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SECTION - A

Q1. What is professional ethics. Why the social control over the use of professional skill is required? Explain by choosing the example from any profession. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS refers to the set of ethical and moral conduct guidelines that guide a person belonging to a specific profession or vocation.

-) This ensures that professional duties are discharged ethically
-) Professional competence is balanced with social responsibility in this case.

Consider the profession of a DOCTOR, who is considered as the 'healer' and commands a high respect from society. Doctors take an oath of professional

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ethic to "Save the life" of patients in all circumstances.

Why is Social Control Required ?

» It helps to maintain the Independent functioning of the professionals

» Eg Recently doctor was caught giving steroids for hormonal growth to trafficked girls. Such instances are a blot on doctor's image as a "pure" person.

» Often doctors charge huge fees, royalty - sponsor fees from pharma Co. and patients and recommend unnecessary tests. These

These tendencies need to ^{be} kept in check

by social control so that the doctor's profession can continue being effective and prestigious

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Q2. What is "Dharma" in Indian culture? What is "Raj Dharma" according to Indian thinkers? With reference to the ruling class in India, assess the extent of observation of "Dharma" and "Raj Dharma."
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Dharma in Indian culture is a broad term that tends to cover the Ethical guidelines and Moral duties of people in a society.

It lays ^{down} acceptable behaviour and epics like Mahabharata, Ramayana as well as The Gita, illustrate the "Dharma" of a common man in terms of duties, qualities, etc.

RAJ DHARMA: as explained in the Gita and also in Puranas, Rajdharma is the duties of a "Raja" or king, who is expected to work for the welfare of the subjects at all times.

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- Chanakya has illustriously explained about Rajashri Dharma in Arthashastra. He reiterates principle of paternal despotism and the paramount duty of King to discharge all works of Court in consultation with "Mantri" (Minister-advisers)

Indian Ruling Class :

- ⊙ In Ramayana, Sri Ram follows "Dharma" by abiding by the promise of his father and leaves his kingdom for Jungle.
- ⊙ Mauryan ruler Ashoka, embraced Buddhism but he discharged duties whole heartedly everywhere he could. He considered his subjects as children.

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Q3. Critically analyze ethical aspect of mob justice.

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Mob Justice is the act by which a group of people indulge in violent action directed against an accused, claiming to dispense Justice.

Mob Justice raises several Ethical questions:

1) What is the Real Nature of Justice?

→ Mob Justice undermines Rule of Law and Right to fair trial is violated.

2) Is Retributive Justice good for society?

→ Often mob indulged in lynching or thrashing a man/woman or group that tries to give a 'proportionate' punishment to the accused.

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- 3) The maxim of court "Innocent until proved guilty" is grossly violated
- 4) Often Rumour Mongering occurs and unidentified persons become accused, eg in Assam, Maharashtra, people were lynched on accusation of child lifting only because they offered candies to kids.
- 5) Communal sentiments, Deep regional divide, political vested interests also underlay "mob justice". eg people lynched on blame of causing cows to slaughter

Mob Action cannot be caused
Justice which requires Fairness and long term approach.

Remarks

Q4. Opportunities are those gateways to success and fulfillment that open up often but people generally fail to recognize it. What are the major barriers in recognizing the opportunities in career of a civil servant? And what one can do to improve their ability of noticing new opportunities?
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Opportunities are those chances and incidents that are like "surprise keys" to a new future and life.

But due to veil of Ignorance, we often fail to recognise them →

⊗ A Civil Servant faces political pressure sometimes to do a certain task. He undergoes immense stress and tension due to this, but he fails to recognise this as an opportunity, where he can stand up for his virtues, public service values of Integrity & Probity, along with Strength of character.

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Barriers →

- ①) Pre-conceived notions about people and those ~~we~~ ^{one} works with. There can be supporters & well wishers around who can help in seizing opportunity.
- ②) Very poor state of development in a district might appear as a great challenge, ~~to~~ due to poor administrative working but it can be taken as an opportunity to bring progressive schemes, healthy work culture & citizen participation.

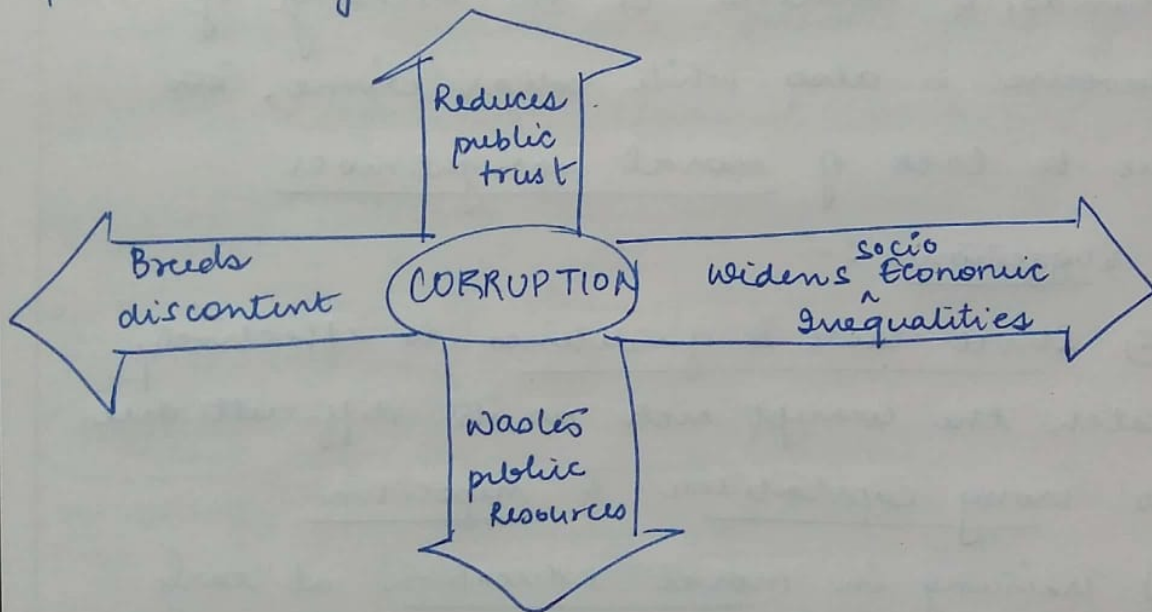
Alertness can be enhanced:

- (1) Optimistic attitude and positive thinking for all incidents in life
- (2) Open mindedness and willingness to put in practice Innovative solutions
- (3) Strategic thinking and foresight.

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Q5. What do you mean by 'white collar crimes'? If poor and illiterate are more vulnerable to be corrupt, why do the rich and educated people become corrupt? Suggest measures to stop corruption by the rich and educated people? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

White collar crimes are those in which rich and educated people indulge by deliberately breaking rules to amass wealth by unethical means or abuse of power to gain favours.



Often it is assumed that corruption & poverty are cyclically related, but even rich/educated are corrupt.

- ① Greed for more and Unsatiatable human hunger for wealth & property.

Remarks

④ Businessmen in India are willful defaulters and have become fugitives, they indulged in corrupt practice to avoid repaying loans despite ability to do so.

⑤ Abuse of power by civil servants in case of a Conflict of Interest unduly favouring friends & relatives or in exchange of favours is also white collar crime, ~~in~~ due to lack of moral uprightmess.

Suggestions :-

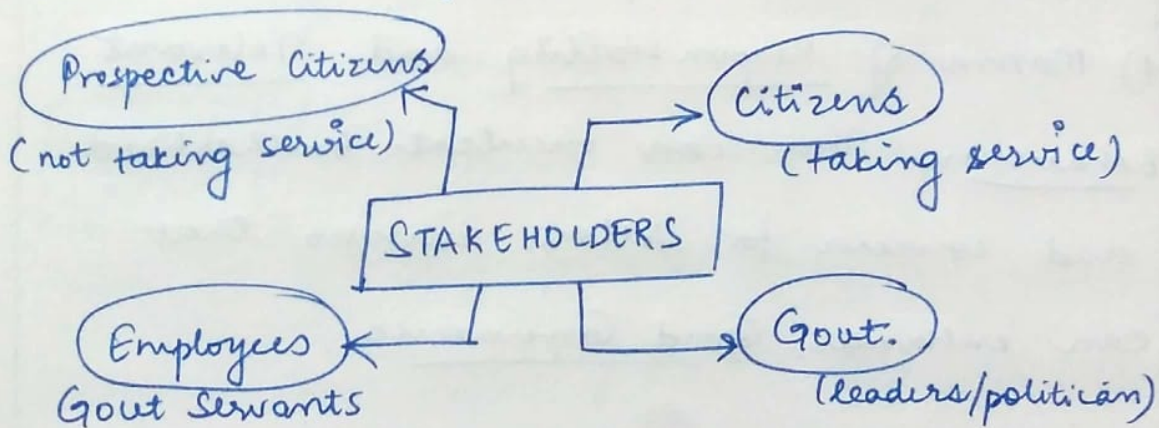
- ① Strict laws & guidelines to effectively catch the corrupt rich as its difficult due to crony capitalism & nepotism
- ② Training in moral education at early level in school.
- ③ Protecting whistle blowers to allow the exposure of such corruption.

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Q6. It is said that you have the government that you deserve. What does it mean for good governance? What changes would you suggest in the behavior and attitude of all the stakeholders in establishment of good governance? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

"Citizens Get the Government They Deserve"!

So, in order to get a system of Good Governance which is people oriented, transparent, accountable, follows rule of law, is responsive, efficient and effective; citizens themselves have to inculcate some of the qualities.



following attitudes must be developed →
 (i) Curiosity, Inquisitiveness and exercising Right to Know - greater knowledge about

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government system, processes and rules can make citizens as well as public servants more aware and empowered.

2) Commitment to work - often lethargic attitude costs time & money to the society. Hence "Devotion to duty" be developed

3) Citizens as not recipients but active participants in govt functioning by greater interaction, openness etc

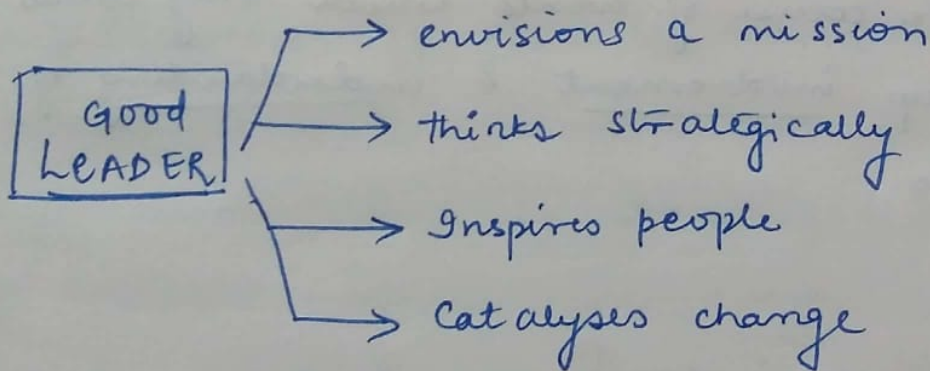
4) Maxim of Responsibility and Tolerant Behaviour : This can inculcate brotherhood and concern for fellow citizens that can enhance Good Governance.

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Q7. What is intuition? Why intuition is considered as a special attribute of a good leader?
Illustrate.
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Intuition is the inner feeling or direction given by conscience about an impending course of events. Often referred to as "Gut feeling".

It allows a person to predict or imagine the following incidents that can be crucial in planning and coordinating.



In all these aspects, a leader can benefit by Intuition :-

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⊙ Gandhiji was intuitive about the course of events in freedom struggle & he carefully planned actions in response
 ⊙ At Chauri Chaura, he withdrew the Non Cooperation movement as he felt British would easily crush that, but in 1942, seeing people's enthusiasm, he launched Quit India Movement despite criticism as he felt people could steer it

⊙ Intuition allows a leader to also alter the course of events which only comes after deep involvement & understanding of the issue.

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Q8. Explain with examples how Whistle-blowing in civil services is both an ethical and unethical act if seen in different perspectives? (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Whistle Blowing is the act by an "insider" - a person from within the system, who seeks to expose the wrongdoings, malpractices in the system.

As an ETHICAL ACT :

- (*) Taking cues from Kantian Categorical Imperative, whistle blowing is the steadfast adherence to VIRTUES and righteousness. Eg. Even if against a cordial senior, exposure of corruption helps person stand by Integrity & principles of financial propriety.
- (-) It shows Zero Tolerance to unethical act like abuse of power.
- (-) It upholds PUBLIC INTEREST over any private interest. It shows Courage of

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Conviction on part of public servant who chooses to bring to book wrongdoers even if his own career is a casualty or in danger.

As unethical:

(o) Often Informal-grapevine information is taken on face value to expose wrong. This can hamper mutual trust among employees and harm Work Culture due to suspicion.

(o) It has potential to expose some top secret information or classified documents which only whistleblower has access due to his insider presence, this can harm national interests.

Hence, honest whistleblowers must be protected by law, channels within the system must be open and wrongly implicating co-workers must be checked.

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Q9. Can fashion be adjudged as moral or immoral? What is the role of dress code in setting the nature, tone and working of the institutions?
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Fashion is a broad concept that covers not only how person chooses to dress but also has a bearing on work institution or wherever a person interacts with outer society.

→ Prima facie, fashion appears to be a ^{strict} matter of personal choice as maintaining Bodily Integrity and wearing different clothes are private decisions.

→ But due to cultural evolution and social control, many dresses have overtime gained acceptability in specific areas. Hence, deviation from these norms are seen as "Immoral" by "Guards of social honour"; this often conflicts with the

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modern western influenced style of clothing in Indian society. These incidents are on a rise due to changing nature of Indian cultural norms, globalisation and urbanisation.

Role of Dress code :-

- Formal wear at work sets the serious tone of work and productivity
- It reduces distraction of the person as well as fellow employees
- Standard & similar color^u tones and types of dress bring similarity and reduce socio-economic differences.
- This further promotes interaction and reduces discrimination also.

Remarks

Q10. "Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly. While bad people will find a way around the laws" (Plato.) Critically analyse this statement in the light of the functioning of the Civil servant.
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Plato believed in the inherent Righteousness and Wrongness of human character which prompted the people to act in certain ways.

In Civil services, the official is expected to uphold honesty, integrity and compassion for the marginalised.

>> A person mostly enters civil services with noble ideas in mind of upholding integrity, but temptation of circumstances push him/her to abuse the power and misuse public position.

>> In pragmatic world, people rarely stick to their inherent virtues in absence of any gains as it creates immense pressure and disturbance.

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>> So, even a hitherto good civil servant can indulge in wrong corrupt practice or reduced efficiency if not for the laws that instil a kind of fear in him/her of losing reputation, penalty & imprisonment

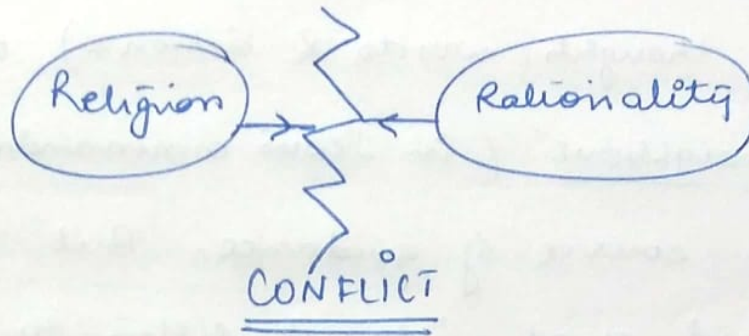
→ Nevertheless, there are people, who act responsibly and with full devotion as well as commitment, but they are victimised, transferred or falsely implicated.

→ They also find fellow corrupt officers who bend the law and reach high positions.

→ Hence, the commitment of good honest civil servants must be encouraged and they must be steadfast, strong enough to hold on to virtues Eg Kiran Bedi, who even challaned PM's car and came to be known as 'Crane Bedi' and Roopa D. Maudgil who exposed misuse of power by a politician while in prison.

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Q11. Why is there a conflict between religion and rationality? Which of the two is a better guide for the promotion of morality in a society? Is being rational is also being just and fair?
 (150 Words) (10 Marks)



Earlier religion of the Holy Church discouraged rational logical thinking and tried to impose restrictions on state and common man. Eg even in Hinduism, Brahmins tried to dominate ~~and~~ other castes and discriminated against Shudras and untouchables, based on birth.

But it must be understood, that its the Dogmatic Ideals of a religion that conflict with Rationality and prevent people from reinterpreting Real Religious Basic Ideas.

Remarks

For the promotion of morality, the religious doctrines like "Mansa Vacha Karmanā" (Integrity of thoughts, words & actions) or "Suwe thy neighbour" (in Jesus' commandments) etc can be source of guidance. But, as Buddha said that; "do not listen to what I say, rather think if your "reason" allows you, only then follow". This doctrine must be followed by exercising human reason.

Being rational does not mean brutal objectivity and equality, it demands Justice & fairness so that the virtue of being just allows us to recognise and account for our differences and behaviours in tune with our conscience

Remarks

Q12. What you mean by honesty? How this value will help you to make a good Civil Servant?
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Honesty means adherence to 'truthfulness' and the ~~side~~ sticking to the true reality even when under pressure to do otherwise.

In Civil Services, it can help in multiple ways:-

- (*) Honesty would prompt us to disclose our Conflict of Interest and thus prevent any real or appearing threat to Impartiality and Integrity.
- (*) Being honest can bring humility and keep us grounded even in authority. An honest person is a learner - for - life as he admits lack of knowledge and is ready to learn at every step.

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(*) An honest and frank advice to a politician would be in favour of real public interest. It will ensure that loopholes in law are not exploited unduly and best quality service delivery is upheld.

(*) Honesty will foster healthy work culture and senior-junior ~~that~~ relation as all wrongdoings or inefficiencies would be honestly disclosed and corrupt indulgence can be avoided.

Hence virtue of honesty is really the Best policy. It will also prevent any weight / baggage of lie and pressure as there is nothing to hide.

"A Clear Conscience is the Softest Pillow"

Remarks

Q13. Explain why following should be treated as misconduct as per central civil services (conduct) Rules 1964?

- (a) An employee writing letter to Governor of his state making allegation against 'head' of his office.
- (b) A civil servant doing a part time job in an educational institution.

(75 Words Each) (5×2=10 Marks)

Writing letter to Governor, would cause an undue uproar as the person is simply making an allegation! This is not allowed as strict rules are present which prevent such irresponsible behaviour. It can harm work culture in long run and ruin the senior-junior relation.

Nevertheless, in case of any perceived violation of rules by head of office, matter must be reported to higher ups to ~~of~~ dispose. Also, strong evidence must be collected to substantiate arguments and other institutions like CVC, CBI can be used for this purpose.

Remarks

(b) Being a civil servant, it is expected that service is done as a vocation.

The person is prohibited on joining any other pecuniary gain position that can undermine efficiency, productivity, full time attention of the person. It is also done to avoid conflict of Interest in any case due to being privately involved in a part time job.

Even association with a party, interest group is ~~permitted~~ not allowed as principles of impartiality & non-partisanship are paramount.

Remarks

SECTION - B

In the following questions carefully study the cases presented and then answer the question that follows:

- Q14. 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?
- (c) The position of in charge of transfer and posting provides a very lucrative opportunity to cultivate liaison for a life time. One should not be 'too idealistic' to ignore such opportunities and adopt 'pragmatic approach'. Do you agree? Give reasons.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

Being a civil servant, adherence to public service values of Impartiality, Integrity, Transparency as well as Efficient duty is of paramount importance. Since, this posting makes ~~one~~ ^{one} vulnerable to pressure, careful analysis and objective decisions alone can maintain Effective discharge of duty.

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(a) In this scenario, Minister is trying to make an undue influence on authority by proposing name for appointment without any objective criteria. This can harm the effective functioning and work. Hence, I would appoint the person which has been already chosen based on track record on the assignment. In addition, due to considerable position of recommendatory authority, I would carefully analyse the competency of recommended candidate for suitability on another position based on track record, promotion level and career choices. If the candidate is found suitable, he/she can be appointed but based only on Objectivity and Impartiality.

(b) In this case, since officer has genuine innate capabilities and appears to be an honest woman officer, I would try to

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choose an area which is closer to her current posting ~~so~~ out of goodwill and as a recognition of her dedicated work. But, if no such possibility is found, then I would personally exhort her to uphold the duty and take up the charge in paramount public interest. I would also brief her about her indispensability to current position. Meanwhile, suitable arrangements can be made for the sick in laws in the current area itself and she could be considered for a lighter assignment after this one.

(C) Every position in administration has a distinct set of demands and also

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opportunities which require structured behaviour and strategic thinking.

Being in charge of transfer, allows one to cultivate liaison and act as a communication link or channel between two parties.

But this liaison can also cause one to give up on values of efficiency, impartiality and objectivity. The work of an official is not ^{to} develop liaison but to discharge duty in best of capacity.

Here, ignoring such opportunities might sound idealistic ~~is~~ prima facie, but it's rather pragmatic to avoid being favoured or favouring others' relations, indulging oneself in needless "deals" & "compromises". This can prevent future trouble and help maintain anonymity and low key behaviour.

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Q15. Although a public servant is a public servant, no matter s/he is a man or woman, asking them for additional work beyond normal schedule is irksome and inconvenient to all. Suppose there is an outstanding civil servant (man), who always complete work within the stipulated time keeping nothing pending. Once in a while he is also burdened by pending works and he needs to call his staff to work in extended hours and even on selected weekend holidays. Answer the following questions:

- If he wants to take additional hours of work from his staff on a working day beyond office hours, what he should do motivate him?
- In the above situation, if he calls women staff members to stay in office for extended hours or come on holidays for completing pending works, what additional precautions he shall take and what support he can provide to them?
- Had you been in his place, who would you like to call for extended work beyond official time men or women? Give reasons. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

or

In this case, outstanding civil servant is the person who makes sure that all his work is completed on time. This shows his commitment to work, devotion to duty and Efficiency. It is legitimate to call staff to work in extended hours but only once in a while as mentioned.

(a) In order to instill similar values of Devotion and Responsibility in staff,

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- (*) Officer must brief the staff about the work pending and ~~but~~ despite his earnest effort to complete on time.
- (*) He should tell about the essential benefits of punctuality, timely service delivery and its impact on public interest.
- (*) Being a leader, he can encourage his staff towards a goal of efficiency, that can enhance reputation of the entire office and set example for others also.
- (*) He must also ensure ^{and inform} that some stress busting activity or casual meeting will be organised after completion of assignment as an informal gesture of appreciation.

Remarks

(b) women staff members have specific needs at the workplace and concerns also. Since, the head is himself entrusting them with work, he must show sensitivity & sensibility with regard to women co-workers.

(i) Safety must be ensured by adequate lighting, conducive working conditions and comfort.

(ii) Male members must be prohibited from indulging in smoking / drinking or in undue communication besides work.

(iii) facilities for transport to back home, must be kept ready so that women officers are not inconvenienced while going home at night or on holidays.

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(c) Being in his place, and being specially concerned for work completion. I would consider both women & men workers as equally responsible and stakeholders in department work.

Even if beyond official time, calling them would send a message of Gender Equality and that women are no less partners in work.

But in cases, where conveyance facilities are not available at night, then I would avoid calling them, while also try to plan their conveyance back home during holidays.

Q16. You are posted by the government in a mountainous region as 'Development Commissioner'. You find that the market driven development taking place in the region is not suitable for the mountain eco-system. It is driven by haphazard residential and commercial construction and unsuitable infrastructure projects. Answer the following questions:

- Name five components of policy changes that you would seek approval from the government?
 - What would you do with the structures, which have already been raised and infrastructure projects going on?
 - How would you create awareness and educate 'people in general' and 'people in power' in particular that 'disasters are made by man, nature only aggravates them'?
- (250 Words) (20 Marks)

Being a 'Development Commissioner',
its my professional commitment to
ensure progress of the mountainous region
and ensure that proper ^{needful} Infrastructure is
maintained. But being well versed in
Environmental Ethics, I understand that
Sustainable Development is the way forward
in all situations.

(a) Components of policy changes -

→ Eco-Centric development must be the
key to all upcoming projects.

Remarks

- Making Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment mandatory before any large scale project is undertaken
 - Accounting for fragile ecosystem, the Monitoring of environmental changes using scientific data as the usual task in administration
 - Green cover, must be expanded in the area and Compensatory afforestation be rigorously implemented.
 - Disaster Management expert must be taken on board for commercial construction to advise on matters of hazards ^{at} pre-disaster level only
- (b) A close and careful survey of the existing infrastructure must be done by engineers. The quality of construction be judged and retrofitting be ordered as early as possible in old structures

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But those projects which can cause serious harm must be booked under Disaster Mgmt law and adequate action be taken against them. Ongoing projects must be inspected for compliance. Urban planners can be roped in who can plan projects in a sustainable way without substantially harming the region.

(c) Creating awareness is a long term procedure but disasters are best teachers.

→ Incidents of destruction during Kashmir and Uttarakhand must be brought to light to sensitise the citizens

→ Challenge of resilient Infrastructure must be taken and Model Examples be executed for people in power.

→ School campaigns, disaster drills, ^{and} the crucial importance of nature be conveyed to reduce hazards and promote sustainable dept

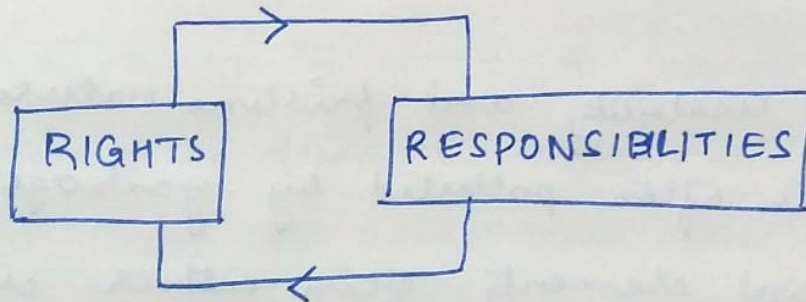
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Q17. Public utilities and spaces in India are in a bad shape. Roads, water supply, street lighting, market cleanliness, railway stations, parks, community centers, public toilets, rivers and ponds are considered sole responsibility of the government to maintain without charging anything. People consider that they have rights to better public utilities and public spaces solely on the basis of government's ability to provide them.

- (a) What should be the ideal way to manage the quality of public utilities and public spaces in a populous country like India?
- (b) Do you think utility charges are better option. Justify (250 Words) (20 Marks)

Public utilities in India are considered to be the sole domain and responsibility of the Govt and people feel they have an unrestricted right over them.

(a)



With rights, come responsibilities. In such a populous country like India, no service can be maintained in usable form solely by a handful workers of govt.

Remarks

As much as these public ^{citizens} ~~spaces~~ are considered services of common benefit, they must be taken care of by fellow citizens only.

- Without citizen cooperation, the cleanliness of toilets in public cannot be ensured.
 - Cleanliness at railway station is as much a civic duty of citizens as of the Rail workers.
 - ~~Clear~~ usability and pristine nature of parks is often polluted by garbage.
 - Anti social elements often either create non-conducive atmosphere for women or indulge in theft of metal objects, electronics etc
- Ideal way is that citizens not only behave in a Civilized manner but also discharge their responsibilities of being

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an active & responsible citizen.

(b) Utility charges come out as better options.

- Only those who use have to pay, hence earmarked responsibility
- Paying for service allows maintenance of parking lots, stations, wages for sweepers etc
- Fund can be used to maintain rivers or generate additional revenue for local administration who is fund starved
- It brings Citizen ^{driven} Accountability as those who pay for service, also demand quality and complain on non-compliance

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Q18. In a major demolition drive, civic authorities demolished around 1,300 illegal hutments in a cosmopolitan town. According to the officials, the encroached land of 20 acres belonged to the forest department. It was the same area where few months back the Chief Minister's flying squad had discovered the unauthorized settlement with most having illegal energy (power) and water connections. There was a (mob) which tried to resist the demolition drive, but cops managed to thwart any such attempt and the demolition drive was carried out peacefully. After the success of first demolition drive, concerned department wants to continue it. However on the other hand, Slums are providing low paid works as well as cheap vending of essential commodities like vegetables and eggs. Besides, their women folk work as "Ayas" or "didis" (maid servants) in the middle class urban households. But slums deface the beauty of the cities and spread lots of dirt and squalor in the vicinity. They are also breeding grounds and hideouts for criminals. A strong case has been made by the superior authorities to remove these slums and their dwellers by force, even if it was mid-winter. You have come to know that officials are taking this decision under pressure.

You are the enforcing officer. You have the following options:

- You would vacate the slum by using police force.
- You will request your senior officers to wait till the weather become normal and an alternative place for settlement of the slum dwellers will be designated with basic amenities.
- Raise this issue with the help of Media.

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

Being an enforcing officer,
 carrying out assigned responsibilities are
 a part of my commitment to work.

But, careful analysis of issue shows :-

- Vulnerable position of slum inhabitants
- Their indispensability to the surrounding households.
- Poverty stricken households who will lose their jobs, and discontent therein

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- Biting cold can cause distress & casualty.
Besides this →
- Aesthetic appeal of city is getting negatively affected
- State Revenues are being harmed since illegal power / water connections are present
- Criminals find shelter in slums
- Illegal encroachment of forest land that can be harming ecosystem also.

Carefully considering Merits and Demerits of given options.

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(a) Option - Vacating the slum by police force	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Land can be easily re-captured for forest dept needs → Effective duty discharge and political approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Slum inhabitants will lose shelter, being homeless, it can lead to death/disease in winter. → Harm/Discomfort to surrounding households. → Slum mob can cause disruption / violence.

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(b)

Merit

- Concern of slums accommodated.
- Livelihood, shelter be ensured.
- Sensitive face of administration be revealed.

Demerit

- Political disapproval due to delayed action
- Dirt/Squalor would continue.

(c)

- Public awareness of issue can be raised
- Pressure on the administration be released.

- Crisis ^{will} be created if more people demand some other course of action
- Politically ^{The issue will be} sensitive and harm in long run.

In this situation, the option (b) must be exercised, as it accommodates the concerns of slum inhabitants compassionately.
Sensitivity to the weak and marginalised

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sections can accommodate their concerns as they are also Equal Citizens and they should not be punished for their poverty.

Adequate alternate settlement must be ensured nearby so that the people can be rehabilitated and the slum be redeveloped with adequate facilities of drinking water, sanitation etc. Current schemes like PM Awas Yojana, AMRUT scheme etc can be utilised for the funding requirements.

In the long run, proper hygiene and WASH awareness be spread. SHGs and thrift can capitalise on their savings. As Magsaysay awardee Jockin Arputham argues, that Slum-friendly rather than Slumfree societies must be promoted as they also promote economic growth indirectly.

Remarks

Q19. You are a District Collector. You want to start a cleanliness drive in your district. Though there are governmental schemes but often funds do not reach on time and not sufficient for such huge work. The District Collector directed all the schools and colleges of the district to collect Rs. 1/- each from all the students and teachers every month and Rs. 10/- from every shopkeeper of the city per month for a cleanliness drive which ultimately will benefit people. But people in administration are not happy. Common people are also not happy with this move and doubt effectiveness of such drive.

- Instead of winning support from his colleagues in administration and public, the District Collector came under suspicion. What went wrong?
- Should he continue the effort to steer ahead the programme or quit?
- If he decides to proceed ahead, how should he pursue the innovative idea and make it more acceptable?

(250 Words) (20 Marks)

District Collector being aware of the Cleanliness drive, is devoted to the govt's goal of Swachh Bharat. Hence, the option exercised by him/her is to only accelerate cleanliness & hygiene.

(a) But, DC has gone out-of-the-way and tried to utilise out of box approach to raise timely funds for the mission- There is a reduced public trust and lack of enthusiasm to cooperate with administration due to which people are calling the idea in question.

Remarks

Crowdfunding is an innovative way that not only gives result in a shorter span of time, but also increase citizen awareness & stakeholdership in govt mission.

But the management of such an initiative through district is a huge task. Credibility and Integrity of lower officials is also doubtful as this case involves fund collection.

(b) Given the fact that funds don't reach on time and ~~so~~ inadequate availability means that ~~the~~ realization of goal of cleanliness drive would not be possible without such ideas.

Moreover, backing off from the idea at this stage would invite further suspicion and lethargy in public & officials.

Remarks

- (c) To proceed ahead foll. steps can be taken -
- (*) Students in school & colleges can be made volunteers for effective collection mechanism.
 - (*) Compliant schools/ institutions can be rewarded by DC himself as "Swachhta Volunteers"
 - (*) Shopkeeper association can be taken on board by online collection mechanism & full transparency in use of funds.
 - (*) Tangible results of cleanliness drive be undertaken with efficiency and results be published in media, newspapers, websites etc
- Public visibility & transparency
can help in bringing people on board in this citizen driven initiative.

Remarks