

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

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1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 20 questions.• All questions are compulsory• The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.• Content of the answer is more important than its length.• Answers must be written in the space provided. <p>— Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.</p>
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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 must establish strong ~~connect~~ ^{Rapport} with superiors, associates and public to ensure better administration.

Fear - a significant part to earn respect

- i) In a hierarchical, bureaucracy, people respect someone who rules by fear.
- ii) The persistence of colonial mindset in many sections of India.
- iii) The belief in old principles of human resource management which dwell on fear.
- iv) Fear can help check the corruption at associate level. This is because of scarcity mentality.

Fear - not a necessary part to earn respect

- i) Fear leads to creation of master-slave relation. It affects the productivity of

Does it generate respect in actual sense?

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workforce.

ii) It is a forced respect, not genuine respect. It will fade away as the person loses authority.

iii) Fear can curb the dialogue between boss and employees, leading to fall in quality of civil service.

Great examples of respect without fear: Grandhi, APJ Abdul Kalam

Hence to earn short term respect and to get the best output in short term, fear can be a good tool. But it can have limitations in the long term professionalism, work culture, Profit - Producing capability balance and can lead to a leadership crisis in future.

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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 refers to ~~a person's~~ the depth to which a person is affected by a particular thing, circumstance or action.

eg, children are sensitive towards love.

Animals' sensitivity to climate change.

A civil servant must show emotional intelligence while being sensitive. Thus sensitivity can be both a strength and weakness.

Sensitivity : Strength

i) When civil servant understands the problems of vulnerable and shows compassion to solve them. eg., an old lady for old age pension must be helped by civil servant.

List out more significance of it

Give appropriate example.

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② Sensitivity - Weakness

When an emotional civil servant gets carried away by emotional hijack,

eg., if rebuked by media, if a civil servant loses his/her temper, then that can be disastrous for administration.

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The balance

A civil servant must possess emotional intelligence, which involves use of self regulation, self awareness, motivation, social skills to effectively use sensitivity for benefit of society.

Stick to sensitivity only

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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)

a) Wisdom

It refers to the correctness of our mind maps with respect to the universal principles.

Wisdom is the ~~price~~ reward for surviving our own mistakes.

For a civil servant, wisdom lies in:

i) Identifying a personal value statement which is in coherence with social welfare goals.

ii) Constant improvement in value statement and adherence to it.

④ This will give us a long term vision of a society we want to create and the roadmap of how to create it.

Make it clear & straightforward.

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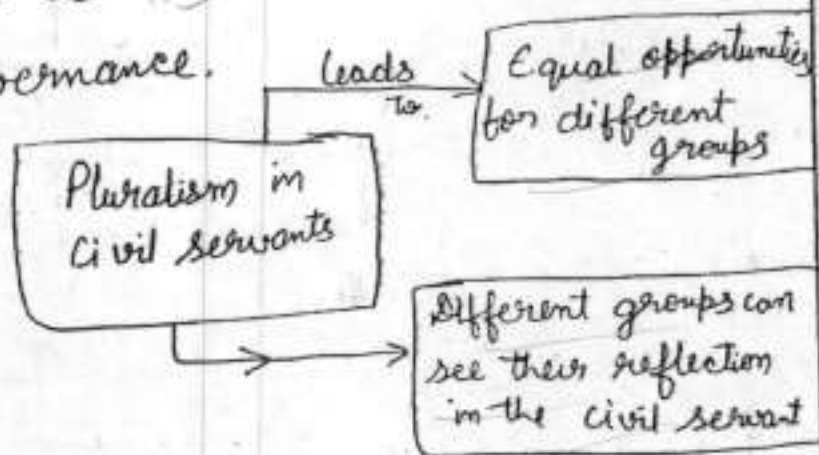
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c) Pluralism

It refers to respect for diversity in workplace, society and nation. It goes beyond all barriers, including race, religion, caste, sex, place of birth.

A civil servant must be impartial and unbiased in all the official dealings.

Moreover, he/she should embrace new cultures so as to ensure more people centric governance.



Thus, pluralism ensures stronger consensus based and people-centric governance.

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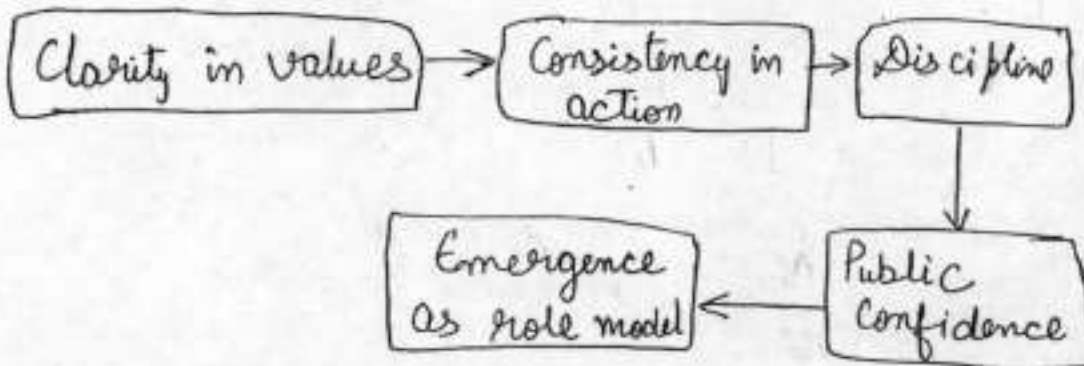
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Q4. What is the meaning of role model? How are role models made? Illustrate and analyse how do role models influence virtues, morals, and ethics in a society.
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Role model refers to a person, living or dead, whose value systems inspire other persons to emulate them. eg. Grandhiji is a role model for the whole world for ~~Role models are made by~~ his values of truth and non-violence.

Making of Role models

They are made by the process of value identification, value clarification, value prioritisation and steadfast adherence to the value system.



Explain it properly in words

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Role models play a crucial role in influencing virtues, morals and ethics in society:

- i) Role models like Buddha brought peace as an eternal virtue in Indian society.
- ii) The epic character Karna symbolises kindness, while Raja Harishchandra upholds truth. These two are strongly embedded morals in Indian society.
- iii) Rajagammoham Roy's efforts to end Sati brought greater social awareness and changed ^{the} practice from ethical to unethical.

The Role models influence society through their progressive value system thereby raising the ethical benchmarks of whole society.

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Do you not find any contemporary example

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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 refers to steadfast adherence to our value system. It is a condition when our thoughts, speech, action are in consonance.

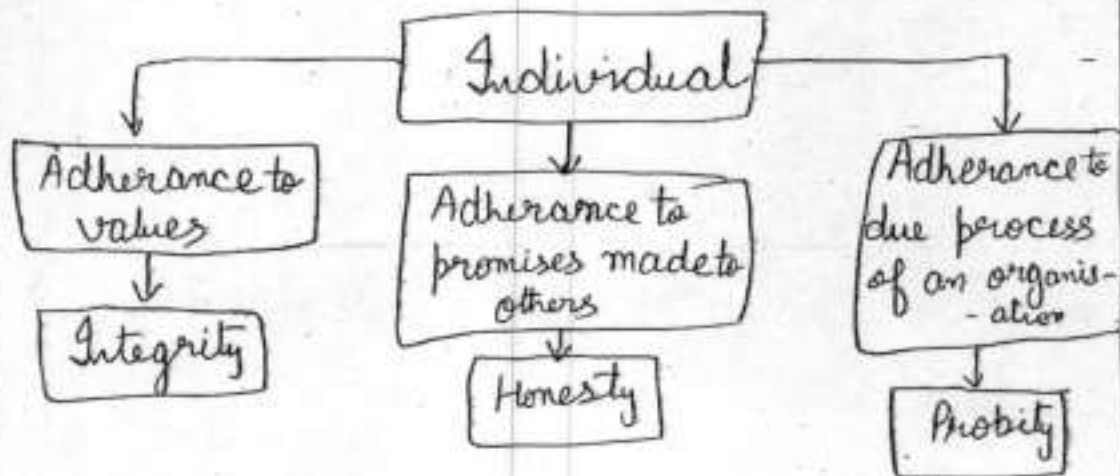
Integrity is supreme leadership quality because:

- i) In personal leadership, it ensures that we remain proactive and adhere to values even when we are not under scrutiny. -
- ii) In public leadership, it motivates others to follow the leader and emulate his/her qualities. In this process a leader creates future leader, which is a trademark of an effective leader.

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Besides, Integrity ensures responsibility and accountability on the part of leader.

Relation between 3 qualities



For a civil servant, the most important quality is 'integrity' from which Honesty and probity will also come, once the personal and organisation's value statements are in coherence.

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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)

An idea is a random thought which offers solutions to a situation.

Idealism refers to the strong belief in ideals, which may differ from reality.

Ideology is a set of coherent ideas which can guide the overall thinking of individual.

In civil service, it is very important to be guided by the ideology of constitutionalism. This is because our constitution is an amalgamation of the ideas of all the sections of society and reflects the ideals which the Indian society must try to achieve in Part III, IV and IV-A.

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Need to discuss importance of all three separately.

Pragmatism - as best option

When a civil servant has to make quick decisions involving the risk to lives of citizens, it is important to be pragmatic.

Secondly, pragmatism helps in assessing our resources and setting the government's priorities accordingly. This was one reason why many provisions of constitution were kept as DPSP.

Balance

A civil servant must ensure that pragmatism guides only the short term goals, while the ~~the~~ ideology of constitutionalism guides the long term action.

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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 is the ideology which ^{stresses} ~~believes~~ on spiritual soundness of persons and focusses on ~~spetal~~ spiritual upliftment of people. The basic essence ~~of~~ of spiritualism lies in working according to our voice of conscience.


Enlightened leadership: Need for Spiritualism

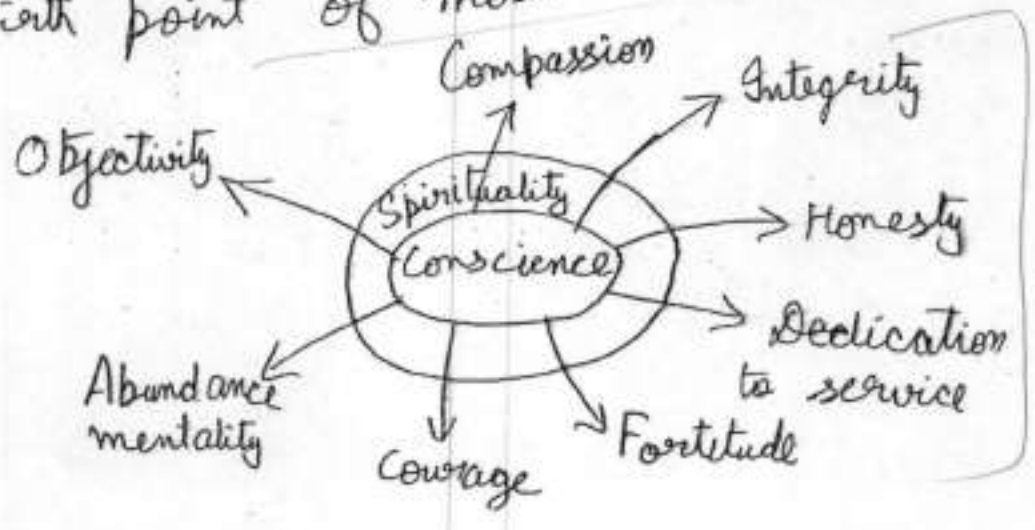
- i) The stronger the spiritualism stronger will be integrity of leaders.
- ii) leaders will show abundance mentality
- iii) The maturity shown by leaders is directly related to spiritualism
- iv) The leaders with spiritual strength show greater mental strength and fortitude.

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- v) Spiritualism leads to proactivity and positive attitude.
- vi) It ensures greater accountability on part of leaders.

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Spirituality  can be said as the keeper of our human conscience and in that sense it can be seen as birth point of most virtues.



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Hence it can be seen as source for these values, and thus must be strengthened.

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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)

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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 refers to a sense of self and social worth. It is determined by the level of social development of a society and the ~~best~~ personal value statement.

Every human deserves dignity which is an inalienable right of everyone. In India, the fundamental rights protect human dignity.

Significance:

- i) It provides a scope for personal development.
- ii) By protecting our liberties, our dignity ensures that we can

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achieve our full potential and excellence.

iii) Without dignity, humans will become just means to an end. They will lose their sense of self worth and initiative. In effect they will be reduced to slaves.

iv) Ensuring equality to individuals creates a level playing field where everyone can achieve greatness.

As every religion and Indian constitution aspire to raise the level of intellect and quality of life of people, that is why human dignity is core aspect of each of them.

Bring out some semblance of that.

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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)

'We cannot solve the problems with same level of thinking that created them'
- Albert Einstein.

To solve the emerging problems, we must ~~also~~ ~~the~~ raise our intellect, ~~the~~ ethical and moral standards.

Need of skill :

- i) To check the air pollution, global warming we need ~~more~~ advanced technology like renewable energy, fuel cells, which demands new skills.
- ii) To solve rising crime rates we need a more swift and responsive police and judiciary, which needs skill.

likewise, the problems of hunger, poverty, biodiversity loss etc need higher

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What is its significance here?

skills.

However, more than skills there is need for a stronger value and ethics based society which has greater sense of purpose.

This is crucial because,

i) Ethics Values and Ethical standards

like moderation in consumption, abundance mentality can help control the greed behind the various problems.

ii) Proactivity at citizen level can help reduce crime rates. eg., citizens can help in reducing incidents of mob lynching, sexual harassment of women.

iii) They can compensate for the present leadership crisis and moral crisis faced by society.

It is high time that our moral standards rise up to meet the needs of a technologically advanced and increasingly complex society.

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Keep it as minimum as possible.

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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)

a) We must be grateful to everything we get in life because that will bring love, passion, hope, strength, fortitude etc.

A grateful person knows that for ensuring ethical conduct ~~the~~ he/she must remain thankful to others.

Without thankfulness, person becomes egoistic which can stop the process of self development. It can lead to a loss of aesthetic sense in life which deteriorates quality of life ultimately the progress on spiritual journey stops.

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b) While fighting the injustice our means and ends must be ethical.

Following unethical means for ethical ends leads to no difference between us and the wrongdoers.

This is also the difference between champions and losers. Champions always show an ethical spirit while losers only focus on end.

When we lose conscience (of our personal compass), we can not be differentiated from wrongdoer.

That is why Gandhiji told that non-violence is a stronger force than violence because, it exposes the folly of latter.

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Not required at all

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

Abortion

It is ethical because :

- i) Women have the complete right over their bodily integrity.
- ii) Sometimes couples are not ready to accept a baby in their lives.
- iii) In cases of rape, it should be allowed.
- iv) It ensures the ^{safety of} reproductive health ~~and~~ of women.

It is unethical because :

- i) Child's right to life is abrogated.
- ii) If it is sex-selective, it is against the principle of gender equality.

Is it valid justification?

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Euthanasia

Ethical :

i) If a person's chances of recovery are negligible, it will help relieving him/her and the family from persistent pain.

ii) It is accepted in many other countries of world.

Unethical :

i) ~~A person~~ Nobody has the right to take anyone's life.

ii) If cure is available in future, it will amount to denial of right to life to person.

What says the apex court in this regard.

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

Climate change is ~~moral~~ an outcome of moral recession because,

i) Scarcity mentality breeds greed and overconsumption.

ii) Focus on economic values with no regard for moral, social and environmental values.

It's ~~at~~ check will also depend on the moral strength of humanity:

i) Sharing of technology for checking it will require moral strength.

ii) Helping finance ^{various projects} will require moral courage.

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How does it impact human lives?

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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) Tolerance means respecting others' opinions even when they differ or oppose our personal beliefs.

It is important virtue because,
 i) It ensures that we act in greater public benefit and are not carried away by our personal beliefs and others' comments.

ii) It helps take criticism in positive manner.

Discuss its more significance.

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b) Initiating tolerance:

i) Personal value statement: for every employee of public servant.

ii) Feedback system for every employee.

iii) Greater team building activities, seminars, team outings to ensure a sporty spirit in employees.

Need all.

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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 refers to our gratefulness to our surroundings and other people for all that they have done or sacrificed for us.

It is essential because,

- i) It helps us remain humble.
- ii) It ensures that we always remain aware of our true self
- iii) We come to know of our strengths and weaknesses.
- iv) Helps us emerge as great leaders.

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I am grateful for:

- i) My parents who have inculcated the values of responsibility and hardwork in me, and have supported me in my every decision.
- ii) My best friend, who gives me a frank feedback and advice which helps me improve myself as a human being.

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Avoid such adjustment if you have enough space.

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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 study draws the significance of values and ethics in public administration and also underlines the need for integrity, objectivity, non-partisanship and compassion in public administration.

The issues involved are the law and order problems related to murder of a citizen, and an agitated mob. Public angst over criminalisation of politics is also seen.

a) Options available :

Option I : order the enquiry in the aforementioned case and persuade the public that a free and fair enquiry will be done.

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ii) Option II : Seek direction from my superiors on the issue.

iii) Option III : Disperse the crowd due to fear of political clout of the said leader.

b) Evaluation

Options	Merits	Demerits
I	i) <u>Public faith in administration</u> will be intact ii) It will ensure that <u>Justice prevails</u>	i) I may earn the <u>wrath of my superiors</u> . why so?
I	i) I will ensure that my superiors are into <u>confidence</u> while I take any action. Tackle things on your own bins	i) As a head of district administration, it will reflect badly on my <u>leadership and crisis handling capabilities</u> .
III	i) I will ensure a <u>smooth career for myself</u> .	i) Highly <u>unbecoming of a civil servant</u> . ii) lead to <u>crisis of conscience</u> . iii) lead to greater <u>aggravation of crisis</u> .

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Based on - above reasons and the consequences,
I will go by Option I. This will ensure,

- i) That I act in conformity of my conscience.
- ii) That I uphold public interest and values of constitution above selfish/private interests.
- iii) ~~Good~~ Free and fair enquiry will create public trust for administration.
- iv) Other social activists will feel empowered to work for social welfare.

Even the principles of natural justice ask for listening both sides before judgement. Hence I must give a chance to the accused to ensure objectivity.

To conclude, a public servant must remain fearless, objective and impartial in his/her endeavours and be guided by utmost public interest.

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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:

- (a) How would he improve the working of the dispensary and ensure that doctors and paramedical staff are made accountable?
- (b) What steps he should take so that quality of primary education improves? What are the limitations before Municipal Commissioner?
- (c) 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 study deals with the quality of public service delivery.

a) Improving conditions in dispensaries

A The following steps can be taken:

- i) A toll free complaint number be started where patients can register their complaints and a swift action within 5 days be guaranteed.
- ii) Surprise visits in hospitals and slum areas by municipal officer.
- iii) Educating the slum dwellers of their rights and how to use citizen charter.
- iv) Biometric attendance for staff.

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- v) Regular audits to ensure that leakage of medicines doesn't happen.
- vi) Fixing accountability of medical professionals for lapses in service delivery. A register of such lapses should be maintained.
- b) Improving Primary education Quality.

Limitations:

- i) The quality can improve only when the teachers have an intention of empowering students.
- ii) The slum dweller parents are not empowered enough to hold schools accountable.
- iii) The education comes under state departments beyond the purview of Urban local bodies.

However, as a municipal commissioner, following steps can be taken:

- i) Use of biometric attendance.
- ii) Toll-free numbers which parents must be aware of.
- iii) Regular parent-teacher meetings to encourage

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They need to be incentivised to boost up their morale.

parents' participation in school administration.

11) Recommend regular training and skill upgradation of teachers to Department of education.

v) Deburden teachers from administrative responsibilities.

c) ~~Planing~~ Strengthening Moral responsibility

This will happen when the staff feels a moral obligation to alleviate sufferings of others. This can be strengthened by,

i) Encouraging more field visits by staff members through organising camps.

ii) Recruiting some part of workforce from slums, so as to get an empathetic staff.

This will have huge boost on the overall quality of service delivery. The customers will feel more friendly and staff will show greater empathy.

This way it will lead to good governance.

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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 study deals with the aspect of how ethics and values in public life affect work culture.

The issues highlighted are:

- Bossy attitude leading to unprofessional work culture.
- Employees hesitant to open up.
- Humans being used as means for an end.
- Hierarchical and Bureaucratic attitude.

The options and their evaluation:

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Merits	Demerits	1 1/2
I) i) Subordinates will <u>feel assured</u> . ii) I will work towards <u>improvement of work culture</u> .	i) Keeping <u>my colleague</u> in dark can be <u>unprofessional</u> on <u>my part</u> . It <u>violates</u> <u>chain of hierarchy</u> .	1 1/2
II) i) I will avoid a <u>direct face-off</u> with my <u>colleague</u> .	i) Being a <u>senior civil servant</u> , it will reflect <u>escapist tendency</u> on my <u>part</u> .	1 1/2
III) i) Will solve the problem without creating any <u>tension</u> .	i) She may feel it as a <u>disrespect</u> and <u>personal relations</u> can be affected. <u>What about her rights</u>	1 1/2 to be heard?
IV) i) I will be following the <u>principles of natural justice</u> . ii) A <u>chance to reform</u> to such an <u>efficient officer</u> is in everyone's best <u>interest</u> .	i) The process may be <u>time taking</u> . ii) She may not agree to <u>mend her ways</u> .	2

In such a situation, I will follow, the given approach:

- i) ~~Talk~~ Talk to lady officer on issue
- ii) Try to persuade her to not

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just go behind the eggs, but also take care of hen.

iii) Give her a time period of 1 month within which I will monitor that her attitude towards her subordinates remains professional.

iv) Organise weekly meetings of her team to create a process of dialogue and reduce the tensions at a smaller level.

v) If she refuses to mend ways, then I will ask for her transfer.

A public servant has to ensure a Profit - Production Capability balance.

A public servant must also ensure that personal relations like friendship don't guide his objectivity and influence official decisions.

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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 malpractices 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 study deals with the menace of corruption in public service and the ethical dilemmas a public servant faces while upholding integrity.

The ~~options~~ issues are the substandard public service delivery and asset quality and lack of accountability on developers. Also the inaction by public servants is another concern.

The options:

a) <u>Merits</u>	<u>Demerits</u>
i) The <u>official conduct</u> will be followed.	i) The chances of success are very remote.

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- ii) The senior officers can be reprimanded by their seniors.
- iii) ~~He/she~~ will not face the direct wrath of political leaders.

- ii) It can be a time taking process.
- iii) ~~He/she~~ may lose rapport with immediate seniors.

Option 2

Demerits

- i) Against the general administrative practices
- ii) Bringing bad name to the department.
- iii) Lose rapport with ^{higher} colleagues and seniors.

Demerits Merits

- i) Will ensure quicker action as media will create a political pressure.
- ii) I will be acting as a whistleblower to improve the quality of public service.

Option 3

Merits

- i) ~~He/she~~ will be free to level all kinds of accusation on the department.

Demerits

- i) ~~He/she~~ This action will show the department in even bad light.
- ii) His/her impact outside the system will be very limited.

In such a situation, he/she can go for a stepwise approach:

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It will antagonize him from other employees

It amounts to dereliction of duty.

Step I : Prepare a detailed report and brief the higher ups.

If they ~~do~~ hesitate to take up any action,

Step II : Disclose the report on the government website, which is as per the section 4 of RTI act which asks for voluntary disclosures.

Reasons which led ~~me~~ to the action are:

- i) Devotion to public service irrespective of the political pressures.
- ii) The action will uphold the public interests.
- iii) Help in checking corruption in public office.

Even the prevention of corruption act prohibits from doing such corrupt acts:

A public servant must always be ready to fight the battle of truth and justice, within the framework of bureaucracy to ensure continuous improvement in governance.

Just explain best option among the above

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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 study deals with the ethical concern of sex selective abortion and also brings out the professional and human integrity of doctor.

- a) The ethical dilemmas in the case study:
- Whether doctor should perform ^{sex-selective} abortion on recommendation of health minister, or adhere to his professional ethics and conscience.
 - Whether to report matter to police to ensure justice to my friend and society or to stay mum due to political and social pressures.

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b) As a moral being, it is my duty to help my friend. Moral responsibility of a doctor to his ~~own~~ profession demands that he should remain helpful to his patients.

If I don't help my friend, I will fail to qualify as a friend and a human being. This will lead to crisis of conscience.

Hence I must help my friend in not going for any prenatal determination and sex selective abortion.

c) It is not obligatory for a doctor to obey every command of health ministers, especially the informal ones. A doctor must go by the professional ethics and conscience. ~~But~~ Health minister is a political representative and may not have a full understanding of the issues involved and thus doctors are not bound by it.

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d) In the above situation :

Step I : I will reject the family for any prenatal tests on the ground of PC PNBT act.

Step II : I will assure my friend of support and ask her to file a police complaint on the issue.

Step III : If minister insists, I will ask him/her for a written recommendation.

Step IV : Warn the family that any attempt to determine sex, or about the child will be strictly punished according to law.

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 Through this course of action, I will ensure that I act in consonance with my personal values, professional ethics and ~~conscience~~ conscience. This is what is expected from every public servant.

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