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TEST 241

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SECTION A

Q.1

(a) What do you understand by the term 'Duty'? What are the different sources of duty for an individual and how they can be conflicting in nature?

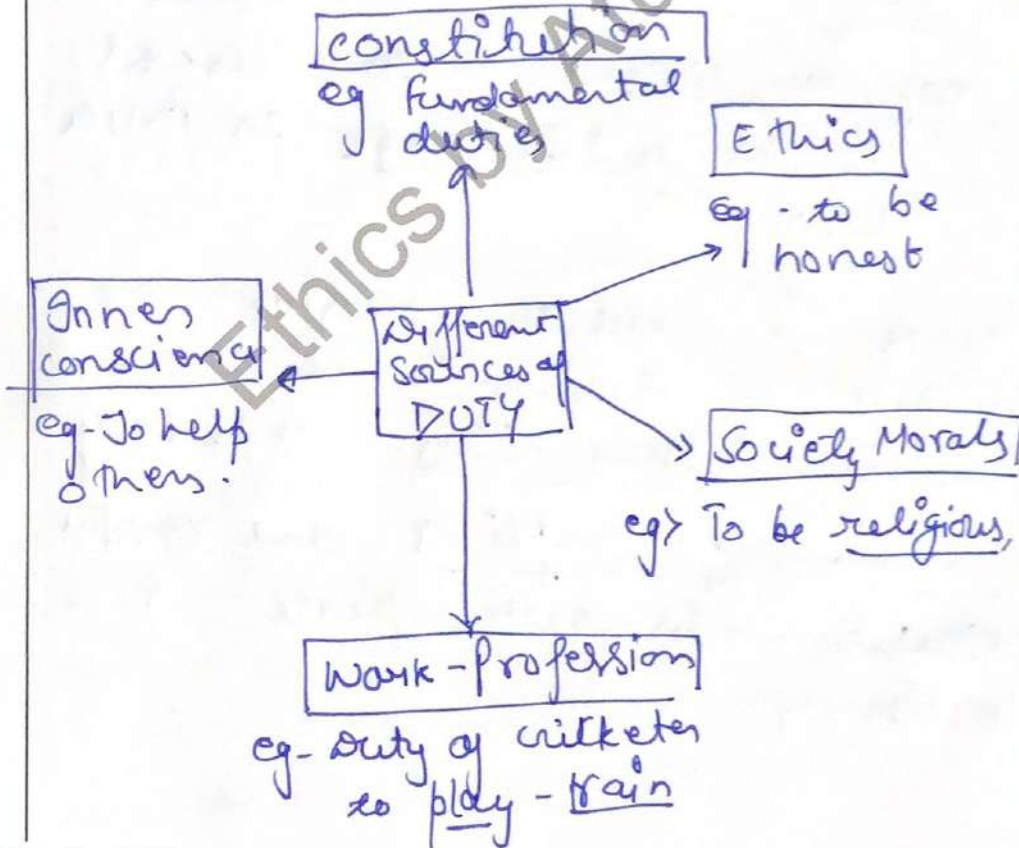
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Duty is Dharma, it is equivalent to perform one's own innate, eternal natural functions to achieve eternal joy (Moksha).

eg> Duty of student to study  
Duty of dog to  Bark etc.





## Conflict among duties

1) National duty Vs Family Responsibility

eg) Army Jawan posted at border  
has ill father.

2) Constitutions Vs Society Morals

eg) A young boy asked to marry  
under age by society

3) Inner conscience Vs Professionalism

eg) Non Violent person asked  
to do force change in Police  
service

Here we need to resolve the  
conflict of duties. Here we  
can use Heraklity idea of

harmony of conflicts and resolve  
situation for better peace &  
prosperity.

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Q.1

(b) "Why be moral?" is one of the most fundamental questions often asked by ethicists. What in your opinion would be the answer to this question? Give examples to substantiate your logic. (150 words, 10 marks)

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Morals are the individual standards of right & wrong.

### Utility of Morals

- 1) Social harmony maintenance  
eg) Morals of brotherhood keeps peace in society
- 2) To achieve higher needs of self actualisation in Maslow's need hierarchy
- 3) Without Morals this world would sink into a bottomless darkness - Mahabharata
- 4) To achieve coordination  
eg) Moral values of friendship help in international affairs to ~~be~~ coordinate.





## Why Be Moral

- 1) It is the innate nature of humans to be moral
- 2) without ethics a man is equal to beast which is unleashed on prey
- 3) Happiness lies in being virtuous and this happens by being moral.
- 4) Good character is built if one follows moral values in long run  
eg) Karna the Donor

Being Moral is not a choice but this is what we human beings are. It is our true nature.

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Q.2

(a) Elon Musk recently called ChatGPT a scary good, a big step towards a dangerously strong AI. In this context, explain the legal and ethical issues involved in the usage of ChatGPT? Also explain, how this technology can be best used by humans?  
(150 words, 10 marks)

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Chat GPT is an AI based tool that give answers to the questions put to it.

Legal issues in usage of Chat GPT

- 1) Patent - Licence issue  
As the new work created by it. Who would own it?
- 2) Reliability of the data is not there.
- 3) How to calculate revenue which is generated using AI tools and how to tax them

Ethical Issues

- ① Stealing the work of an artist  
eg) use of Chat GPT to generate music, stories etc



- 2) Degenerate Young Students  
eg) use of chat GPT to complete assignments
- 3) Replacement of humans and attack  
on man's right to work  
eg) chat GPT doing data mining,  
writing codes etc

### Best use of Chat GPT

- 1) Clear declaration of Copy Rights
  - 2) strict ban & penalty on Plagiarism
  - 3) Students to be guided for not using shortcuts
  - 4) Chat GPT can be used to replace redundant clerical work.  
eg) converting data log to excel
- AI is a double edged sword,  
its on us, how we use it

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Q.2

(b) 'Wise people will hold doubts about the health and progress of any civilized society that fails to produce a decent number of eccentrics during every generation.' Discuss this statement in general and distinctly bring out how eccentrics can reduce the culturally induced ethical blindness of people in a society?  
(150 words, 10 marks)

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Eccentrics are people who think out of the box and their thoughts are contrary to the popular beliefs & values.

eg. Raja Ram Mohan Ray

A civilized society needs eccentrics as their values are in conflict with the societal norms and when this conflict is resolved harmoniously it leads to progress and maximalisation of happiness.

eg) Ban on Sati. (R.R. Mohan Ray)  
Child welfare (Kailash Satyarthi)  
Animal welfare (PETA)  
Anti corruption (Anna Hazare)  
Brendon Macleum (Bazball cricket)  
to revolutionise Test cricket

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Eccentric's reducing culturally  
induced ethical blindness

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1) By calling out the wrong.

eg) Not allowing my parents to  
have a child as domestic help

2) By going against social norms

eg) No marrying before the age  
of 18 or 21.

3) By challenging popular  
belief.

eg) Galileo's helio centric theory

4) By not taking bribe and  
being dead honest.

But do bring these changes  
one has to have courage  
like Socrates who accepted  
death but not changed his  
eccentric ideas



Q.3

(a) "Justice is the interest of the stronger." Do you agree with this statement? What in your opinion justice is? Explain with the help of examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

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This statement is about the concept of might is right, this we see in today's world where powerful person crush the poor people.

eg) Union Carbide - Bhopal gas tragedy  
Victims still no Justice

I don't agree with the above statement. Although in practical sense we see this type of Justice, but if this is prolonged then this will lead to disaster.

eg) 1) Unjust to west Pakistan led to formation of Bangladesh

2) Hitler's injustice to Jews and defeat in WW II

3) Unjustice in Mahabharata on Pandaway led to war.



## What is Justice ?

Justice is staying truthful and paying own debt. [Cicero]

Justice is also doing good to friends and bad to enemies.  
[Polyarchus].

So justice is fair distribution of power, responsibilities and burden so that as an individual and a society we all can live with peace.

For this justice to happen we have to follow laws in public domain and ethical values in personal life.

And if there is injustice then it can lead to disasters as "injustice anywhere is threat to justice everywhere".

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Q.3

(b) Perform all the actions with mind concentrated on the Divine, renouncing attachment and desire for the reward and looking upon success and failure with an equal eye. Elucidate this statement in the context of public services in India?

(150 words, 10 marks)

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This statement is about Nishkam Karma when a person perform work without looking or thinking about the results.

In Indian Public Services this concept can be equated to a Karam Yogi who attains salvation through the path of Karma

eg of Karam Yogi in Public Service

- 1) Sir M Visveshwaraya
- 2) Mr Iqbal Singh Chahal.
- 3) Ex President Mr APJ Abdul Kalam

This concept of nishkam Karma is important in Public Service because.



- 1) Harsh conditions of work.  
eg) Doctor posted in remote village.
- 2) Difficult to achieve results  
eg) failed landing of Chandrayaan II
- 3) To avoid excess of pressure.  
eg) Political pressure to diverge funds
- 4) To follow the duties of public service  
eg) IPS Madhukar Shetty - eliminated illegal mining, bonded labours.
- 5) To be more compassionate we have to work without thinking of results.

with one eye on Result, we only have one eye left to guide us on the path. Hence we have to follow Nishkam Karma



Q.4

(a) 'Most parents today are concerned about securing the future of their children, but in the process, they forget to build the character of the child.' Do you agree with this statement? What can be the repercussions of such an approach and what parents should actually do for their child's future? (150 words, 10 marks)

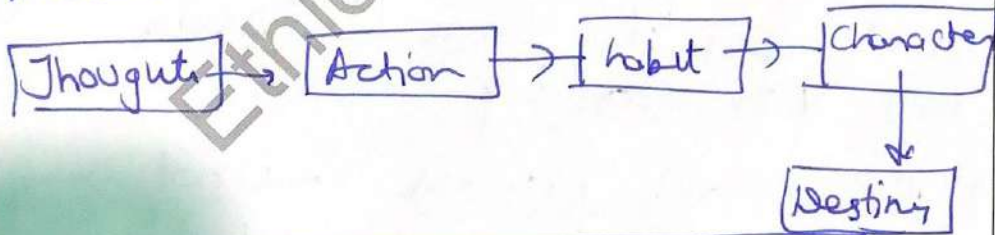
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This statement shows the current truth of society where we focus on end goal and not on means ultimately defeating an end goal also.

eg) Parents helping students cheat in Bihar

when parents don't inculcate right thoughts and just focus on results then bad outcomes result.



Repercussions of Such Approach

⇒ Playing with the destiny of the child.



- 2) Juvenile delinquency as child,  
might pick criminal habits
- 3) Decreased learning outcome as  
he/she is used to getting high  
marks by cheating.
- 4) weak character and character  
is the highest virtue.

Parents actual effort

- 1) Inculcate good habits like  
speaking truth etc
  - 2) Never support wrong actions  
and punish them & their  
eg) No stealing
  - 3) Focus on process and not on  
result. eg) child should study  
for 4 hrs and not get 90+%
- Childrens are future of our nations  
and they must be a man  
of Character





Q.4

(b) "Pity the land that needs a hero." Do you agree with this statement? Discuss with the help of examples? (150 words, 10 marks)

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This statement shows that although the land is full of masses but no one is coming up to defend it.

In today's world we all are equally capable and hero in our own life. Do we really need a 'hero' to come and defend ourselves, our nation?

Rather we all should stand together and do justice to us and our land.

eg) → Pandavas standing against Kauravas

2) Gujrat Giants won first IPL title by team effort and not individual heroics



Also here we can say that the land is under trouble due to bad activities and in need of some hero to save it, i.e. why it is sad to see that.

eg) Ukraine needs a hero like Prez. Zelensky to save guard.

Here the praise of zelensky as a hero is not good as this is what is bare minimum expected from a teacher. But our expectations have become so low that even one's duty work is praised.

Hence we all are hero for our land, just we have to do our duty properly.

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Q.5

What does each of the following quotations mean to you?

(a) "A person cannot do right in one department whilst attempting to do wrong in another department. Life is one indivisible whole." - Mahatma Gandhi  
(150 words, 10 marks)

This statement is about being virtuous in all the situations and not being selective for us to be ethical or not.

A person can't be doing wrong and right in different fields because

- ① Crisis of conscience as a good person will have a guilt of wrong work.
- ② Reciprocating effect = one wrong will encourage the person to do more wrong.
- ③ Corruption of character as wrong works will lead to development of wrong character.

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eg) one can't be a good Scientist  
and a dishonest man [DRDO  
Agni VI missile leak data]

eg) Anger at workplace comes to  
family too. This leads to frustra-  
tion both at workplace & family.

Hence we have to be ethically  
and morally correct at all  
situations.

Aristotle talks about being  
virtuous and hence we should  
always display ethical conduct.

Also Kant talks about doing  
things in a right manner and  
for that too we have to be  
doing right all the time. We  
must realise that Integrity  
is non negotiable and not  
selective.

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Q.5

(b) "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."  
- Aristotle.

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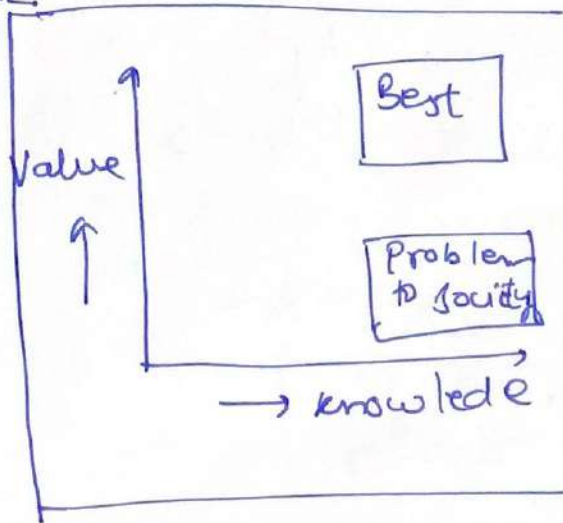
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Aristotle ~~was~~ is a proponent  
of virtue ethics and these  
virtues come from experience and  
not from knowledge.

Here educating the  
mind means gaining knowledge  
like science, math, history etc.  
and education the heart means  
development of ethical values  
and virtues like honesty,  
integrity etc.

A good educated  
person will  
have both  
- knowledge  
+  
ethical values.





- eg) - MS Swaminathan  
- TN Sheshan  
- Sachin Tendulkar  
- Mahatma Gandhi etc

But if person has only education  
and not ethical values, then  
he/she is a clever devil -  
a menace to society.

- eg) Nirav Modi, Vijay Malya,  
Osama Ben Laden etc.

Hence we have to focus on  
both mind + heart i.e. on  
knowledge as well as  
virtues so that we  
have people of Character,  
temperance, Prudence, courage  
and deliver Justice to the  
society

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Q.5

(c) "I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing." — Socrates  
(150 words, 10 marks)

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This statement is about accepting the lack of knowledge so that a person can learn new things.

It is not ignorance but lack of true knowledge which often makes ~~us~~ us fool. But true learning will start once we accept that, we know nothing.

Here when we accept that we know nothing, then a desire to know occurs and this desire leads to new knowledge gathering.

eg → India accepting the need of Nuclear power and then developing it.



This process of knowledge gathering can happen ~~to~~ via self talk, an debates or by reading books. But for all this to happen we first must accept the lack of knowledge. Ornamental we are just arrogant fools.

Gandhiji also travelled all across India before starting National movement so that to have knowledge of masses.

This helped him during his freedom struggle.

But he travelled at first place because he knew that he lacked understanding of the whole of India.

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Q.6

(a) The word Dharma is most applicable if one wants to define ethics in a single word. Discuss? Is it always possible to follow Dharma? (150 words, 10 marks)

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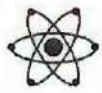
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The word Dharma mean 'duty' i.e. to do one's duty whole heartedly to reach to the god and achieve salvation..

Dharma has all elements of ethics As

- 1) Dharma is honesty  
eg) Duty of a servant is to be honest
- 2) Dharma is integrity  
eg) Duty of IAS officer to show integrity.
- 3) Dharma is courage  
eg) Duty of soldier to show courage
- 4) Dharma is wisdom  
eg) Duty of a Guro to have wisdom
- 5) Dharma is discipline  
eg) Duty of student to be in discipline

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Hence every facet of ethics is  
included in Dharma.

Dharma is Relative and  
contextual and one can follow  
his/her Dharma always if  
he/she understands the  
essence of Dharma.

- eg) ① A foreign official can lie  
to uphold security
- ② Soldier can shot dead  
a person
- ③ Controlled sledging in  
game of cricket

we must ensure Dharma  
because those who uphold  
Dharma, Dharma upholds  
them.

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Q.6

(b) In context of Civil services, write short notes on the following in 30 words each  
(5X2=10 Marks)

i. Esprit de Corps

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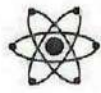
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Q.6

ii. Discipline

Discipline is important parameter  
in Weber's model of bureaucracy.  
It helps in maintaining hierarchy.  
Also one can use the steel  
of discipline ~~to~~ to forge  
the character of Probity.  
Discipline also helps officers  
to set example to his  
colleagues and JUNIORS.

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Q.6

iii. Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness for civil servant is needed among public and also among fellow workers.

It becomes easier for civil servant to influence people and its Juniors if there is trustworthiness.

Q.6

iv. Prudence

Prudence is wisdom and it help civil servants to decide and ~~take~~ correct steps.

As civil servants have lot of decision making power hence prudence is needed so that their decision maximises the public benefit.

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Q.6

v. Altruism

Altruism is the quality of being compassionate without any desire of benefit as result. Civil servants in India need to be altruistic as gaps in developments are huge and they have to do public work day and out to bring people out of the ages of darkness.

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SECTION - B

Q.7

Mahesh is a senior teacher in a government school and now after rendering 20 years of service, he has got the opportunity to be the principal of one of the best government schools in the state. He is known for his administrative skills as well and has handled all his students in a very efficient manner during all his postings.

A case has come up where a teacher has beaten up a child named Rajan, after he was caught misbehaving in the class. Rajan is a regular offender and is known for his wicked acts and disrespectful attitude towards other students and his teachers. He is often found involved in fights and arguments. However, this time, Rajan was caught red handed and his class teacher lost his cool. The teacher beat Rajan with a wooden stick which leads to bruises on his body and face. He also went unconscious for few minutes.

Next day, the parents of Rajan, along with parents group association members came to the school and start protesting against the class teacher of Rajan and start demanding strict action against him. However, the teacher's body has also gone offensive and now they are demanding that Rajan shall be rusticated from the school. Teachers are of the view that how they will be able to straighten up the students if they have no power to do anything. But parents are adamant on their demand that corporal punishment is illegal, and teachers have no right to beat up the students.

Mahesh is well aware of the problem as such cases have happened earlier also. But usually a compromise takes place between parents and teachers. In fact some parents explicitly give permission to teachers to use violence to teach manners to the children. In rural areas also, beating up the students is considered quite normal. In this context:

- Explain why Corporal Punishment is still considered a right mean to maintain discipline in the school?
- What are the legal and ethical issues involved in this case?
- What can be the repercussions of corporal punishment and what shall be the course of action for Mahesh to resolve the given situation?

(250 words, 20 marks)

This is a classic case of the use of wrong means to achieve right ends.



a) Corporal punishment is needed because

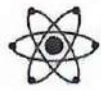
- 1) Fear is needed for Respect. and Respect of teachers will lead to following their sayings.
- 2) Machiaveli & Kautilya also says that punishment is need to keep people in discipline.
- 3) Ramayana also says that "No love without fear" hence Student teacher bond is improved.
- 4) Fear of punishment stops students from wrong conduct.

b) Legal issues involved in case

- 1) A case under POCSO act can be registered against the teacher.

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2) Rayan right to education  
and Fundamental Right Art 21A

3) Freedom of expression Art 19  
of Parents & Teachers

### Ethical Issues

- 1) use of wrong means
- 2) Child abuse
- 3) wrong values in Rayan
- 4) conflict among Teachers & Parents
- 5) Harmony of school is disturbed  
impacting all students
- 6) ethical dilemma for Mahesh
- 7) Right to education of Rayan
- 8) Teacher's right to correct  
their students

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c)

### Repercussion of Corporal punishment

- 1) Broken window theory - when a child might become a criminal.
- 2) Physical damage to child
- 3) Loss of connect to school and child might fear school  $\Rightarrow$  dropout
- 4) Break of bond of Guru-Shishya
- 5) Misuse by some teachers to take revenge

### Course of Action for Mahesh

- 1) Listen to the demands of both groups.
- 2) Enquire what really happened.
- 3) Pacifying the groups and Mr Mahesh can ask the teachers to say sorry in writing and not to do such acts in future.
- 4) Rajan should be counselled along with his parents so that he does not repeat wrong behaviour.
- 5) All teachers and parent meetings can be organised where problems of child behaviour and their solutions can be discussed.

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Child is like wet clay, it moulds as per the input we give.

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Q.8

Sandeep is a popular director of Bollywood film industry and has been associated with many blockbuster movies in the past. He enjoys lots of credibility among the viewers and for most of the audience, what he shows on the screen is nothing less than a truth.

A producer has approached Sandeep with a historical movie script. The script is based on the plight of a minority community in an Indian state which had to face exodus from their homeland due to terrorism and communalism in early 1990s. This community, however, forms the majority population in most of the other states of India.

Initially, Sandeep found the topic very interesting as it will highlight the injustice done to the community. But when he got into the details, he found that the producer wants him to present the tragic exodus as a full-scale genocide.

The script demands Sandeep to present a one-sided view of the whole event and present the majority community of the concerned state as the culprit. Every person of the majority community must be shown as a separatist and keen on religious conversion of the minority population. The producer also wants Sandeep to show the scenes of bloodshed and torture of victims with brutal intensity so that emotions can be aroused among the audience.

For this, the producer is ready to pay a handsome amount and also a share in the profits to Sandeep, but being a man of conscience, Sandeep is in a state of Dilemma. The producer has also hinted that many influential politicians in the government also want such a movie to be made. In fact, the movie will be released just before the elections, so that it can be used for political benefits.

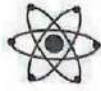
In this context, explain what impact such a movie can have on the audience? What shall be the dilemmas and duties of Sandeep as a responsible Movie Director and on what conditions, he can say 'yes' for directing the movie?

(250 words, 20 marks)

This is case when individual values are coming in conflict with professional work and profit

Impact of movie on audience

① Hatred among communities  
will rise



- ② Rise of fake news and mis information will further change the situation
- ③ Development of stereotypes & prejudice among audience for certain community
- ④ Case of hate crimes, mob lynching might rise.
- ⑤ Scenes of blood shed killings can impact negatively on young brains

### Dilemmas for Sandeep

- ① Responsibility towards public Vs Personal benefit, Political relations etc.
- ② Self Reputation Vs Instant Profit.
- ③ Facts Vs propaganda
- ④ Conscience Vs profit making.

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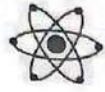


## Duties of cinema

- ① To make a movie after well reading of history
- ② No distortion of facts in historic movies
- ③ To show both sides of the story.
- ④ Avoid stereotyping particular community
- ⑤ To be a director for public and not for profit / politicians.
- ⑥ To make a well researched movie.

## Conditions to say Yes

- 1) Movies is based on facts and not on misinformation.
- 2) Both sides of the story would be shown



3) No external influence of political parties to showcase their agenda.

4) extreme scenes should be avoided / moderated.

5) Purpose of movie should be to show historical mistakes and not to garner sympathy votes on hate for community.

Movies are a mirror of our society and people replicate them. They should be used as a tool for harmony and not a tool for breaking the society.

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Q.9

You have been recently appointed as the Secretary to the Tourism Department of a Himalayan state in northern part of India. Your state is a major tourist attraction for most people across India. It is largely because of the Char Dham Yatra which takes place every year during summers. The Char Dham is a set of four pilgrimage sites in this state and it is believed that visiting these sites helps people to achieve their moksha.

However, too much and unplanned pilgrimage has led to problems like crowd management and disturbance in the sensitive ecology of the region. Last year a city called Rampur, which fall in the way of the yatra, faced landslides. Deep cracks were formed in the foundation of houses and roads in Rampur. Some cracks have also appeared on a road which falls on the route of the Char Dham Yatra.

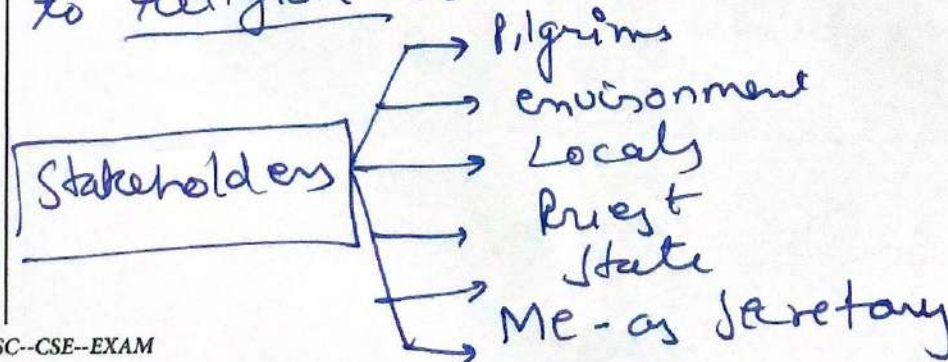
Rampur has now been declared a landslide-subsidence zone and many families living in uninhabitable houses in the sinking town have been evacuated to temporary relief centres. Rampur is also of great strategic importance to the Indian armed forces and is home to one of the Army's most important cantonments.

Based on this situation, your department has decided to put some mandatory regulations like online registration and a cap of 10,000 pilgrims per day on the number of pilgrims visiting the Himalayan temples. Even locals will have to do online registration, which would create a practical difficulty.

However, soon the protest against this decision has started. The whole economy of the state depends on tourism and such a daily cap on pilgrims will harm the interest of the locals. An organization of Char Dham priests also met the chief minister of the state and ask him to take this decision back. Their logic is that the majority of the pilgrims are poor, elderly and illiterate and won't be able to register for the yatra. This will create chaos when the people would be sent back. Agitations will start soon if the decisions are not taken back. The CM has asked you to look into the matter in detail and resolve it in an amicable manner.

- Identify the different options available to you in attending to this situation.
- Critically evaluate each of the options listed by you.
- Which of the above, do you think, would be the most appropriate option to adopt and how it will be implemented? (250 words 20 marks)

This is case of environment coming in conflict with People's right to religion Art 25



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a) Different options

- 1) Continue with the mandatory regulation.
- 2) Discontinue the mandatory regulation
- 3) Continue with regulation and doing extra effort to ease the travel of illiterate and to boost local economy.

b) Critical evaluation of options

Option 1

Merits

- Protection of environment
- Possible disaster can be avoided
- Life of people can be saved
- Correct precedence is set

Demerits

- Right of Religion is endangered
- Economy takes a hit
- Protest might Rise,
- corruption in registration can happen

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option 2

Merits

- Locals and priest are happy
- People can access temples easily
- Economy of local area will boom

Demerits

- Environment mental dangers
- Future landslide might happen
- Loss of life & property in future

Option 3

Merits

- Environment protection
- Avoiding future mishap
- Balance of economy, Religion and environment

Demerits

- Initially people might be unhappy
- Illiterate might fear a problem to visit Chardham
- State might lose its popularity as tourist destination





c) Option 3 is the best option.  
It will be implemented in following way

- 1) Registration and Cap of 10,000 will be made mandatory.
- 2) Campaign in other states can be started so that illiterate people can register using nearby e-mitra and other CSCs.
- 3) Offline registration in ~~destination~~ <sup>origin</sup> district can also be started.
- 4) Diversification of the economy of the Rampur by skill training, new loans etc.
- 5) Taking locals and boost in confidence by persuading them in the name of environment and religion.

Dharma is about Dhar which means Balance. We also have to make balance between environment and human needs,

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Q.10

You are serving as a Commanding Officer (CO) of an army battalion which has been posted in one of the states of North-East India. The state is going through many internal security problems like insurgency and associated terrorism. Cases of suicide bombing have also increased, and reports are there that terrorists are getting support from local people. This has led to the heavy presence of army units in different districts of the state. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958, which is an act of the Parliament of India that grants special powers to the Indian Armed Forces to maintain public order in "disturbed areas", has also been enforced in some regions of the state.

A case has come up where two civilians have been killed in army firing. The men were killed when an Army's ambush party opened fire on their car near an army checkpoint. The car in which these men were travelling did not stop at two check points when they were flagged down. They even broke through the third barrier leading to the security forces opening firing on them. As per the army sources, the victims got killed due to their suspicious actions and breaking of martial law.

But locals allege it was a "cold-blooded murder", arguing that security personnel could have fired at the tyres of the car to stop it. The victims got scared as they thought that the army personnel will harass them and in panic, they broke the barrier. These differing views have led to clashes between locals and security personnel.

Locals are demanding that army personnel responsible for deaths shall be punished and in future, army personnel shall not stop or check civilian vehicles entering the disturbed area. The government has asked your opinion to resolve the situation. In this context:

- Explain the ethical issues involved in the case?
- What can be the repercussions of accepting the demands of locals?
- What advice and course of action you will suggest in your report?

(250 words, 20 marks)

This is a case of balancing between Internal Security and life of the citizens.

Stakeholders

- Locals
- Me as CO
- Army/Jawan
- Government
- 2 Civilians who were killed
- Family of Civilians

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Ethical issues involved in the case

- a)
- 1) Right to life Vs Security of Nation
  - 2) Trust and credibility of locals and government
  - 3) Respect or fear of Army among locals
  - 4) Locals right to move freely
  - 5) Army Terrorism right to crack terrorism without fear of punishment

b) Repercussions of accepting the demands of locals

- 1) Moral of Army come down
- 2) Misuse of No check provision by terror organisations
- 3) National security will be at Risk

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4) Such vague demands might rise in other areas too

c) Advice and Course of Action

1) Setting up an enquiry committee to fact check the case and enquire about the allegations of the locals.

2) Talking to locals and their representatives and making them understand the situation.

↳ Army is there to help you  
↳ Cooperate in Army checking so that terror activities can be stopped

3) Having a meeting with Army Jawans and informing that misuse of power will

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be strictly punished, and making them realise that we are the servants of public.

4) Quickly tapping into intelligence and other batalion work so that emergency can end fastly and peace is restored.

5) If army personnel are found guilt then strict action can be taken as per Army Courts.

Overall as a CO I will try to earn the trust of locals as they are important stakeholders not only as citizens but also as eyes and ear of Indian Army for intelligence.

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Q.11

Venkatesh has been appointed as the Municipal Commissioner of a city in one of the northern states of India. The state is known for its cultural diversity. Soon after joining the post, he receives a complaint from a group of some local people, who are involved in social work in his area of authority. Complaint is regarding the construction of a religious shrine on a land which was given to a local religious trust in 1921 on 999-year lease by then municipal authority.

The lease conferred on the religious trust the right to use the 1.5-acre land twice a year for prayers. The rest of the year, it was a playground for cricket and other sports, for holding fairs during festivals and public meetings by political parties. But now that local religious trust has started constructing a shrine on that land. The basic structure of the shrine has already been completed. It happened largely because this trust has political affiliations and enjoy the support of the ruling party of the state. The local MLA inaugurated the construction of the shrine and as per insider's information, Chief Minister is also in support of this structure.

However, the construction is illegal as per the law and in violation of the lease agreement. You as the municipal commissioner has full authority to act in this regard, but political pressure is there on him to stay neutral. In between, another political outfit affiliated to the opposition party of the state has started a protest against the construction. They have declared that their organization will hoist national flag on the land on coming Sunday. They are also trying to politicize the matter and mobilize religious communities against each other.

Venkatesh has the authority to give orders for the demolition of the structure. But he is confused. One wrong step can fume communal tensions in the area. While, analysing the situation:

- What are the ethical issues involved in this case?
- Explain what different options are available with Venkatesh along with their pros and cons.
- Also explain, what course of action Venkatesh should take to resolve this situation? (250 words 20 marks)

This is a case where religion is used by political parties as a tool for harnessing ~~their~~ vested interest at the cost of social harmony.

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a) Ethical issues

- 1) Politicisation of Religion
- 2) disruption of communal harmony
- 3) Against the secular idea of Constitution.
- 4) Politics of propaganda and not of principles
- 5) Loss of play ground for children
- 6) Political pressure on Venkatesh
- 7) Social common good (Land) is under threat

b) Options available

- 1) To demolish the illegal shrine

<u>Merits</u>	<u>Demerits</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice for neutral people</li> <li>• Self satisfaction of not coming under pressure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communal riots</li> <li>• In bad lights of government</li> </ul>

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opposition party and other religion people are satisfied.

venkatesh might get transferred or suspended

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option 2 Not to demolish

Merits

Demerits

o) good books of government

o) one religion is happy

o) Better posting and promotion might happen

o) Protest by opposi-  
-tion might rise

o) unjust to other religion

o) crisis of conscience

for venkatesh

option 3 - Filing a court case and let Judiciary decide

Merits

Demerits

o) immediate stay on building

o) Status quo

o) Both party's argument are heard

o) escapest tendency

o) It might take years to get Justice

o) Protest by opposi-  
-tion might rise.

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1) Venkatesh can choose option 3

Course of Action

- ① Getting a Stay orders from the local court.
- ② Letting the court to decide, and Venkatesh department can help court by providing correct facts
- ③ Meeting with leaders of religions community and asking them for harmony.
- ④ Local people can be counselled to stay away from fake news and live peacefully with brotherhood.

Religion unites people and not divide.

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Q.12

You are the Superintendent of Police (SP) of a rural district. The problem of casteism is a big issue among people in your region. Higher caste people tend to justify the caste system as the best way of arranging society. They also use it to justify their atrocities against so-called lower caste people or Dalits. Every now and then, cases such as caste-based remarks, discriminatory practices and violence over Dalits are reported to the police. But most Dalits have no confidence in police authorities as the general perception is there that most officers belong to higher caste and support caste system.

In this context, a case of rape on a Dalit woman has come in limelight. The victim and her mother went to work in the fields of a higher caste village strongman. The mother, about 100 meters away from the daughter, heard her screaming and rushed to find her. When she found her, she saw her lying on the ground covered in blood, with her tongue cut off.

The victim who was in serious condition and her mother reached the police station. An FIR was launched, and girl was admitted to the hospital where rape and physical assault were confirmed. Then she was referred to a bigger hospital in Delhi for better treatment. But the whole process took a lot more time than expected. In-between the victim gave her statement naming the accused who now has been arrested. Soon after the statement, the girl succumbed to her injuries and now her body has been brought back to the village and is in the custody of district administration. The news has been highlighted in major national newspapers and social media. Protests have been going on in many parts of India in support of the girl.

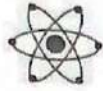
Throughout this period, actions of the police and administration have come under question, with the victim's family, civil society activists and others alleging that they are trying to protect the accused belonging to the higher caste. The family of the victim also alleges that the police significantly delayed registering an FIR and also told them to take the victim away.

As per the district intelligence unit, many political parties and civil society organizations are now planning to hold a big protest rally on the day of cremation.

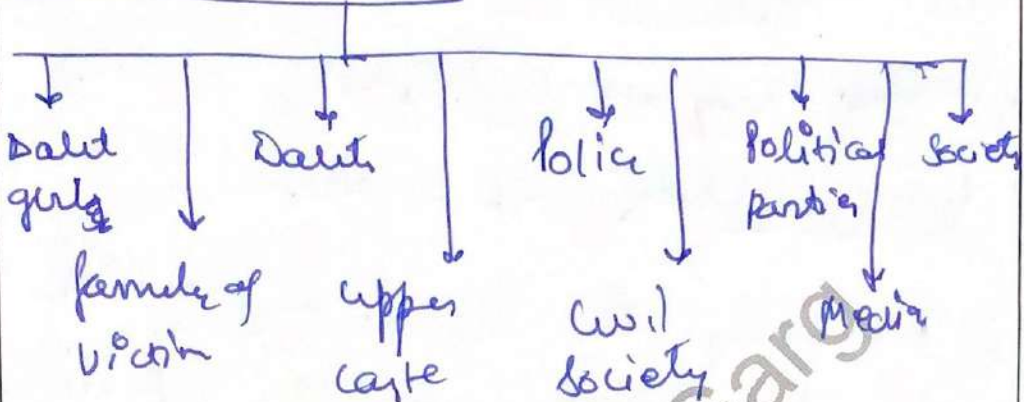
In this context, you get a call from the local MLA of the ruling party to forcefully cremate the body of the victim as the next day, it can lead to law and order problems. What shall be your course of action to resolve the whole situation and provide justice to the victim. What else you can do to restore the lost faith of Dalit community in police administration?

(250 words 20 marks)

Problem of caste discrimination has continued to haunt India even after 75 years of independence.



## Stake holders



## Course of Action

- 1) Requesting the family and taking their permission to cremate the body early
- 2) Victim family should be taken into confidence by assuring the Justice delivery
- 3) Immediately setting up a panel to look for lapses by police and suspending those officials

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- 4) Requesting Media firms to not hype the issue
- 5) Shutting off Internet to stop fake news spread.
- 6) Talking to political parties abouts gravity of the situation and what wrongs can happen if things go out of control
- 7) Preparing police teams to control the situation in case of mass protest and taking help from police of border district
- 8) Ex-gratia and compensation demand can be put in front of government.

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- 1) Strict rules on proper filling of FIRs and then correct investigation
- 2) Setting examples whose culprits from higher castes are arrested and jailed.
- 3) Recruiting more dalits in Police Staff
- 4) Use of dalits in community policing.
- 5) Regular meeting of Police with dalits representative and knowing their demands
- 6) Awareness generation among dalits about Laws, and Rights

"We all are humans and we should  
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