a civil servant, how can you initiate the culture of tolerance in your organization? (75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

(a)



Importance in public service

- (1) India is a diverse country. Civil servants must tolerate people from all backgrounds and render the same service.
- (2) Diversity of opinion within the organization leads to participatory decision-making and consensus-building.

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(3) Tolerance for different opinions is a must for freedom of speech and expressions.

As the SC has said, States have a dual role of protecting freedom of speech and ensuring law and order.

(b) Ways to initiate tolerance in my organization

(1) Encourage participatory decision making by allowing everyone to voice their opinions

(2) Decisions should be taken by consensus

(3) ~~Let~~ I lead by example and give equal treatment to people from different backgrounds

(4) I encourage people in my office to learn more about the opinions and backgrounds of their colleagues to foster a better understanding.

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Q15. "Gratitude is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all others". Do you agree and why? What are the two most important things in your life that you are grateful for? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Gratitude is thankfulness for a kind act done.

Gratitude is necessary ~~beca~~ for inculcating other virtues.

~~By~~ ~~be~~ ~~as~~ ~~It~~ ~~helps~~ ~~us~~ ~~in~~

→ It helps us in being just to people who have been kind to us.

→ We extend this same kindness to others

→ We stay away from violence and other vices as we ~~do~~ do not want others' curse.

We want their gratitude, because we are grateful to others' actions.

→ Finally, ~~we~~ ~~should~~ as the Gyita talks about Nishkama Karma, we continue to work ~~with~~ ~~all~~ in a righteous way, as we are

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grateful to the work itself.

2 most important things I am grateful for

(1) My birth → as I am now able to experience the beauty of the world.

~~(2) My parents → as I have~~

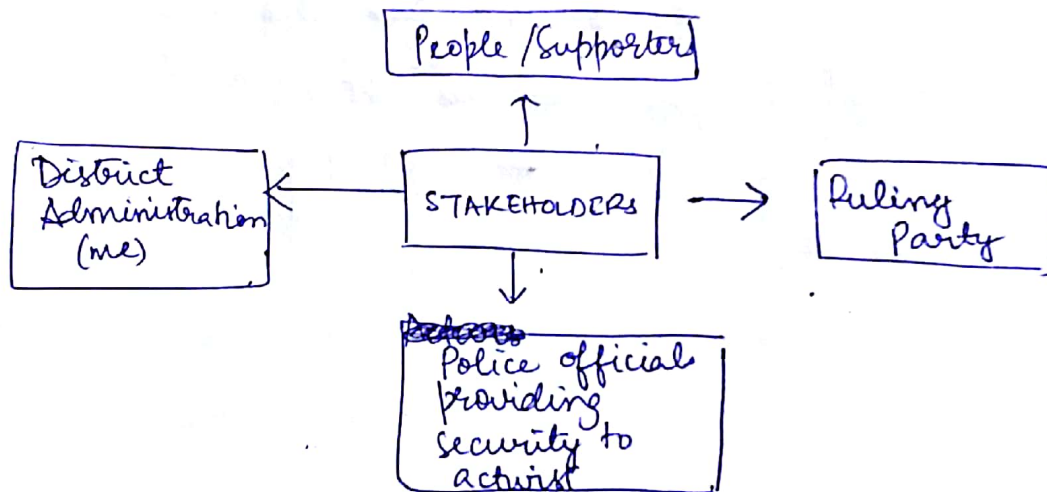
(2) My parents. They are not 'things' as such. But I am ~~gr~~ the most grateful for their existence and their sacrifices ~~to~~ for my well-being.

SECTION - B

Q16. There was a day-light murder of a very popular social activist who always raised the issue of poor and downtrodden before District Administration. He was very popular among the downtrodden. A strong and determined crowd of ten thousand people have assembled at the collectorate with the dead body demanding immediate action against the accused police officials who have failed to provide necessary security to the leader. People suspect that there is a hand of one powerful leader from the ruling party. You are the head of the District Administration:

- (a) What are the options available to you?
 (b) Evaluate the merits and demerits of each option and choose the option which you consider best, giving reasons. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case involves a murder of a popular social activist. People have gathered to protest the situation.



My objectives are -

- (1) Ensure quick justice to the activist's murderers
- (2) Disperse the crowd peacefully and maintain law and order
- (3) Take actions against necessary police officials, if any

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Options available to me and its merits and demerits

Option	Merits	Demerits
(1) Take no action	(a) If ruling party leader involved, may I may get promotions	(a) Law and order situation (b) No justice to activist (c) Failure of rule of law and violation of my professional ethics
(2) Use force to disperse the crowd, while starting probe into the murder	(a) Will lead to the arrest of the accused. (b) If investigation carried thoroughly, will be lead to justice	(a) In short run, it will create law and order situation (b) If ruling party leader is involved arrested, can jeopardize my career
(3) Write to seniors asking for instructions	(a) If If anything goes wrong, I am no longer responsible (b) Ensure a more consultative decision-making (c) Rely on senior's experience	(a) Will worsen law and order situation (b) Dereliction of my duty.

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Option	Merits	Demerits
(4) Talk to protesters, ask them to leave, assure them of quick justice and start probe immediately	(a) Will lead to peaceful dispersal of protesters (b) Quick justice will be delivered for the activists murder	(a) If ruling party leader is involved, he can jeopardize my career.

I will given the merits and demerits, I will choose Option (4), as I would have

- upheld the rule of law
- Acted with courage and integrity, and shown my resolve to catch anyone involved including the ruling party leader
- Ensured the people dispersed peacefully
- Ensured justice to the activist, who was compassionate towards the poor.

Additionally, I shall -

- (1) Increase police presence in the area to ~~be~~ diffuse tensions
- (2) Meet local leaders to assure people justice will be delivered
- (3) Initiate inquiry against the security officials
- (4) Monitor cyber/social media to prevent spread of rumours

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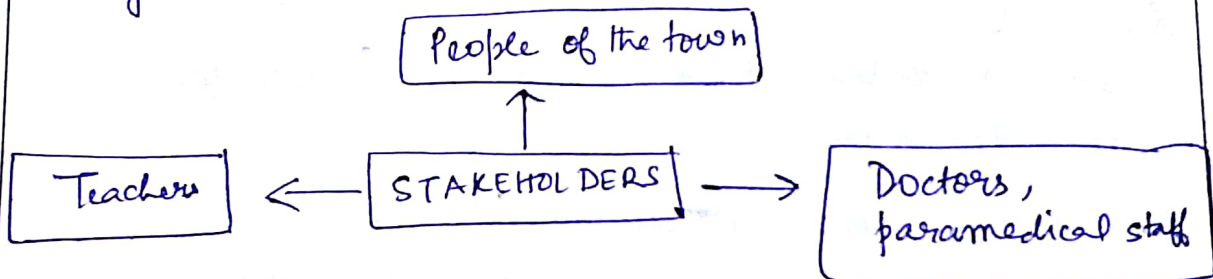
Q17. In a municipal town, there are some primary schools and dispensaries, where children of poor people, especially living in slums receive their primary education and basic health care. The schools have good buildings, infrastructure and teachers. However, quality of primary education is far from satisfactory. Similarly, dispensary having reasonable good facilities hardly comes up to the expectations of the people. Whenever the poor people approach the health officials (doctors), they are rebuked at. A young and promising Municipal Commissioner of corporation wants to improve the situation.

Based on the situation stated above, answer the following questions

- How would he improve the working of the dispensary and ensure that doctors and paramedical staff are made accountable?
- What steps he should take so that quality of primary education improves? What are the limitations before Municipal Commissioner?
- How to strengthen moral responsibility among teachers and health officials? What could be its effect on the overall performance of the dispensary and school?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case relates to poor quality of primary education and health care, even after infrastructure is good.



(a) Some steps to improve working of dispensary

- Talk to the doctors and paramedical staff and understand what their problems. Try to address them.
- Use emotional ~~and~~ intelligence to persuade the doctors to view this as a service to the nation.
- ~~Set~~ Set up a grievance redressal mechanism for the people.

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- (4) ~~By~~ Introduce bio-metric attendance
 (5) ~~Introduce~~ Collaborate with local NGOs to conduct social audits and Jan Sunwais
 (6) Install CCTV cameras in the dispensary.

I will also warn the doctors that if they are found derelicting their duty, strict action will be taken under relevant rules.

(7) Conduct surprise inspection, checks, etc.

(8) Make people aware of their rights.

Tell them that they should demand quality services from the doctors.

(9) I will lead by example, and conduct my monthly/weekly health check-up in the dispensary.

(10) I will also write to the Health Ministry apprising them of the current situation.

(b) I would follow ~~the~~ similar steps to improve the quality of primary education, such as persuading teachers, conducting social audits, instal CCTV cameras, etc. Basically, steps (1) - (10) with necessary modifications.

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My limitations -

- (1) It is very difficult to measure quality of education. Hence, monitoring is difficult.
- (2) Since children attend schools and most parents are semi-educated / uneducated, they may not be able to effectively monitor teaching quality.
- (3) Job security of government teachers ~~prever~~ reduces their incentive to perform well.
- (4) I cannot lead by example here, as I don't have ~~child~~ ^{any} children to send to this school.

(c) Strengthening moral responsibility among teachers and doctors

- Use emotional intelligence to persuade them to view it as a service to the nation
- Lead by example
- Give examples of great personalities to inspire them.

Teachers and doctors, who are morally responsible, will perform their duty with sincerity and compassion ~~is~~ even in the absence of external rewards ~~&~~ and punishments. This will improve overall performance.

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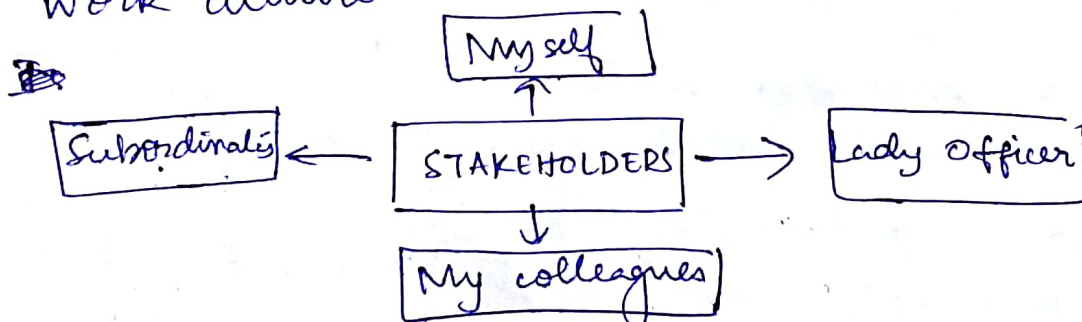
Q18. You are a senior civil servant. One of your officer friend is hard working, completes her work on time but always demoralizes her subordinates by blaming them for one or the other thing. She keeps everyone on toes. Often she shouts in her office and want to just follow the blue book while working. She also insults junior officers if one fails to get the things done. Her only mantra to work is to "get the things done-whatever it takes." Due to this bossy attitude your friend is not liked by the subordinates and because of her uneven relation with her team members, she fails to portray a good office culture. Most of the colleagues know about this case but no one wants to discuss it because of your proximity with that lady officer. However, one day, one close friend happens to be your colleague briefed about the problem subordinate officers are facing.

Answer the following questions based on the above case. Bring merits and demerits related to each course of action and discuss the best option.

- Directly talk to subordinate and assure about correcting the things in future.
- Give responsibility to your friend who briefed you about this case.
- Transfer the lady officer as this case may bring sorry figure for you also in future.
- Request the lady officer not to do so as this may hamper their personal relations also.
- Is there any better option available to correct the things other than that mentioned above?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case involves an officer's relationship with her subordinates and the resultant work culture.



Issues involved →

- Work culture
- ~~Rela~~ Emotional intelligence
- Professional ethics
- Personal relationships

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Options	Merits	Demerits
(a)	<p>Subordinates can talk to me whenever they face problems from her. This can help them emotionally</p>	<p>Since subordinates directly responsible to lady officers not me, this might not improve the situation if lady officer continues to be bossy</p>
(b)	<p>(1) I do not have the headache of solving the problem (2) My friend might be able to solve the problem</p>	<p>(1) Dereliction of duty on my part. (2) Can ruin my friendship with the lady officer if she feels I tried to manipulate her through my friend</p>
(c)	<p>Problems with subordinate get solved</p>	<p>(1) She will not not mend her ways (2) she will create problems in her new posting</p>

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Option	Merits	Demerits
(d)	She may listen to me and mend her ways	She might feel insulted or think some of her subordinates are complaining against her

(c) I would take the following steps -

- (1) Use my emotional intelligence and try to talk to her and explain the problem at hand. I will do this gently, and not provoke her.
- (2) I will persuade her to change, as that will ~~be~~ improve the work culture and she can do many more things.
- (3) I will also explain that ~~the~~ "means" are as important as "ends" in getting things done. So, from an deontological perspective, she should focus on getting things done in a participatory, consensus-based manner.
- (4) I will also ~~be~~ ask her if she has any psychological stress/anxiety and advise her to take meditation or counselling.
- (5) Finally, I will talk to the

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subordinates and make myself available to them in case they need to voice their grievances.

Q19. While implementing Centrally and State Sponsored Development Programmes, a Civil Servant faces lot of interference from the local political leaders to oblige certain contractors and service providers who do not qualify the required eligibility criteria on the one hand and moreover uses substandard material in construction and provide poor quality of service on the other. He finds it immensely difficult to keep his neutrality and do what is best in the public interest. He is very disturbed. He thinks on the following options:

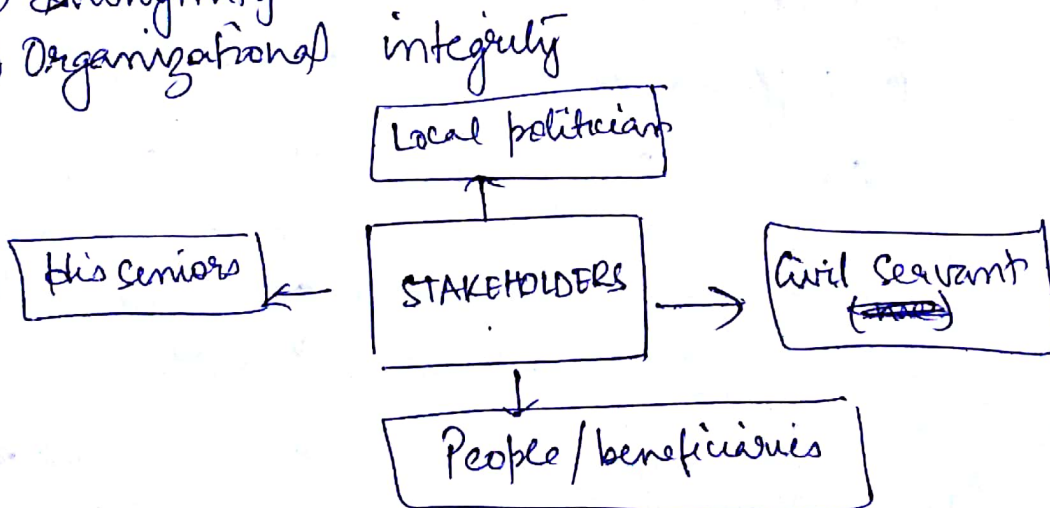
- (a) He informs the senior officers, but every time he does so, he finds that somehow they are not ready to annoy the local influential politicians. He thinks about taking up the issue with the further higher up officers in the hierarchy.
- (b) He thinks about meeting the media people and tell them about the difficulties faced by him due to the political interference and lack of support from the senior officers.
- (c) Resign from his post as public servant and fight against such malpractice from outside.

Evaluate every option before him and suggest which of the above stated course of action is the best? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case involves local political interference in the discharge of duty by a civil servant in a neutral and objective manner.

Issues involved -

- (1) Neutrality
- (2) Objectivity
- (3) Public interest
- (4) Anonymity
- (5) Organizational integrity



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Options	Merits	Demerits
(a)	He continues to uphold neutrality, objectivity and neutrality in discharge of his duties	<p>(1) Waiting for orders from seniors can lead to delays in decision-making</p> <p>(2) Very likely to that higher seniors will also reply in negative manner</p>
(b)	<p>(1) Will highlight the to the people the problems created by local politicians</p> <p>(2) Might force the politician to withdraw his his demands facing public pressure</p> <p>(3) Uphold objectivity and neutrality.</p>	<p>(1) Will violate anonymity of the civil servant.</p> <p>(2) Will set a bad precedent, as other civil servants might refuse to use official channels of communication and use media instead</p>

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Option	Merits	Demerits
(c)	(1) He can uphold his integrity and continue his fight against malpractices. (2) He will not be bound down by Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, etc.	(1) Being outside the system, it is very difficult to fight change it. (2) The real test of courage is to continue as a civil servant and ensure no malpractise the takes place.

Given the merits and demerits given above, Option (a) appears to be the best.

However, the civil servant can do the following -

- (1) Instead of waiting for a response from seniors and delay decision-making, he should continue to implement the schemes in a fair, transparent and objective manner.
- (2) If any politician makes demands that are unethical, he should politely refuse. His only allegiance is to the Constitution of India and the Rule of Law.

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Q20. You are a doctor in a government hospital. One of your lady friend got married in very rich and influential family. However, with passage of time you came to know that the family is very conservative as she visited you to seek your help in determining sex of the child at fetus stage. Her in-laws want a boy child to act as inheritor of the family and they have also ordered to abort the child if it is girl. Later her in-laws insisted hard and connected you with the Health Minister on mobile phone. The minister said the doctor to help them in all possible manners without saying anything about the issue at hand. Thus reporting about the issue to police is waste.

Based on the above situation, answer the following questions:

- What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?
- Do you think that your moral obligation also demands to help your friend?
- A doctor in a public or government hospital should obey the Health Minister for whatever he says. Do you agree and why?
- What steps will you take in the above situation? (250 Words) (20 Marks)

The case involves ~~an~~ a woman who wants to determine the sex of the foetus and abort it if it is a female.

(a) Ethical dilemmas

- Personal ethical responsibility of helping my friend
- Upholding the rule of law, as sex determination is clearly illegal under PCPNDT Act, 1994.
- Ensuring the right to life of the foetus if it is a girl.
- Issues around ~~for~~ women empowerment, patriarchal mindsets and lack of female autonomy over her own body (and foetus)

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(b) ~~#~~ My moral obligation demands that I help my friend, but in no way can this be by breaking the law.

~~#~~ I will exercise my moral obligation by ensuring that my friend does not have to go for an abortion or sex determination ~~#~~ and exercises bodily autonomy.

(c) ~~No~~ A doctor should ~~agree~~ to obey the Health Minister only if his demands or orders are permissible within the framework of law.

A doctor ~~does~~ owes allegiance only to the patient, Constitution of India and rule of Law.

(d) Steps I will take

(1) First, I will tell my friend that I will not conduct sex determination as it is illegal under PCPNDT Act.

(2) I will counsel her and her husband about the virtues of having a girl child

Remarks

By quoting examples like Sakshi Malik, etc who have brought laurels to the nation.

I hope my persuasion will convince the husband to explain his family members not to demand a sex determination.

(2) I will also talk to the Health Minister apprising him of the actual situation. Since he did not talk about ~~the~~ what the situation was, it is possible he does not know what ~~is~~ ~~is~~ actually is the demand.

(3) In the meanwhile, I will inform the nearby hospitals about this family and that they should refuse ~~to~~ sex determination.

(4) I will also inform the ~~the~~ district administration and ask them to provide security, if necessary, to my friend.
~~and her~~

It is hoped that these steps will persuade her to change her mind and help in government's objective of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'.

Remarks