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GS PAPER IV

Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude

4 Cases

EVENING ETHICS CASE · 01

Climate Ethics: The Paradox of Oil-Rich Azerbaijan Hosting World Environment Day

CASE SCENARIO

Azerbaijan, a nation whose economy is heavily dependent on fossil fuel exports (oil & gas = 90% of export revenue), is hosting World Environment Day 2026 under the theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." Critics argue this is greenwashing — using environmental optics while continuing fossil fuel expansion. An IAS officer is tasked with representing India at the Baku ceremony. How should she frame India's position on this paradox while maintaining diplomatic courtesy?

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

1. Environmental Justice: Developed nations (including oil-rich states) historically responsible for emissions — "common but differentiated responsibilities" (CBDR). | **2. Integrity vs Diplomacy:** Should India publicly call out contradictions or engage constructively? | **3. Means vs Ends:** Even if Azerbaijan's hosting is strategic, does the global awareness created justify participation? | **4. Intergenerational Justice:** Present generations cannot mortgage future generations' climate for today's GDP.

GS-IV VALUES APPLIED

Empathy (for climate-vulnerable nations), **Integrity** (not endorsing greenwashing), **Pragmatism** (working within diplomatic constraints), **Emotional Intelligence** (engaging without antagonising), **Probity in Public Life**

MODEL ANSWER HINT

India should engage constructively — acknowledge Azerbaijan's COP29 commitments, highlight Mission LiFE as India's positive narrative, use multilateral forums to push for genuine climate action without direct confrontation. This demonstrates diplomatic sophistication + ethical conviction — the ideal civil servant trait.

GS-IV: Public/International Ethics

Emotional Intelligence

Environmental Justice

Diplomacy Ethics

EVENING ETHICS CASE · 02

Institutional Integrity vs Political Patronage in Sports Governance

CASE SCENARIO

With the National Sports Governance Rules 2026 notified, a National Sports Tribunal has been established. You are appointed as a member of this quasi-judicial body. A decorated Olympic athlete files a complaint against the president of a National Sports Federation — alleging nepotism in team selection. The NSF president is a well-connected politician. Evidence is circumstantial but suggestive. What is your approach?

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

1. Rule of Law vs Political Pressure: NSF president's political connections creating implicit pressure. | **2. Natural Justice:** Audi alteram partem — both sides must be heard. | **3. Whistle-blower Protection:** Athlete's career vulnerability after filing complaint. | **4. Impartiality:** Judicial independence vs informal power networks.

MODEL ANSWER HINT

Proceed with due process: call for evidence, ensure fair hearing, follow merit-based judgment. Recuse yourself if any conflict of interest exists. Document all proceedings meticulously to withstand judicial review. Institutional integrity is non-negotiable.

GS-IV: Ethics in Administration

Rule of Law

Impartiality

Natural Justice

EVENING ETHICS CASE · 03**Inclusive Innovation: Ethics of Grassroots Inventor Recognition****CASE SCENARIO**

Under the new Navachar Mantra programme, you are a district official on the selection committee. A rural woman from a tribal community has invented a low-cost water purification device using locally available materials. Her application is technically rudimentary in presentation. A well-educated urban applicant has submitted a polished, investor-ready proposal for a similar device. Your committee must select only one. What are the ethical considerations?

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

1. Equity vs Equality: Giving equal opportunity to unequal starting points masks structural disadvantage. | **2. Substantive vs Procedural Justice:** The merit of the innovation vs quality of presentation. | **3. Inclusion mandate:** Programme's stated goal of reaching grassroots — urban bias defeats the purpose. | **4. Intellectual Property Ethics:** Protecting the tribal innovator's original idea.

GS-IV VALUES APPLIED

Compassion, Equity, Non-discrimination, Sensitivity to marginalised communities

GS-IV: Social Justice

Equity

Inclusivity

Tribal Rights

EVENING ETHICS CASE · 04

Digital Advancement vs Privacy: Ethics of India's Digital Economy Growth

CASE SCENARIO

India has become the world's 5th most digitalised economy. As a senior IAS officer in a state government, you are tasked with integrating AI-based profiling of citizens to improve welfare delivery targeting. The system will analyse Aadhaar, banking, and health data to predict poverty levels. Civil society groups raise data privacy concerns. How do you balance efficiency with rights?

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

1. Right to Privacy (Article 21): Puttaswamy judgment (2017) — privacy as fundamental right. | **2. Utilitarian vs Rights-based:** Greater welfare for many vs individual data sovereignty. | **3. Consent and Transparency:** Informed consent in digital governance. | **4. Digital Divide:** Marginalised communities may be wrongly profiled due to sparse data.

MODEL ANSWER HINT

Implement with robust safeguards — anonymisation, data minimisation (use only what is necessary), independent oversight body, sunset clauses, and appeals mechanism for incorrectly profiled citizens. Technology serves the Constitution, not the reverse.

GS-IV: Digital Ethics

Privacy Rights

AI Governance

Civil Liberties



PRELIMS PRACTICE — EVENING SET

15 Probable Prelims Questions

15 MCQs

QUESTION 01

World Environment Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) April 22
- (b) March 21

QUESTION 02

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has its headquarters at:

- (a) Geneva, Switzerland
- (b) Nairobi, Kenya ✓

(c) June 5 ✓

(d) September 16

Ans: (c) | June 5 annually since 1974. April 22 = Earth Day; Sept 16 = Ozone Day.

(c) New York, USA

(d) Vienna, Austria

Ans: (b) | UNEP HQ = Nairobi. UNEP was established after the 1972 Stockholm Conference.**QUESTION 03****The 'Ezulwini Consensus' is associated with:**

(a) Reform of the World Trade Organization

(b) African demand for permanent UNSC seats ✓

(c) Climate finance for developing nations

(d) ASEAN regional security framework

Ans: (b) | Ezulwini Consensus (2005) — African Union's common position on UN reform: 2 permanent + 5 non-permanent seats for Africa.**QUESTION 04****Which of the following is NOT a P5 member of the UN Security Council?**

(a) France

(b) Russia

(c) India ✓

(d) United Kingdom

Ans: (c) | P5 = USA, UK, France, Russia, China. India is NOT a permanent member (yet).**QUESTION 05****India's Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) was launched at which COP?**

(a) COP26, Glasgow

(b) COP27, Sharm el-Sheikh

(c) COP26, Glasgow — and formally launched globally at COP27 ✓

(d) COP28, Dubai

Ans: (a/c) | PM Modi unveiled Mission LiFE concept at COP26 (Glasgow, 2021). Formally launched as global movement in 2022.**QUESTION 06****The Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is being developed by which organisation?**

(a) HAL only

(b) DRDO's DMSRDE

(c) Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under DRDO ✓

(d) ISRO's Space Applications Centre

Ans: (c) | ADA (Aeronautical Development Agency) designs AMCA; HAL will manufacture. ADA also designed Tejas.**QUESTION 07****QUESTION 08**

Which of the following radar technology is used in ISRO's RISAT satellite series?

- (a) LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)
- (b) Infrared Thermal Imaging
- (c) Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) ✓**
- (d) Multispectral Optical Sensor

Ans: (c) | RISAT (Radar Imaging Satellite) uses SAR — all-weather, day-night microwave imaging.

PM SVANidhi scheme, which completed 6 years in June 2026, is jointly administered by:

- (a) Ministry of Labour & Employment + MoRTH
- (b) MoHUA + Department of Financial Services ✓**
- (c) NITI Aayog + Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development + NABARD

Ans: (b) | PM SVANidhi: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) + Department of Financial Services (DFS).

QUESTION 09

The 'Skill India Digital Hub' (SIDH) is a platform under which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ✓**
- (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Ans: (c) | SIDH is a digital platform under MoSDE for skill-related registrations and programmes.

QUESTION 10

Which of the following countries will be non-permanent members of the UNSC for the 2027–28 term? [Select the INCORRECT pair]

- (a) Austria – Western Europe
- (b) Zimbabwe – Africa
- (c) Algeria – Africa ✓ (INCORRECT)**
- (d) Kyrgyzstan – Asia-Pacific

Ans: (c) | Algeria was NOT elected. The 5 elected are Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad & Tobago, Zimbabwe.

QUESTION 11

India's GDP growth projection for FY 2026-27 as per the RBI is:

- (a) 6.5%
- (b) 7.2%
- (c) 6.9% ✓**

QUESTION 12

Project 17A stealth frigates of the Indian Navy are built by:

- (a) Garden Reach Shipbuilders (GRSE), Kolkata
- (b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL), Mumbai ✓**
- (c) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Visakhapatnam

(d) 7.6%

Ans: (c) | RBI projects 6.9% for FY27 (2026-27). FY26 estimated at 7.6%. Repo rate = 5.25% (neutral).

(d) Cochin Shipyard Ltd, Kochi

Ans: (b) | MDL (Mumbai) builds the P17A frigates. GRSE builds patrol vessels and corvettes.

QUESTION 13

The 'Himalayan region' is sometimes called the "Third Pole" because:

- (a) It is the third-highest plateau after Arctic and Antarctic
- (b) It has the third-largest desert ecosystem

(c) It holds the world's largest freshwater reserves outside the polar ice caps ✓

- (d) It is the third most seismically active zone

Ans: (c) | Himalayan glaciers store the largest freshwater outside poles — hence "Third Pole."

QUESTION 14

The ADB-Standard Chartered supply chain finance deal for India covers transactions in:

- (a) USD only
- (b) INR only

(c) Both USD and INR ✓

- (d) SDR (Special Drawing Rights)

Ans: (c) | The ADB-Standard Chartered agreement covers both USD and INR-denominated supply chain finance in India.

QUESTION 15

India was ranked as the world's most digitalised economy at which position in 2026?

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th

(c) 5th ✓

- (d) 7th

Ans: (c) | India ranked 5th most digitalised economy (2026 State of Digital Economy Report), up from 8th in 2025.



MAINS PRACTICE — EVENING SET

6 Questions

6 Probable Mains Questions

MAINS Q · 01 | GS-III | 15 MARKS

"India's aspiration for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council is both a matter of strategic necessity and global justice. Critically analyse the arguments for and against India's inclusion as a permanent UNSC member in the context of the June 2026 UNSC non-permanent member elections."

GS-II: International Institutions

250 words

UPSC 2026 Probable

💡 Hint: Cover G4 bloc, China veto threat, India's contributory record (PKO, etc.), Uniting for Consensus (UfC) opposition, reform proposals (expanded UNSC), and India's 8 prior terms.

MAINS Q · 02 | GS-III | 10 MARKS

"The Delhi-NCR Vehicle Replacement Scheme represents an integrated model of pollution control combining central subsidies, state concessions, and fuel market interventions. Analyse its potential effectiveness in addressing vehicular pollution in India's most polluted airsheds."

GS-III: Environment & Governance

150 words

💡 Hint: Discuss interest subvention + fuel vouchers + registration waiver mechanism; compare with BS-VI norms, e-vehicle policy, CAFE standards; challenges of implementation across 4 states.

MAINS Q · 03 | GS-III | 15 MARKS

"Satellite-based remote sensing has emerged as India's most cost-effective tool for environmental governance. With reference to the DRDO-ISRO Himalayan snow monitoring initiative, discuss how space technology can serve both national security and environmental sustainability simultaneously."

GS-III: Science & Technology

250 words

Cross-cutting

💡 Hint: SAR's dual-use nature (glacier monitoring + border surveillance), NISAR, disaster management (GLOF prediction), water security, climate science, sovereignty over space assets.

MAINS Q · 04 | GS-II | 10 MARKS

"The notification of the National Sports Governance Rules 2026 and establishment of a National Sports Tribunal signals a new era of institutional accountability in Indian sports. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to persistent governance failures in National Sports Federations."

GS-II: Governance

150 words

💡 Hint: WFI crisis, IOA suspension by IOC, ad-hoc committee model, age/tenure limits under National Sports Code, comparison with WADA/CAS for sports dispute resolution.

MAINS Q · 05 | GS-IV | 10 MARKS

"The world's fastest-growing aviation market faces a structural contradiction — high growth ambitions collide with high ATF costs and environmental commitments. As a policymaker, how would you design a long-term sustainable aviation policy for India that balances economic growth, equity, and environment?"

GS-III/IV: Policy Design

150 words

💡 Hint: Short-term (ATF price stabilisation), Medium-term (SAF — Sustainable Aviation Fuel policy), Long-term (electric aircraft R&D, hydrogen aviation); UDAN scheme; carbon credits for aviation (CORSIA).

MAINS Q · 06 | GS-III | 15 MARKS

"India's rapid digital economy rise — from 8th to 5th globally in one year — is remarkable but hides significant intra-country inequalities in digital access and capability. Critically examine the opportunities and risks of India's digital growth trajectory."

GS-III: Digital Economy

250 words

💡 Hint: UPI success, DigiLocker, DPDP Act 2023, AI readiness, digital divide (gender, rural-urban, linguistic), cybersecurity vulnerabilities, gig economy, ONDC.



ANSWER WRITING RESOURCES

Value Addition: Quotes, Data & Reports

 Quotable Quotes for Mains Answers

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

— **ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY (ATTRIBUTED; WIDELY USED IN ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOURSE)**

Use for: WED 2026, Climate change, Intergenerational justice, Mission LiFE answers

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change."

— **ALBERT EINSTEIN**

Use for: UNSC reform, institutional adaptation, governance reform answers

"Technology is neither good nor bad; nor is it neutral."

— **MELVIN KRANZBERG (KRANZBERG'S FIRST LAW)**

Use for: AI governance, digital economy, SAR technology, AMCA answers — shows examiner your nuanced thinking

"In a world of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

— **GEORGE ORWELL**

Use for: GS-IV Ethics cases on integrity, sports governance, institutional probity

"Justice delayed is justice denied."

— **WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE (POPULARISED BY MLK JR.)**

Use for: National Sports Tribunal, quasi-judicial reforms, access to justice answers

 Key Data for Answer Writing

Indicator	Value / Figure	Context
India Digital Economy Rank 2026	5th (World)	Up from 8th in 2025 — 3 rank jump

Indicator	Value / Figure	Context
India AI Readiness Rank 2026	4th (World)	2026 State of India's Digital Economy Report
RBI GDP Growth FY27	6.9%	RBI Annual Report 2025-26
RBI Repo Rate (2026)	5.25%	Neutral monetary policy stance
ATF Price Stabilisation Fund	₹10,000 crore	One-time Cabinet approval for OMCs → Airlines
PM SVANidhi Beneficiaries	75.5 lakh vendors	₹17,800 crore disbursed over 6 years
FCI QR Tagging Expansion	20 lakh tonnes rice	Extended to AP, Telangana, Odisha
Indian Navy Target Fleet (2035)	200 warships/submarines	Currently ~140 platforms
Himalayan Glaciers (India)	~9,575 glaciers	"Third Pole" — largest freshwater outside poles
UNSC non-permanent term	2 years	Elected by UNGA — 2/3 majority required
India's UNSC permanent terms	8 times (last: 2021-22)	Not a P5 member
UK Steel Safeguard	60% quota cut + 50% tariff	Effective July 1, 2026



Key Reports & Indices for Answer Writing

Report / Index	Released by	Key Finding (2026)
State of India's Digital Economy 2026	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)	India = 5th most digitalized globally; 4th in AI readiness
RBI Annual Report 2025-26	Reserve Bank of India	GDP growth 6.9% FY27; Digital Rupee progress; banking stability

Report / Index	Released by	Key Finding (2026)
World Environment Day 2026 Report	UNEP	Theme: #NowForClimate; Host: Azerbaijan; Climate urgency signals
2026 UNSC Non-Permanent Elections	UNGA (New York)	5 elected: Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, T&T, Zimbabwe
India Digital Economy (SIDBI/NASSCOM)	SIDBI/NASSCOM	India's tech sector growing 12% YoY; AI startups = 1,600+
RBI State of the Economy Report	Reserve Bank of India	Growth resilience amid global risks; neutral stance retained



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