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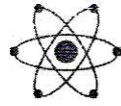
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SECTION A

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?

(150 words, 10 marks)

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Ans: Duty is what one ought to do in any given situation which is in consonance with one's individual morals as well as the societal ethics.

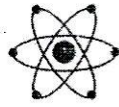
An individual can derive the sense of doing one's duty from multiple sources. Such as:

① Religion: eg: "Atithi deo Bhava" (Respecting your guests) → ingrained in Hinduism.

eg: non-violence against nature & individuals → from Jainism.

② Society: the external environment one lives in can lead one towards fulfilling one's duty. eg: communal harmony & brotherhood

③ Laws & Regulations: eg: duty of a



citizen to pay taxes (moral duty)
↳ follow traffic rules (legal duty).

④ Self-propelled sense of duty → derived from one's own morals & principles:

eg → respect for women
→ denouncing marital rape.

* There can, at times be conflict among these.

① Though your cultural duty to respect a guest may be in conflict with your personal dislike towards an individual → ill-treatment

② following traffic rules in conflict when under emergency to save a life (personal morality)

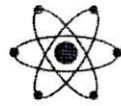
③ Social duty of communal harmony sometimes in conflict with religious principles.

eg → discriminatory treatment towards lower caste people

However, these conflicts can be resolved if one follows ~~the~~ Vivekananda's philosophy of "Seva Paramo Dharma" (Service to others is one's highest duty) & create a truly moral & ethical society.

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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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Ans: Morality is the personal values, beliefs & principles that an individual abides by in conducting oneself in society and taking any decisions.

*The reason why one seeks to remain moral in life are varied. for eg:

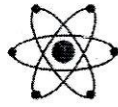
① Morality brings internal consonance & peace within oneself.

② Morals lead one to always remain true to oneself.

③ Take decisions that are mutually beneficial for all.

④ Create a harmony between what one preaches & practices.

⑤ Helps one become a better version of oneself through self-improvement & moral advancement.



* However, to become moral is a process requiring lot of courage, self-discipline, self-regulation and constant self-reflection of thoughts, words & actions.

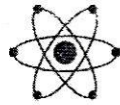
Because remaining immoral is easy, and comforting in short term.

- ↳ Brings instant gratification.
- ↳ Brings pleasure to senses.
- ↳ lets me have freedom to do anything without any accountability to others.
- ↳ No regard for any one else.

To avoid degeneration of oneself and continuous growth and advancement one must always be in pursuit of polishing one's moral values and ethics building a much better & principled version of oneself who becomes an asset for the society as a whole.

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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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Ans: With the commencement of I.R.4, technologies like AI & machine learning have become an all pervasive phenomenon of one's daily life, transforming the ethical & moral structure of individuals & society.

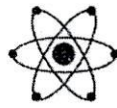
* Legal & Ethical issues involved in ChatGPT:

① Widespread usage of ChatGPT in creating documents, presentations & dissertations by students → legal issue of Plagiarism.

② Data input in ChatGPT and legal issue of data safety & proper handling by the company.

③ Ethical issue of avoidance of one's doing one's job ethically:

eg: Copy-paste of information without any research by students & even professionals.



④ ChatGPT taking over role of effective ~~and~~ teaching. (ej.) → avoiding human interface between school kids & teachers.

* How it can be best used by humans:

① By creating awareness about over-indulgence with ChatGPT → help individuals make better decisions.

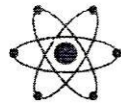
② Not treating it as an alternative to, but only as a complementary tool to aid us in our work.

③ Strengthening moral values in individuals for productive utilisation of technology in an ethical manner.

"Man should never become a tool in the hands of technology", but always strive to advance the larger societal progress with its help.

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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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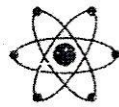
Ans: The progress of any society is not governed by collective conformity, but the ability of individuals to question ^{the norms} and thus move towards a modern & enlightened path.

*The absence of eccentrics creates a generation of ignorance and people yielding to the culturally induced ethical values that might have become outdated.

(eg): Raja Ram Mohan Roy → an eccentric in his age → drive against prevalent social ethics of 'sati' practices'

(eg): Multiple scholars during 17-18th century Europe: Galileo, Copernicus → as eccentric during the dark ages of European society.

Its only presence of such figures who criticise & question the established norms of society & culture that minds of people



open up and infused with the ability to create bring transformations in society

* Eccentric's reduce ethical blindness by:

① By breaking the preconceived notions of society & individuals.

eg: Heliocentrism concept broke the notion of earth being the centre of universe

② The modern times need values that are in consonance with the aspirations of people

eg → Nuclear families emerging

→ live-in relationships

③ By questioning the societal practices, the eccentric's open people's hearts & minds

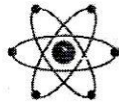
towards change & progress.

eg: The practice of branding children in few tribal societies → prohibited by social activists.

Thus, a new age is opened only by those who open their own hearts & minds to the changing needs of times.

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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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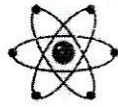
Ans: Justice, as a concept ^{to me} means the equal availability of opportunities for one's growth, redressal of one's grievances in a timely manner and presence of an enabling environment for fulfilling one's highest potential.

'Justice is the interest of the stronger' would mean that the stronger and powerful sections of society dispense with only little opportunities to the weaker sections in order to maintain their legitimacy and hegemony over them.

② Historically, higher varnas gave only enough social mobility to lower varnas so as to avoid any disharmony.

③ The Government providing free loan writers to farmers just to avoid any protests.

so, in a way little justice becomes a



"safety value" for the stranger people to
keep society in absolute harmony & order.

However, I do not fully agree with
the statement. The society we live in,
people are assertively claiming their
rights and are aware of their
rights provided through constitution.

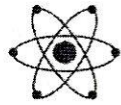
eg → Article 14, 15, 16, 17 → right to
equality

eg → Preamble pushing Justice — social
— economic
— political.

eg → involvement of people in governance as
active agents through social audits

equality & equity of opportunities
↓
MGNREGA for livelihood opportunities
free legal aid for the disadvantaged

Thus, today the society is moving
towards inclusion and distributive
justice (John Rawls) and solidifying the
idea of "justice for all".



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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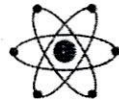
Ans: The idea of "Niskhama Karma" embodied in Bhagavad Gita, illuminates the above statement, where working towards a goal without any attachment to the outcome or personal desire should be the goal of a public servant.

* When mind is concentrated on Divine, a public servant always looks to benefits of society at large.

↳ (eg): maximum happiness for maximum people and "justice for all".

* When renouncing any attachment to outcome a public servant always works selflessly without vested interests with Vivekananda's idea of "Sewa Paramo Dharma" (duty towards others as highest goal)

* When looking towards failure & success with equal eye a public servant remains



Objective, impartial and rational in his approach.

* The Role of Public services in India:

① To first strive with the pursuit of services towards others.

↳ (eg): a DM implementing PM-Awas Yojana in a fair manner.

② To bring 'justice for all' and 'equal access to resources'.

(eg) - a judge upholding constitutional morality. (Puttaswamy case for privacy as fundamental right)

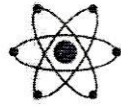
③ Creating a culture of openness, safety & security for all to enjoy life at peace.

(eg) - a police officer discharging his duty of upholding the laws of the land.

Thus, when public servants work with the spirit of selflessness, absolute commitment to public and ethical & moral manner, an open advanced & happy society can be created:

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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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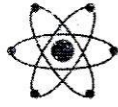
Ans: The purpose of education is not just to create more knowledgeable generation, but to create a morally upright, ethically sound and supremely courageous generation that can face the challenges of the modern world.

Most parents are concerned with higher grades of students, which prestigious universities for admissions, getting the best opportunities for career outside or in India.

↳ This creates a unhealthy and excessively competitive environment for students.

↳ Repercussions of such approach:

- ① students remain in fear of unfulfilled expectations.
- ② leads to depression & increasing tendencies of suicides among youth.

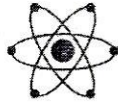


- ③ creates disillusionment among students with no sense of purpose in life.
- ④ True joy and happiness is absent → missing after short term gratification.
- ⑤ students lacking any life skills of courage, empathy or adversity quotient.

* What Parents actually should do:

- ① Create a safe space for kids to give expression to their inherent talents. (eg): learning through group engagements
- ② less focus on grades & marks, more focus on imparting life skills of facing life's challenges. (eg):
 - imparting moral values
 - strengthening peer bonding
- ③ focusing upon not just short term goals of jobs, but a more holistic view of life encompassing spiritual happiness & wellbeing.

Thus, today's generations' need to become emotionally resilient to face the world.



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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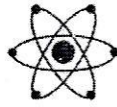
Aus: A hero is someone who leads the way and trailblazes a new path for others to follow. Need for a hero to emerge in any society indicates stagnancy and dormancy and needs resurgence & regeneration.

In my opinion a land that needs a hero can be both bad and good thing

* Bad because: it shows the society is in degenerative mode and needs a leader to bring it out of its dormancy.

* However, a leader emerging amidst chaos & uncertainty can lead the people towards a new age and various transformations.

for eg → The emergence of Iskwar Chaudre Vidyasagar in times of morad degeneration of society → led to



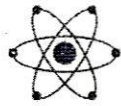
widow remarriages:

↳ leader like Mahatma Gandhi who became a beacon of hope for masses during freedom struggle of India.

* Need for a hero is not necessarily a thing of pity, as it indicates moral strength of people in times of crisis.

* We must always focus on what a society can become (because of enlightened leaders & heroes) rather than what a society is at present as it limits our imagination to reorient ourselves towards growth.

Thus a ~~hero~~ leaders bring hope and a source of inspiration for people to become assets for society, leading to transformation and advancement.



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)

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Ans: " Life is not lived in compartments."

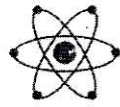
As the way we conduct ourselves in one aspect of our life, gets manifested in every other aspects as well.

For eg: if we are lazy in getting up early in the morning, the characteristic of laziness will also be seen in our delayed completion of tasks & procrastination.

Similarly, a public servant who is corrupt in his work & professional duties, will also show the same corruption while dealing with people in his personal life.

eg: he may use his power of authority to gain dominance in relationships in family.

⇒ This because we create compartments in



our life as work, personal life, private or public life. However, life is a continuum that flows the same throughout our existences.

For eg: when an individual is emotionally unstable in personal life, will show signs of instability in his workplace as well.

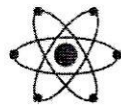
* This compartmentalisation can be reduced by having better awareness of oneness of life.

- ↳ By creating strong moral & ethical base of our actions & conduct
- ↳ By creating awareness that our actions have a bearing on our conscience.

Thus a "well-lived life is one that is lived at ease & joy" which is possible when we look at our lives in a holistic manner.

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Q.5

(b) "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
- Aristotle. (150 words, 10 marks)

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Ans: "The purpose of education is not just to create enlightened minds, but to create enlightened hearts". as an individual's growth truly happens when the mind + heart are in consonance.

* Educating the mind: means imparting knowledge to gain employment and establish good careers with comfortable lives.

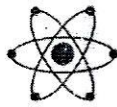
* However, in absence of education of heart → we create a generation devoid of emotional intelligence & compassion.

↳ a self-absorbed generation is created.

↳ people focussed upon only short-term gratification.

↳ devoid of any true sense of purpose.

↳ No focus on any spiritual growth.



* When both mind & heart are enriched
that's when a truly empowered generation
is raised because:

① Now education imparts life skills along
of courage, compassion along with practical
knowledge of world.

⊕: skill development drive of Government

② A holistically developed kids can be raised
who are aware about challenges of world.

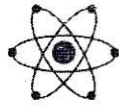
⊕ → Greta Thunberg (an envi
climate change
activist)

③ Purpose-driven generation to contribute
to society is created.

⊕ → BSG for SDG app (for generating
awareness about SDG goals).

⊕ → SOHA exhibitions by youth for
environmental awareness (BSG NGO)

Thus, when education works towards
uplifting both the intellectual capacities &
emotional capabilities of people, a truly empowered
& enlightened generation can be built.



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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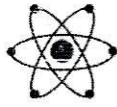
Ans: for me, true knowledge does not lie in knowing everything, but knowing your both potentials & limitations and accepting them with a forward looking attitude of constant self-improvement.

Only a person who has shed away one's arrogance can accept the limitations and learn from others.

(eg) → Buddha was always a seeker and never arrogant about his enlightenment.

only when we accept our faults & mistakes, can we also open up scope for suggestions and improvement. Since, every-thing in the world teaches us something.

(eg) → in the Upanishadic stories, even a Crow teaches one to work hard towards a task.



*The attitude of not knowing everything;

① puts me in state of constant polishing of oneself towards accomplishment of a task.

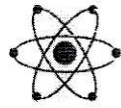
② Makes me humble and grounded. The more one gains knowledge the more one becomes open and accepting.

eg → APJ Abdul Kalam: always learning from the kids (called them Ignited minds)

③ Thus true intelligence is not acquiring knowledge, but also learning from others and become an open-minded and person who always marches towards self-growth & advancement.

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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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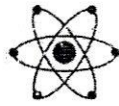
Ans: The term 'Dharma' is derived from the ancient scriptures means following one's religion. However, in present times its essence is not just limited to religion but widened to encompass a person's duty along with one's moral & ethical conduct in society.

* Dharma and Ethics are interrelated

- ① Both determine one's conduct in society.
- ② Both ^{aim} lead to creation of harmony and peace in society.
- ③ Both aim to create consonance between an individual's values & societal ethics.
- ④ Both helps people to live true to themselves.

However, 'Dharma' can mean different things for different people ^{not easy to follow} for (eg):

- ① Dharma of doctor is to save lives of



his patients at any cost. This might be in conflict with his personal morality if the patient is a terrorist.

↳ Thus difficult to follow dharma in such conflicting 'emotion'.

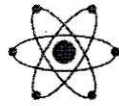
② Similarly Dharma of police officer is to secure peace & safety of people & follow due process of law; but during fake encounters - this is not followed.

③ Dharma of a judge is to dispense justice 'for all' at all costs. But in case of lack of evidence, he may have to acquit the perpetrator, thus not able to provide justice to the victim.

Thus, despite instances of dharma not being followed anyways, we must strive to create an environment of peace, inclusiveness and harmony that 'Service of others' becomes our prime dharma.

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

i. Esprit de Corps

- ↳ Means 'spirit of cooperation' and team work.
- ↳ It helps create solidarity and sense of common purpose for the civil servants.
- ↳ Effective decision making and implementation.
- ↳ timely service delivery & increased trust of people.

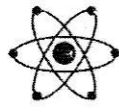
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ii. Discipline

- * The quality to follow an orderly routine and with diligence & strictness.
- ↳ Helps bring the best in an officer.
- ↳ encourages everyone else around to always follow discipline.
- ↳ create order and systematisation of things
- ↳ effective & efficient decision making.

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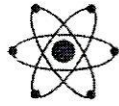
iii. Trustworthiness

- ↳ A civil servant who is trustworthy creates bonds of unity in the organisation:
- ↳ Builds the trust of people in society
- ↳ Improves accountability and responsibility.
- ↳ Creates an organisation where everyone wants to contribute and do their best for people.

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iv. Prudence

- ↳ It means having the wisdom to take the right decision at the right time.
- ↳ leads to resolve conflicts.
- ↳ shows leadership qualities of a civil servant
- ↳ leading to better & proactive - service delivery and grievance redressal
building trust and unity and strengthening
"social Contract".



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v. Altruism

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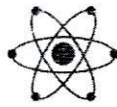
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↳ The ability to go beyond the official duty to support and help the public.

↳ Shows the emotional capabilities of a civil servant.

↳ → Divya Derrajam (IAS) Another cadre - learnt the tribal language to connect with them & resolve their issues.

↳ Creates connection directly with public. breaking the notion of "Ivory tower" bureaucracy. & bringing "Compassionate bureaucracy".



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?

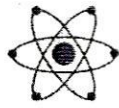
(250 words, 20 marks)

Ans: The present case epitomises what we see regularly in news regarding the rights of children against corporal punishment and the duty of teachers & school administration to raise morally upright individuals. Recent Rajasthan school case where the child was beaten & dragged by hair is an example.

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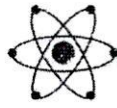


a) Corporal punishment is considered as a right mean because:

- ① lack of awareness among teachers-
- ② old age thinking that "punishment leads to inculcation of correct attitude"
- ③ social attitude in homes → derived from cultural practices where beating of kids is not seen wrong.
- ④ lack of teacher-training.
- ⑤ lack of students training in correct moral and ethical values & conduct.

b) legal and ethical issues involved are:

- ① Rajan's right to life: the punishment left him unconscious.
- ② Ethical issue of inculcating 'right moral values' - Rajan being regular offender in school.



③ Use of illegal means of punishment by teachers.

④ Rustication of Rajan: creating a demonstrative effect for other students.

⑤ Parents responsibility towards the correct attitude in Rajan.

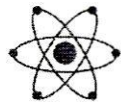
⑥ Mahesh's responsibility to maintain the school lawfully and to placate the concerns of parents & teachers ∴

C) Repurcussions of Corporal Punishment:

① Psychological impact on the students →
↳ fear and inexpressive attitude of kids.

② Physical harm to the kid → against the right to life (ART 21)

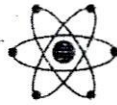
③ The students might start to drop out out of fear → 'inaccessibility of basic education' (ART 21A).



* Course of Action for Mahesh:

- ① Firstly, he must have a dialogue with Rajan about his reported behaviour & help him understand the consequences of his actions → through ^{improvably} moral values
- ② Must call for a joint parents group association & teachers meetings and give a platform to both sides to resolve issues.
- ③ Take strict action against the teacher to avoid future use of corporal punishment
- ④ Also help parents understand their responsibilities to take care of the kids at home & become more aware towards their behaviour.
- ⑤ Give a final warning to Rajan as well and at the same time, conduct classes for moral & ethical values for all students.

Thus, by taking the considerations of all stakeholders, Mahesh can create a truly inclusive & empowering education system.



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 wants 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.

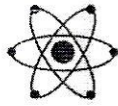
In this context, explain what impact such a movie can have on the audience? What shall be the dilemmas and duties of Sandeep as a responsible Movie Director and on what conditions he can say 'yes' for directing the movie?

(250 words, 20 marks)

Ans: The above case study shows the current situation where movies like "Padmarat", "Adipurush", "Kashmir Files" have invited lot of responses from people, both positive & negative and the responsibility & accountability of cinema towards larger social & political processes of nation-building.

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* Impact of the movie on the audience:

- ① It might sensationalise the historical narrative to the advantage of one community (nearby elections in the backdrop)
- ② Create emotions of disharmony and mistrust among community members in the country.
- ③ It might create instances of violence against the minority community.
- ④ Situation of chaos & anarchy might prevail over law & order issue.
- ⑤ breaking of social fabric and social contract.

* Dilemmas and duties of Sandeep

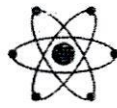
① Monetary benefits vs his voice of conscience.

② Bringing historical

① As a morally upright man, his duty towards his moral & ethical values

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injustices done
against a
community vs
'sensationalisation'
of exodus for
political gains.

③ Creating awareness
about the historical
event vs vested
interests of
politicians &
producer.

④ Personal integrity
vs professional
duty to project
true picture of
past.

to avoid internal
dissonance -

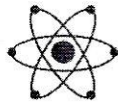
② As a director, his
duty towards his
profession to accurately
portray the historical
event.

③ Duty towards the
larger community to not
create disharmony
by picturing inaccurate
details.

④ As a credible director,
duty towards people
to maintain their
trust & confidence in
his work.

* Conditions on which he can say 'Yes'.

① When the historical inaccurate details



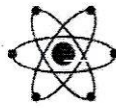
are removed from the script.

- ② When ~~the~~ a more holistic view of prevalent conditions of the time are presented for the viewers to have an informed understanding of the historical events.
- ③ When the release of movie is timed differently from the timing of elections, so as to avoid creating undue sensation around it.
- ④ Only when a proper committee is created to study the event in its entirety and the purpose of the movie becomes awareness generation & maintenance & furtherance of communal harmony.

Therefore, as cinema & media are the fifth pillar of democracy, their purpose must be to create brotherhood, & harmony in society & build a peaceful nation.

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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.

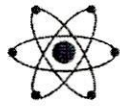
However, soon the protest against this decision has started. The whole economy of the state depends on tourism and such a daily cap on pilgrims will harm the interest of the locals. An organization of Char Dham priests also met the chief minister of the state and ask him to take this decision back. Their 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)

Ans: The above case indicates a dilemma faced by the hilly states of India with regards to maintaining the ecological health of the areas while balancing the economic needs and religious & cultural values of people throughout the country.

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Ans (a) & (b) Different options and their evaluation

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① Can go ahead with the regulation of
Online registration:

Merits

- * helps in crowd management.
- * less pressure on ecology and
- * less burden on Army's movement in a strategically located place.

Demerits

- * Protests from the locals → loss of livelihood.
- * Protests by the Char dharm priests.
- * agitation by the pilgrims.

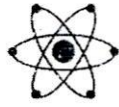
② Can avoid online registration and
continue to function under status quo.

Merits

- * Placate the priests.
- * increased tourists and income of local guides & people.

Demerits

- * Ecologically fragile region → loss of life due to landslides.
- * Compromising the



* strengthening of pilgrims faith & trust in government

Army movement.
* Pressure on locals due to evacuation from their houses.

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Ans d How will it be implemented:

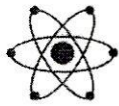
(B) Create a common committee of chardham priests, the locals & representative pilgrims and get their views.

↳ make them fully aware of the dangers on the ecology of the area → their potential loss of life and pressure on the locals due to rehabilitation in relief camp

↳ address the income foregone due to less tourists fallout by engaging the locals in alternative livelihood options

(eg) → engaging them in building relief structures and ecologically responsive structures.

↳ then, I will also create a dedicated task force for enabling timely online registration → help the illiterate pilgrims



with "online digital Saathis" who would enable them to learn ~~the~~ about the process.

~~by~~ further deploying & taking help from Army to strengthen the area and support the locals.

Merits

- * address the issues of all stakeholders.
- * community involvement

Demerits

- * Challenge to bring together interests of all groups

*C I would take option 3 as it would community engagement, placate the concerns of priests - locals regarding their income from tourism, aid in the rehabilitation work as well as continuance of the gates thereby fulfilling the pilgrims' needs as well.

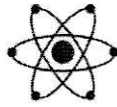
Thus, It will be implemented with the course of action' mentioned in option 3.

along with this, ~~the~~ true development is when 'economy & ecology' are

strengthened together, ~~and~~ thereby building a resilient society, economy & environment.

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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?

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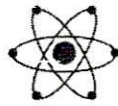
Ans. This is an example of mistrust away people and the institutions of state (army here) and the concerns of national security and personal liberties of people in the insurgency prone areas of the country.

a) Ethical issues involved:

① Issue of Personal liberty & freedom.

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of the locals .

① The issue of freedom of movement of people in the backdrop of martial law .

② The concern of internal security in a situation of collusion between terrorists & locals .

③ The issue of fulfilling their duty to serve the nation & people of state by army officials in the face of non-cooperation from people .

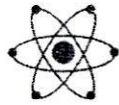
④ The right to life for locals and the suicide bombers as well .

⑤ Scenario of mistrust & disharmony between locals & army officials .

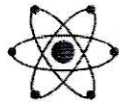
⑥ Repercussions of accepting local's demands:

① May lead to more chaos & anarchy .

② May lead to domino effect where locals strengthen their support to the insurgents .



- ③ The terrorists will feel bolstered and increase their activities:
- ④ At the same, accepting demands of locals may also increasing trust between them & Army officials
- ⑤ It may further lead to cooperation if locals → further help in crackdown of insurgents & strengthening faith in the state institutions & 'social contract'
- ⑥ Advice & Course of Action:
- ① I would first begin with dialogues with the locals on their lack of trust & cooperation with the officials.
- ② I would listen to their grievances in an unbiased manner and try to create an amicable channel of communication with the army officials.



③ I would recommend the fair and just ~~search~~ and evaluation of the event of firing leading to the death of civilians.

④ Take Removal of fear from the civilians' hearts & minds through frequent engagement between army officials & them.

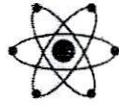
⑤ Generate awareness and inclusiveness opportunities, in the long run so that the civilians feel part of the governance and nation-building.

⑥ Taking their demands into consideration, creating a platform for continuous feedback so that their aspirations can be met.

National security can be achieved in a resilient & solid manner when each citizen feels part of the process & contributes towards building a truly inclusive nation.

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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 constructure 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.

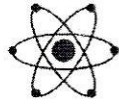
Venkatesh has the authority to give orders for the demolition of the structure. But he is confused. One wrong step can fume communal tensions in the area. While, analysing the situation:

- 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)

Ans: The religious sentiments in our country run high and become standards for understanding the desirability & undesirability of any action. However, at times the religious morality comes into direct conflict with the social ethicality as well as legality of actions. The present case is an example of such conflict.

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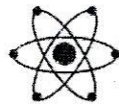


(a) Ethical issues involved:

- ① Maintain cultural diversity or give preference to one religious community
- ② Take people's religious sentiments into consideration, or maintain the legal position against the shrine
- ③ Pressure to do something illegal by superiors & politicians, or follow my personal morals to stay true to my professional integrity.
- ④ Balance the political parties trying to sensationalise the issue and maintain social harmony and brotherhood among different religious communities.

(Amb) Different options & their evaluation:

- ① Demolish the structure and uphold the legal position on the issue.



Merits

* gain trust of the local people involved in social work.

* maintain professional integrity

* Placate the opposition party

* Trust of people → less use of ground for various community engagement activities

Demerits

* gain invite wrath of local MLA, CM & shrine trust.

* may lead to his transfer or ill effect on his career.

* Protest by the local religious community → social disharmony.

② Not demolish and give a go-ahead to the construction.

Merits

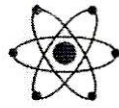
* gain favour from superiors & the local politicians

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Demerits

* opposition party may still politicise issue & create social disharmony.

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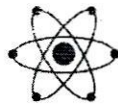
Ausc Venkatesh should take the following action:

- ① He must first generate a public issue about the end of lease period, so that the larger community knows about the legal issues on the matter.
- ② He should also bring the representatives from the cricket & sports persons, local festival organisers to put their demands & concerns forward.
- ③ Further, meet with the local MCA & CM & the opposition party members to help them come on a common ground as the place holds public meetings for political parties → thereby mutual benefits to both parties.
- ④ Engage the local religious trust in dialogue and help them understand their responsibility towards other community members to create social harmony.

Thus active engagement of all stakeholders can help solve the situation amicably.

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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.

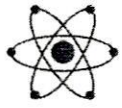
In this context, you get a call from the local MLA of the ruling party to forcefully cremate the body of the victim as the next day, it can lead to law and order problems. What shall be your course of action to resolve the whole situation and provide justice to the victim. What else you can do to restore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

(250 words 20 marks)

Ans: Casteism is a continuing blot on the social fabric of Indian society, leading to social disharmony, mistrust and law & order problems - weakening the ideal of an inclusive society.

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* Course of action to resolve situation & provide justice.

① First, I will ask the police officer in charge of ~~the~~ registering the FIR to explain the delay and upon enquiry conducted → take strict actions against the police officers involved in the case, (if charges are proved by Committee).

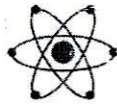
② To alleviate the pain & suffering of the victims' family, I will visit them & explain them the politicisation of issue and request them to change the site & date of cremation.

③ I will further request the media personnel to remain emphatic empathetic towards the family and not harass them.

④ I will make sure the arrested accused is put under remand and a

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chargesheet is filed against him in a speedy manner - because (justice delayed is justice denied).

⑤ I will personally coordinate with the intelligence unit to understand the status of protest so that the location of cemeteries does not clash with the protests, avoiding any law order situation.

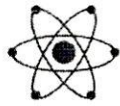
⑥ I will further support the victims' family in getting free legal aid, and appropriate compensation, but most importantly strictest sentence for the accused.

* Restore faith of Dalits in Police:

① By first breaking caste barriers within the police officers through training in sensitisation towards communities & their grievances.

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② Removing fear from the hearts & minds of dalit communities through regular engagements with the police officials.

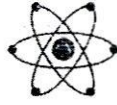
③ Strictly enforcing a code of conduct and code of ethics for officials to avoid caste based remarks & discrimination.

④ Speedy process of FIR registration + further process of investigation against caste based atrocities to build trust among people.

⑤ Empowering the dalit communities through better educational & economic opportunities so that Gandhian principles of moral upliftment of the lowest castes can be realised.
↳ in turn giving them a sense of identity and social recognition.

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② Thus when justice reaches to the lowest rungs of society can we truly build an inclusive society where each section grows out of fear of oppression to become empowered & realise Gandhi's ideal of "Sarvodaya through Antodaya".

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