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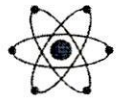
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SECTION A

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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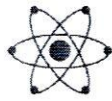
Duty is a task or responsibility that one is ~~responsible~~ supposed to undertake and finish. Duty ensures the following of "means" based approach like duty of soldier to protect border.

Different sources of duty

- Professional code - like Civil Service conduct rules.
- Societal standards - like duty of doctor to ensure well-being of patients against self interest
- Moral standards - like Civil servants morals of compassion, to work extra hours during COVID as done by IAS S. Saravane who gave his services as doctor too.
- Religious source as done by society which may also lead to collectivism.
- Contract based like land acquisition contract-

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- Constitutional source like governor to act as per advice of CM.



How can sources of duty be conflicting?

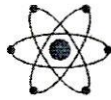
- Value clashes - eg - need for strict police action against mob by a policeman having non-violence as virtue.
- Lack of clarity on action to be taken -
eg - during times of crisis like disasters where less resources -
- Duty leading to wrong ends - eg of Rudolf Hess who acted as per his duty and operated the Nazi concentration camps.
- Duty ^{may} leads to collectivism and group decision making like duty of each varna given in vedas leading to perpetuation of caste system.

Challenging duty based approach may be necessary

→ against caste system by BR ambedkar.
→ ~~great~~ handling ~~for~~ time of crisis like independent decision making by Russian pilots averted Nuclear disaster.

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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 standards of right or wrong based on internal values and beliefs. Though morals are generally derived from ethics of society, they can also be in conflict.

Why be moral?

↳ for self

↳ Ensure peace and avoiding crisis of conscience

↳ value expression - eg - Mudhishkara said, "I behave ethically because this is what I am"

↳ to fit in with society like parsi's inclusion in Indian society.

↳ to gain praise from society like padma awards to Judge munthay for philanthropy.



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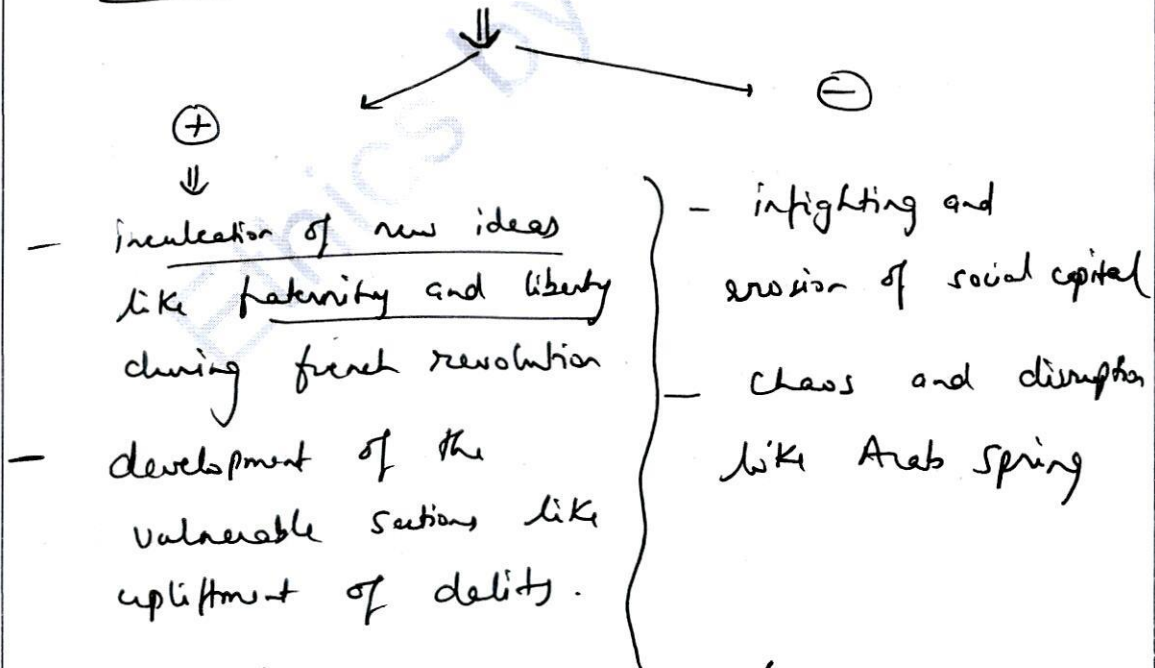
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↳ for Society

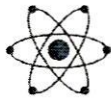
↳ Individual morality leads to harmony
in society like clean India if everyone
is ensuring cleanliness.

↳ It leads to growth and development
like individual philanthropy culminating
in CSR activities by companies.

However in case of conflict between
morals and societal standards - ~~there can~~



Thus, we must have intellectual courage and humility to update our morals.



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 a reality but can act as a double edged sword.

Legal issues in Chat GPT

- Right to privacy of individuals be violated as lots of data stored by MNCs.
- Jurisdiction of Government interfered by large MNCs — authority without responsibility and accountability.
- Lack of data protection law — legal grey area.
- Loss of revenue to government arising out of using AI models

Ethical issues in Chat GPT

- Injustice to workers who would lose their jobs due to technology
- Increase social - economic inequalities leading to erosion of social capital due to increased unemployment.

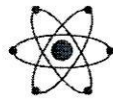


- Wealth without work for big companies which is one of a sin by Gandhiji.
- Could lead to breaking of social contract by interference of AI and lack of government action on same.
- AI could lead to humans being used as means for the end of algorithm data. (against Kant's imperative)

How can this technology be best used for humans

- Government regulation to limit use in where AI assists and not replaces humans.
- Use of checks to ensure protection of data and privacy.
- Ensuring AI tools comply with standards of government.

AI tools must be seen as a means to ensure better standard of living and ~~not~~ should not be allowed to become a frankenstein monster.



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 whose ideas and values are in conflict with the well established standards of society. Eccentrics bring out new perspectives which lead to critical thinking and arguments leading to growth of society. For eg, the great period of Renaissance in Europe was due to questioning by eccentrics.

~~Following~~ following ethical standards of society can lead to cultural blindness as people fail to look at the other side of argument. It leads to collectivism and group decision making.

Eg - Mob lynching, honor killing are due to ethical blindness and lack of eccentrics to question.



How ecentrics reduce ethical blindness?

- Initiating arguments - Eg - Galileo initiated arguments on scientific basis where majority were engulfed in religious blindness.
- Breaking stereotypes - Eg - BR Ambedkar broke the stereotype of that dalits cannot be proficient in education.
- Finding different way to achieve an end - eg - ecentrics like Bhagat singh and JC Bose opened a new front against british government to achieve independence.
- Growth of society and Nation - eg - scientific discoveries about gravity
- Strengthening democracy - Eg - argument in parliament about bills leading to better inclusive laws.

However, there are some ecentrics who ~~can~~ also cause delay of society like Hitler and hence Emotional intelligence and intellectual humility is important to be the "right" ecentric.

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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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Justice is giving each person his/her due,
i.e., giving each person what he/she deserves.

How Justice is ensured?

- Ensuring differential benefits like reservation of seats in favour of SC and ST (Article 15, 16) to ensure justice for wrongs committed.
- Making different duties - like duty of public officials and politician to abide by Code of Conduct and declare personal assets.
- Allowing compensatory actions like giving money / job to those who lands are acquired.
- Making different rules like different IT slabs leading to different tax burden.

Why is Justice necessary?

Peace and Harmony in society.
Social capital.
Development and progress of society.



How has Justice turning into interest of ~~stranger~~?

- ↳ Tweaking of Law like allowing easy bail to rich.
- ↳ Criminalisation of politics leading to law breakers becoming law makers.
- ↳ Differential services like government hospital for poor versus better facilities private hospitals for rich.
- ↳ Lack of action by government like inadequate compensation to displaced people.

Justice can be ensured by ensuring the correct representatives govern the state like philosopher king of Plato - Making decisions for citizens must be done behind the "veil of ignorance" of John Rawls to ensure Justice.

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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)

This ~~an~~ statement highlights the importance of "Nishkam karma" for action by public servants as advocated by Gita.

Importance of concentrating on divine & renouncing attachment

- Helps to stay motivated - eg during so-called punishment posting like work of Kiran Bedi in Tihar jail.
- Helps in staying humble and grateful leading to peace internally and with family.
- Helps to remain empathetic like IAS S. Somavanshi ~~removed~~ removed AC from his office to a Nutrition rehabilitation centre to save lives of children.

Concentrating on divine, thus helps to remain as an agent of change and not a source of change,

UPSC--CSE--EXAM thus keeping you humble.

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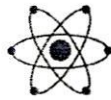
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Importance of looking on success and failure with equal eye:

- Helps in team building like failures being rewarded in Google X labs.
- Helps in maintaining objectivity - like decision making during disaster like situations
- Remaining impartial and non-partisan as success is not defined by better postings.
- Helps to remain Integral like Nandred Kumar IPS remained integral to the cause of fighting against sand mining.
- Helps to achieve accountability like E. Sreedharan ~~for~~ offered resignation after metro disaster.

Thus, the philosophy of Nishkam Karma helps in syncing your happiness with the ethic means.



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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Parents act as role models and first teachers
defining child's future.

Present scenario of compromised character development
of children by parents highlighted as:

- Focus on ends of good degree and good marks puts excess pressure on child — mental health problems in children.
- Lack of aptitude realisation in children
- Reduced informal interaction reduces scope of learning lessons from parents like religious kaths. as Mahabharat / Ramayana.
- Societal pressure determining action like taking of science subjects by children without interest.

Repercussions of such approach

- Life becomes a balance sheet.
- Loss of happiness for children.

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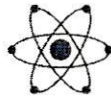
- Mental health problems for children and parents.
- Success measurement in narrow terms leading to stagnation of society.
- Children with similar skills leading to ~~the~~ lack of societal growth.

What parents must do?

- Aptitude realisation by informal and formal means.
- Freedom to child to express him/herself by letting him try different interests.
- Informal learning with child to inculcate values of sharing, teamwork to ensure kids become better members of society.

Child's future is decided to a large extent by parent's action and hence correct aptitude identification is important.

"Aptitude along with attitude defines your attitude in life".



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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The importance of role models as heroes of society has been recognised by time immemorial.

However, this quote highlights the negative ~~land needs hero~~ aspect of heroes as can be understood as :-

- Leads to ethical blindness - like the influence of Hitler leading to crimes against Jews.
- Against ideals of democracy - like dictators usurping political power as seen in Iraq, Iran.
- Compromises on teamwork and equality. like many heroes in Indian cricket team but no ICC Trophy since a decade.
- Reduces talent recognition like political parties ~~at~~ having dynastic politicians and hence no new talents reach the top.



However, role of "Heros" is recognised and seen essential:

- Brings action and result like leadership of PM Modi in Swachh Bharat mission.
- Gives shape to value of society like values of transparency was given a shape by action of TN Seshan.
- Builds team and cooperation like leadership of MS Dhoni to transform a new team to WC Win in 2007.
- Helps in aptitude realisation of new members.
- Gives motivation to others for action like Sunil Chhetri's efforts to revive football in India.

Hence, Heros have always prevailed in society but "Hero worshipping" is what can cause the decay of society.

Intellectual autonomy and rationalism must be the basis of • Society.

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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)

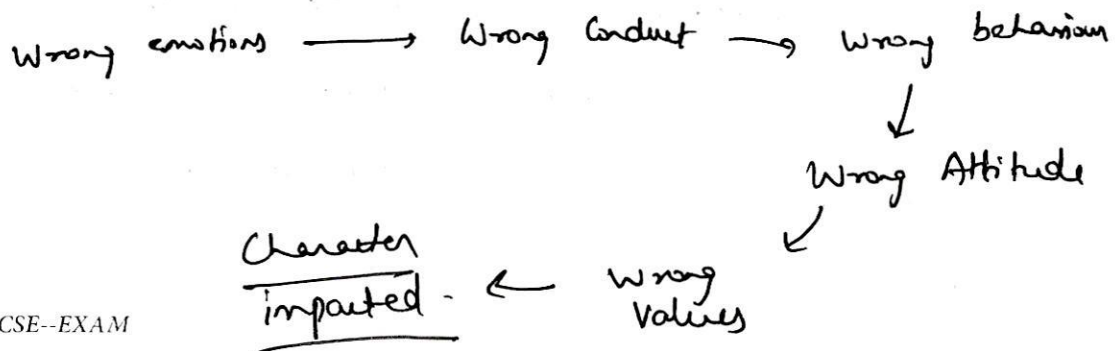
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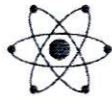
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This quote highlights the importance of Integrity and "means" defining the conduct of an individual and influencing his character.

Why cannot a person do right in one department whilst attempting wrong in another?

- Integrity is non-negotiable and non-selective
- A single blot is enough to malign the image like sexual harassment charges derailed the career of great golfer Tiger woods
- Wrong emotions create changes in value of a person which affects his personality.





However, there are occasions when it must not always be true. Situations and environment define our actions and conduct :

- Yudhishtira despite his ethical conduct lied about Ashvathama to end Mahabharat.
- Manipulation of terrorist and insurgent leaders to give details about their partners to ensure national peace.
- Spies and hacking may be done to prevent damages in future.

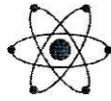
Also, sometimes a person may do a mistake as "we are all human".

- Life is all about learning from our mistakes and becoming a better person.

For eg, Gandhiji gave up his practice of eating sweets before advising a child to do the same and accepted his mistake.

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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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This quote highlights the importance of value education as an integral part of education.

The same was also highlighted by the new National education policy 2020.

No education of heart in present society

- Ends of better degree and jobs ~~are~~ considered more important leading to scams like JBT recruitment scams.
- Lack of importance over value inculcation leading to social evils like hedonism, commercialisation, commodification.
- Low Emotional Intelligence leading to frictions in society like mob violence, etc.
- Values of empathy, tolerance have taken a backseat reflecting in road rage.



Importance of educating the heart

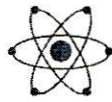
- Peace and justice in society.
- Respect for women and vulnerable sections.
- Openness to new ideas.
- Internal peace within mind and within families.
- Development of society.

How to ensure education of heart

- Value education programs in schools like Awakened Citizens Program in CBSE Schools.
- Organising school debates and graffiti/drawing competition on social issues like discrimination.
- School tours of children to diverse background like slums to realize the inequalities.
- Lessons and visits for various religious sites to ensure value of fraternity and brotherhood.

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(c) "I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing." — Socrates
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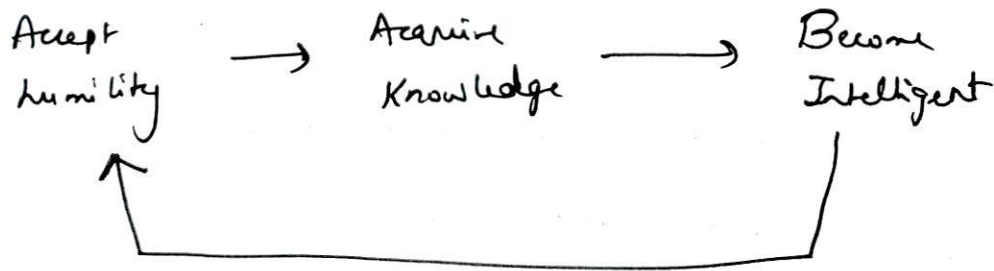
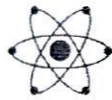
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This quote highlights the importance of rationalism and critical thinking in growth of an individual. It also highlights the need to be humble in order to learn.

Why is humility important?

- It makes one open to new ideas - like Sachin has a habit of learning from other players making him great.
- It helps to make oneself peaceful as they are not under constant pressure to prove like visiting religious shrines by political leaders and businessmen.
- Helps in inculcating values like tolerance, empathy, compassion.



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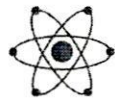
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Importance of Rationalism and critical thinking:

- Helps in challenging societal standards leading to growth of society like abolition of slavery by actions of abraham lincoln.
- Prescribed in religious scriptures as the "gyaan meeng"
- Western philosophy also regards "knowledge as the first virtue" (Socrates) -

However, in the name of humility one must not forget to uphold courage.

BR Ambedkar had the humility to sign poona pact but also the courage to fight for the rights of untouchables to give them special provisions in constitution.



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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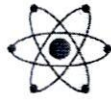
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Dharma is moral and reflective awareness
to do what is right.

In ancient times, Dharma referred to doing one's duty as per varna like acquire knowledge for Brahmins.

However, in present time Dharma has changed to doing one's duty as per their profession like :

- Dharma of student is to study.
- Dharma of soldier is to protect his country.
- Dharma of doctor is to ensure a healthy society.
- Dharma of civil servant is to serve the public.



Following of dharma leads to
peace and development of common
good like economic growth.

However, there are times
when your "Dharma" comes in conflict
with morals and ethics ÷

- Dharma of Ashoka as king was to
fight and expand empire but his
morals and affection of buddhism changed
his personality and actions.
- Many times, Unethical values influence
Dharma like Scientists and army
officials caught in honey trapping.

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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

- ↳ is the spirit of being inclined / associated to a group and conducting in ways to benefit them.
- ↳ This leads to favouritism, nepotism, corruption.
- ↳ Loss of ~~of~~ adherence to professional conduct and rule of law.

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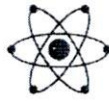
ii. Discipline

Discipline means being ~~less~~ honest and consistent to the rules and orders of law and seniors.

- Importance — maintain rule of law.
- Ensure supremacy of Rights
 - Maintain Justice in society.
 - Ensure consistency in actions

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Q.6

iii. Trustworthiness

↳ ability of individual to exude confidence among others.

Importance → helps in delegating responsibilities.
↳ builds social capital.
↳ gives values of femininity, tolerance and empathy in people.

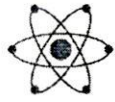
Q.6

iv. Prudence

↳ means wisdom to decide right and wrong.

Importance → make ethical decisions
→ decision making and responsibility during conflict of interest
↳ protecting rights of all.

For eg., using prudence to determine resource allocation during disaster



Q.6

v. Altruism

↳ doing good to others without expecting anything in return.

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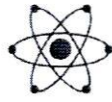
↳ brings peace and harmony.

↳ leads to internal happiness.

↳ theory of Karma in Hinduism highlighting good deeds come back.

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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:

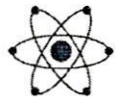
- Explain why Corporal Punishment is still considered a right mean to maintain discipline in the school?
- What are the legal and ethical issues involved in this case?
- What can be the repercussions of corporal punishment and what shall be the course of action for Mahesh to resolve the given situation?

(250 words, 20 marks)

This case highlights the case of use of unethical means like corporal punishment to achieve the end of mannerisms and value education in children.

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(a) ~~Explain~~ Why Corporal Punishment is
considered right means to discipline?

- Values of respect, hierarchy are present in society.
- ~~Attitude~~ Positive attitude of parents/teachers towards such punishment as they faced the same during childhood creating positive behaviour — attitude link.
- Confirmit nature of Indian society.
- Indian philosophy holds that King has power to ensure of rule of law through "Danda" (Punishment).
- Retributive/Deterrent form of justice is followed in laws as well as religious scriptures like Mahabharat and Quran

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(b) Legal issues in this case

- Risk of Right to life of .Rajan by beatings .
- Violence is not justified for maintaining discipline as per law .
- Teacher could have faced charges under Section 323- 326 IPC to cause hurt/
grievous hurt by a weapon .
- It could have led to disability for Rajan compromising his future.

Ethical issues in the case

- Lack of emotional intelligence on part of class teacher .
- Reduced role of parents and family in value inculcation .
- Wrong means used by class teacher to achieve right end .

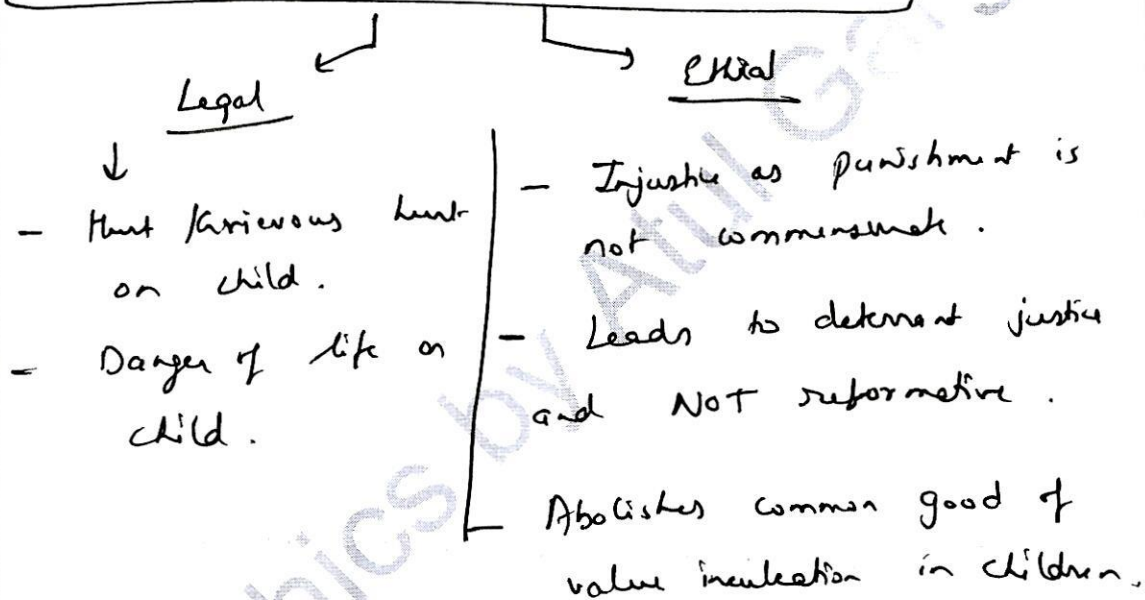


- Lack of responsibility by parents to act on ~~and~~ past misbehaviour of Rajan.
- Values of respect for teachers, ~~obedience~~ ^{obedience} and compassion are missing in Rajan.

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Repercussions of Corporal Punishment

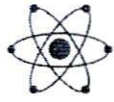


Course of Action

- ↳ Suspend teacher to pacify situation
- ↳ Explain parents about wrong doings by Rajan by organizing a parent - teacher meeting.
- ↳ Giving apology to parents for beating of Rajan.
- ↳ Pledge Ceremony by both parents & teachers to ensure path to value inculcation in children
- ↳ Designing code of ethics and code of conduct for teachers.

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- ↳ Complaints registers which must be communicated to parents.



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.

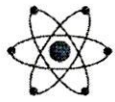
In this context, explain what impact such a movie can have on the audience? What shall be the dilemmas and duties of Sandeep as a responsible Movie Director and on what conditions, he can say 'yes' for directing the movie?

(250 words, 20 marks)

This case highlights the importance that role models have on our society. Role models like Sandeep give shape to the values and ethics of the society.

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Impact such a movie can have on audience

- Manipulation of audience of genocide
- Misrepresentation of facts leading to wrong knowledge impartation — Knowledge is considered as the 1st virtue by Socrates.
- It would lead to erosion of common good of social capital and harmony in society
- Values of objectivity, tolerance and fraternity of audience is being compromised
- Right to freedom of expression has right to correct information which is violated.
- 'Such a movie' making cannot be made as a universal law as per Kant's categorical imperative.

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Dilemmas of Sandeep

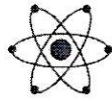
- Values of Integrity and honesty versus personal well-being and good relations with the government.
- Right of profession of Sandeep versus right of correct information for the public.
- Common good of knowledge dissemination versus justice for minority community.

Duties of Sandeep

- Give a true picture of incident with honesty.
- Be objective and impartial in movie making.
- Be behind the "veil of ignorance" as described by John Rawls.
- Consideration of his action as role model on the society and reforms.

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Conditions under which Sandeep can say "Yes" for directing :-

- No tragic representation but a true representation of the incident.
- Giving account of all records & used to make the movies.
- Release of movie must not be done with elections to keep election process fair and impartial.
- Names in movies must be changed to protect the identities of those involved.

Sandeep has not only a personal and professional role but also a societal role to fulfill. By this way, he can balance both.

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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.

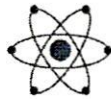
However, soon the protest against this decision has started. The whole economy of the state depends on tourism and such a daily cap on pilgrims will harm the interest of the locals. An organization of Char Dham priests also met the chief minister of the state and ask him to take this decision back. Their 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 case study highlights the classical
Environment v/s Development debate
which is increasing due to rapid
rising population causing pressure
on environment.

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(a + b) Different options available with evaluation

① Continue with mandatory regulations

Pros

- Right to life of locals protected.
- Duty of government to ensure planned development and safety of citizens.
- Common good healthy environment.

Cons

- Right to livelihood and profession of locals violated.
- Injustice to poor, illiterate and elderly who would want to visit.

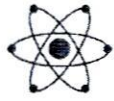
② Withdraw mandatory regulations

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- Ensure peace and no agitations.
- Cooperation of locals with army.
- Economic development and ~~prosperity~~ prosperity.

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- Long term damage and risk of life due to future disasters.
- Global ~~stand~~ stand of India on sustainable development diminished.



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Mandatory regulations should be changed
to accommodate demands and strike a
balance.

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- balancing both to ensure sustainable development.
- Ensure peace and reduce erosion of social capital by agitations.
- Justice to weaker section to ensure their right to religion.

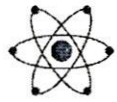
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- Relaxation of rules would lead to laxity in implementation.
- Wrong precedent set as agitations would become a hurdle for ensuring clean environment.



(c) I would choose the 3rd option
because :

- Religion is a sensitive and intrinsic matter and is emotional to citizens.



- Prosperity of people intrinsically linked with Tourism (Right to livelihood)
- Justice to poor, elderly pilgrims.

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How to implement balance? (Aristotle's Golden mean)

- Separate e-tour registration for locals providing them with longer passes.
- Internal reservation for elderly and PwD among the pilgrims.
- Number of pilgrims can be increased by consulting with a committee up to the sustainable limit.
- Communication with priests and locals agitating
 - Explain the future risks of disaster
 - Shoot movie highlighting case of disaster wiping all gains like Uttarakhand floods.
- Collaborating with NGOs and private players (CSR) to build resilient - climate friendly infrastructure.



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 case highlights the clash between the rights and personal freedom of citizens with the restrictions on these rights to ensure peace and harmony in society. Social contract theory ~~states~~ of Hobbes entails that people have to sacrifice certain rights for the overall peace of society.

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(a) Ethical issues involved in the case

for civilians killed

- L Right to life violated.
- L Injustice done as punishment was not commensurate to the crime.
- L Deterrent form of Justice

for army

- L Morale of the army working in difficult circumstances.
- L Lack of Emotional Intelligence on part of officers to take the call to shoot.
- L Virtues of empathy, compassion are being sidelined by ~~some~~ officers.
- L ~~There~~

for locals

- L Wrong means by locals of supporting terrorism.
- L Lack of Social Capital

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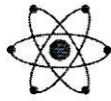
Repercussions of accepting demands of locals.

Pros

- ~~Protests~~ Protests may die down leading leading to peace and harmony.
- Justice to civilians killed as action on
- Right to life of locals in future.
- No international ~~news~~ news against government as action taken against army members.
- Rights are intrinsic in the social contract as per John Locke.

Cons

- Lack of motivation for army members.
- Continues of problem of Terrorism leading to long term instability.
- Common good of Terror free society -
- Locals motivated to keep supporting local insurgents - lack of fear of rule of law.
- India's international image of Terror-free country sacrificed.



(C) Advice and course of action in Report

- Ensure proper cremation of civilians and support to family
- Internal committee to enquire and report about the case.

- Suspension of army members till the report released and actions taken — communicated to locals to pacify them.

- AFSPA rules must be circulated and communicated to locals in vernacular language.

- Short films to locals on impact of insurgency on society like Newton movie.

- Pledge ceremony by both locals and army members for adherence to communicated AFSPA rule.



If situation is not pacified, increase army personnel and use inspirational local leaders like boxer may team to communicate to locals.



Locals must be communicated of the famous saying to ensure no support to terrorism:

UPSC--CSE--EXAM " Do not do unto others what you do not want done to yourself "



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 in 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.

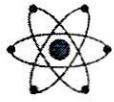
Venkatesh has the authority to give orders for the demolition of the structure. But he is confused. One wrong step can fume communal tensions in the area. While, analysing the situation:

- 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 case study highlights a conflict for Venkatesh between the need to follow rule of law versus ensuring social capital and harmony in society ~~by~~ ~~while~~ while ensuring self preservation and neutrality.

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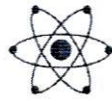


(a) Ethical issues involved

- Violation of rule of law against lease agreement by religious trust.
- Threat to local cultural diversity and value of ~~for~~ faternity, tolerance in society.
- Presence of ~~the~~ instances of politics without principles which is ~~the~~ a th as per Gandhiji.
- Injustice to locals like children due to construction where playground, fairs took place.
- Common good of public places for all sections violated.
- Short term gain for local politicians of votes versus long term loss of image and the risk of issue being picked up by media.

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⑥ Options available with Venkatesh

① Stay Neutral and ensure peace during protests

Pros

- Personal well being and career progress.
- Good relations with local MLA and CM.
- Right to religion for the worshippers of shrine.

Cons

- Lack of ~~not~~ scale of law
- Loss of social capital
- Value of courage, conviction absent

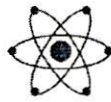
② Demolition of Structure

Pros

- Rule of law ensured
- Values of objectivity and civil services neutrality upheld

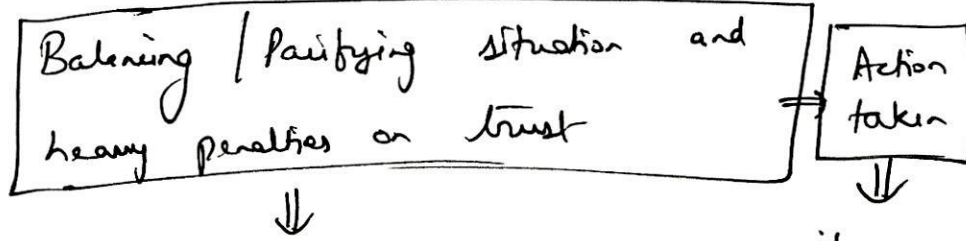
Cons

- Can lead to protest from other side
- Right to religion (Art 25) violated



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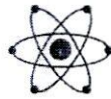
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- Immediate cessation of construction on site.
- Ensuring enough police force to maintain law and order for Sunday protest
- Forming a committee to inquire about details of case and publishing reports without compromising on ~~the~~ functioning by involving leaders from both groups and media.
- Heavy penalties on religious trust.
- Communication with local MLA about the potential harm of inaction like loss of votes from other section and sensationalisation of issue in media.
- With help of local leaders and religious leaders, the shifting of shrine can be celebrated as a harmony festival.
- ~~Money~~ ~~Penalty~~ money can be used to develop common area and the case must be used as an example for future.

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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)

This case highlights the problem of caste discrimination leading to heinous crimes that shake the ethical values of society.

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Course of action



Immediate action

- ↳ Ensuring proper collection of records has taken place.
- L Arranging police force as per situation to ensure law and order situation.
- L Cremation of the girl's body must be done as per the family's wish and religious beliefs — discretion fund can be used if needed.
- L Quick action on the case and an arrest must be made at the earliest despite calls from local MLA

because :

- ↳ shaking moral fabric of society.
- ↳ value of integrity, fortitude.
- ↳ common good of rule of law.
- ↳ Sarvodaya through antyodaya



- ↳ filing of detail and strong chargesheet with relevant proofs attached.
- ↳ Commiserate same to victim's family and (civil) Society.

Long term action \Leftrightarrow Restore faith of Dalits in Police

- Community Policing with police help to ensure peace -
- Strict action against even small perpetrators like eve-teasing creating a strict approach.
- ~~Post~~ Public posters in vernacular languages about crimes against dalits and their action.
- Media ~~highlight~~ help to make this case as role model.

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- Public police pledge ceremony in front of delicts about protecting their safety.
- Reward for officers performing good and punishment for those showing lax attitude.
- Action against perpetrators must be made public to send a message.

'No Nation has ever become great, nor will it ever be in future if it disrespects women'

- Swami Vivekananda

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