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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PART - A

Q.1) a) What do you understand by "good" in good governance? Is good governance always ethical governance? Analyse. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Governance refers to the process of decision making by those in authority to serve the citizens of the country and ensuring its successful implementation.

"Good" governance means use of public resources in a law abiding and judicious manner to formulate policies and ensure their effective implementation.

Elements of good governance include-

- Focus on the needs of all the stakeholders i.e. all sections of the public i.e. inclusiveness
- Following certain procedures of administration to ensure transparency
- Ensuring accountability and responsiveness
- Consensus building so that the citizens feel like a their grievances are being heard and taken into account

Ethical governance goes a step beyond good governance as it is not merely concerned with following established procedures to ensure a lack of corruption. It involves the administrators to take moral decisions on the basis of qualities such as empathy, compassion and even go beyond the call of duty.

Good governance can be established by means of laws but ethical governance requires every member of the administration to act in an ethical manner.

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b) What is constructive confrontation? Can there be progress without confrontation? Discuss the importance of Civil service values in resolving the same.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Constructive confrontation means that two parties, who have opposing views regarding an issue, put forward their concerns so as to have greater understanding of the other's view.

Constructive confrontation is not a negative term but a step towards consensus building. It is thus crucial for ensuring the following:-

- (1) Greater understanding of grievances
- (2) The fruits of development are enjoyed by all i.e. equity
- (3) The government is seen as responsive to people's needs.
- (4) Decisions are acceptable to all.

Thus, they have an important role to play in socio-economic & political progress.

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However, successful resolution of confrontation and ensure that it is constructive, values such as impartiality, objectivity, selflessness, transparency, accountability etc. have to be shown by the government servants because of the following reasons:-

→ ~~One~~ The aggrieved parties must not perceive the civil servants as being partial to one side or the other!

People will not accept decisions in such a case.

→ For the progress of a nation, fair analysis on the basis of facts is required.

Eg- Construction of dams.

→ The values also ensure that the parties are not able to beside the civil servant and he is neutral.

→ They also ensure that all decisions are accessible to the public.

→ If anything wrong happens, the civil servant must be answerable and accept responsibility.

Therefore, civil service values are

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integral to constructive confrontation -

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Q.2) a) "Self-restraint is the very keystone of the ethics of vow-taking." What do you understand by this statement in the present-day scenario? Explain. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Self restraint refers to the ability to control one's desires. Such a concept can be even found in ^{Puranic} ~~Buddhist~~ texts - 'indriya nigraha' is control over senses.

Vow taking usually in the present day context, involves adherence to certain values, a code of conduct and the Constitution of the country. Civil servants take oath of office as do our ^{political} representatives.

They promise to uphold certain values such as objectivity, impartiality, transparency, selflessness, duty before self etc. However, in order to fulfill these very duties, they have to exercise self restraint.

Eg - To be selfless in the service of citizens, a public servant cannot accept bribes from an individual asking for favour. He cannot

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be corrupt by trying to take funds from a scheme to fulfill his own desires or needs.

Similarly, even in our personal lives, we often take vows - to study hard to crack an exam. This involves hardwork, not being distracted by social events of social media and refraining from self indulgence.

Therefore, one sees that to successfully fulfill a vow, one has to exercise self restraint. Publus Syrus said - "Control your desires, lest they control you".

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b) "To become a man of integrity, being honest towards yourself is the very beginning."
What do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with illustrations from your personal life.
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Integrity refers to adherence to one's morals such as honesty, selflessness, rectitude etc. even during a difficult situation.

Being honest to oneself is an integral first step towards integrity because of the following reasons:-

1) Acceptance of one's flaws - It allows us to judge ourselves in a less biased manner and rectify our actions.

2) Selflessness - Honesty allows us to take a fair and objective decision and put the needs of others before ourselves.

3) Accountability - If one is honest, he will be ready to justify his actions and take responsibility for the same.

4) Impartiality - An honest individual will not let his personal views affect decision making and will rely on facts.

In my personal life, I have tried to inculcate the values of integrity and honesty. In school, I stood first in 7th class. However, when I received my sheet, I realized that the teacher had made a mistake in totalling my marks. I brought it to her notice as any other course of action would have pricked my conscience. Even though I lost the top position, I was happy that I had been honest in my conduct.

Therefore, one sees that to adhere to one's moral values even when the result may not be in your favour requires an individual to be honest.

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Q.3) a) Discuss the Public Services Management Code as recommended by the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission.
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

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b) Discuss the ethical dimensions of international aid with examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

International aid refers to economic help provided by a nation or an organisation to another country.

Following are the ethical dimensions of international aid:-

→ International aid allows a nation to improve its socio-economic status or tide over immediate calamities. Eg - Japan provides India with Official Development Assistance for infrastructural purposes. Similarly, aid is given when hurricanes or tsunamis hit countries.

→ However, international aid may not always be without conditions. Eg - During the Cold War, US & USSR gave aid to nations as long as their political and economic policies were in their favour.

→ International organisations such as World Bank may give loans

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to third world nations but ask them to make mandatory changes to their economy.

→ Similarly, China gives aid to African countries but establishes factories to extract their resources and pollute their environment.

→ Sometimes, international aid is given to keep allies quiet about injustices. Eg- China gives aid to Pakistan, a Muslim nation which never raises its voice against the systematized violence towards Uighurs.

→ International aid also depends on the propaganda by mass media and the particular state. Eg- After the fire at Notre Dame, Paris; France received billions in donations. On the other hand, Brazil which is comparatively a poorer nation has not received as much to deal with Amazon fires.

Therefore, international aid is not

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always ethical and may be guided by
political reasons.

Q.4) a) The fundamental question in Public services is "Who will guard the guardians?". Analyze in the context of accountability of civil servants for good governance.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Accountability refers to the ability to be answerable for one's actions and accept responsibility for the same.

Accountability is required to ensure the following:-

- Judicious use of public resources.
- Transparency by subjecting the public servants to scrutiny
- Reduce corruption & nepotism.
- Public confidence in the state machinery.
- Ethical administration and overall good governance
- Rule of law

Currently, accountability of civil servants is maintained through —

- Bodies such as ^{CIC}CVC, CBI, Lokpal etc.
- Legislations such as the RTI Act, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

- Documents such as Civil Services Conduct Rules
- Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) also exercises control on the conduct of civil servants.
- A superior civil servant may also exercise accountability, inspiring his subordinates.

Challenges

- Collusion with Superiors to take bribes
- Legislations and investigations by various bodies often requires a senior officers' permission
- The Information Commission is now full of bureaucrats who would like to preserve the image of bureaucracy

Therefore, it is imperative that we build a culture of accountability from the beginning by inculcating such values in our children. This will lead to a society that is accountable.

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b) Explain the importance of political neutrality for civil servants. Discuss in light of increased political alignment shown by bureaucrats. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Political neutrality means not allowing one's personal political preferences to affect one's service to the government. Thus, it requires a civil servant to offer unbiased advice to a politician/minister/govt.

Importance of political neutrality

- Effective policy formulation and implementation keeping in mind the needs of the citizens.
- Ensures Objective and impartial behaviour on the part of the civil servant.
- Reduction in corrupt practices
- Better utilisation of public resources.
- Ensures honest and selfless service for the people.

Increasingly, bureaucrats have begun joining politics such as Shah Faesal, Arunind Kejriwal, Subramaniam Jaishankar etc.

Top positions after retirement.

Better chances of making their voice heard

Reasons

Immense conviction in Certain ideals.

Human character towards Selfish behaviour and lack of political neutrality

Way forward

- During training, civil servants must be taught the importance of political neutrality and follow this up with regular on the job training
- Civil servants must not be allowed to take up posts immediately after retirement. A cool-off period must be set.
- Allowing fair expression by civil servants and placing minimal restrictions on their expression.

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Q.57 a) "Moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice." - Thomas Paine - What do you understand by the statement? Explain giving examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Moderation means following the middle path and avoiding extremes.

In the above stated quote, Thomas Paine is in favour of moderation in temper because of the following

reasons :-

- Following Aristotle's Golden Mean to balance lack of spirit and irascibility.
- Allows one to take unbiased decisions.
- Promotes rationality of thought.
- Required for one's mental peace and physical health.

However, he is against moderation in principle. This means that one cannot follow a middle path one's moral values.

Eq- If one is against corrupt behaviour, he must be willing to denounce all sorts of corruption. If he decides to follow 'moderation', he will revere some acts of corruption as petty or if a close one has engaged in corrupt behaviour, he may let them go.

Petty acts soon snowball into bigger acts if not nipped in the bud. Similarly, favouring a close one promotes nepotism. Moderation in principle thus leads to eventual acceptance of wrongful practices. One can also not have a middle path on basic values required for civil servants such as honesty, integrity, impartiality etc.

Thus, one sees that while moderation in temper is beneficial, moderation in values leads to eventual decline in the said values.

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b) Ethical dilemmas arising in private and government institutions are one and the same. Do you agree with this view? If not, enumerate the differences and mention the approaches in resolving both the dilemmas. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The private and government institutions function with different goals. While the aim of private sector is to maximise economic gains, the aim of public sector is to maximise social gains.

This leads to different ethical dilemmas for the 2 sectors -

- Policies and practices - Transparent govt. sector v/s confidential private sector.
- Independence - Autonomous private sector v/s govt. control
- Resource utilisation - Private sector tends to be more efficient as costs have to kept low to maximise gains.
- Achievement of goals - There is time bound achievement of goals in the private sector due to

fewer bureaucratic practices.

→ According to 2nd ARC, public sector tends to be more procedure oriented rather than outcome oriented.

Ways to resolve these dilemmas

→ The 2nd ARC has recommended faster clearances and reduce red-tapism by single window clearances.

→ The goal orientation of public sector needs to be made outcome oriented.

→ Transparency in ~~the~~ private sector can be increased through improving corporate governance.

→ The private sector can also work towards achievement of social goals by increasing CSR activities.

Thus, in such a way ethical dilemmas can be resolved in both public & private sector.

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Q.6) a) Discuss the contribution of Immanuel Kant to the field of ethics. What are the limitations to his approach? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Immanuel Kant was an important philosopher during the Enlightenment Era. Following are some of his important ideas :-

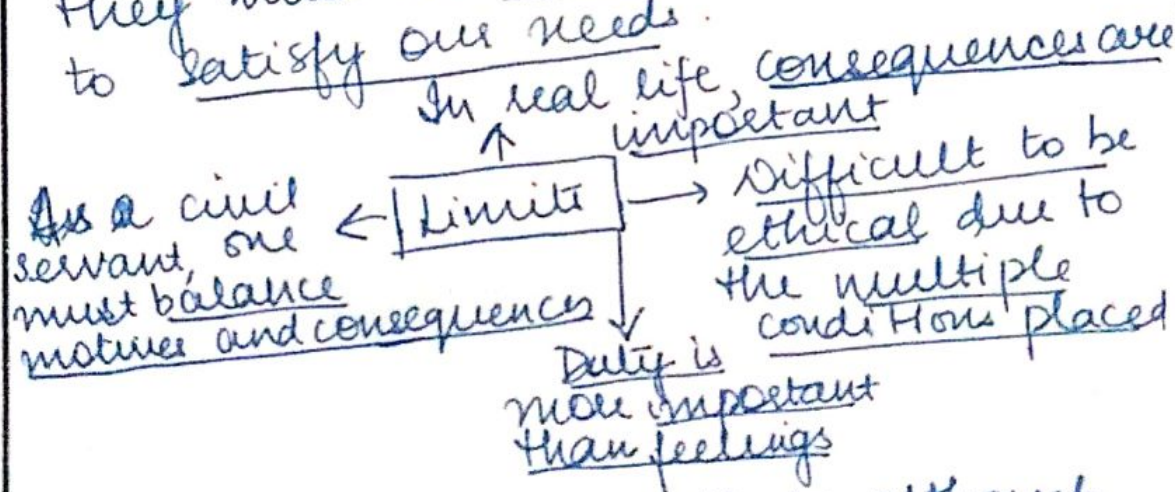
- 1) Deontological approach - An action is moral not because of the consequences it produces but because of the motive behind the action.
- 2) Against consequentialism - ~~Morals~~ Ends do not justify means. An ethical action is ~~not~~ not one which is achieved through ethical means. He believed that consequences of an action are not in human hands therefore, they cannot determine whether an action is ethical.
- 3) Duty oriented ethics - If one gains by undertaking an ethical action, then it is not ethical in the true sense of the term. An

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ethical action is born out of our desire to engage in right behaviour.

4) Categorical imperatives - ~~are~~ Kant believed in certain universal truths to guide human behaviour. The most important one - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

6) Human value - Each human being has value and is worthy. Thus, they must be never used as objects to satisfy our needs.



Therefore, one sees that although Kant's ideas enriched philosophy, they have to be balanced with other ethical views to provide for well balanced views.

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b) "We can have no consideration for a machine which is meant either to enrich the few at the expense of the many, or without cause to displace the useful labour of many." In the light of this statement, discuss the ethical implications of large scale use of Artificial Intelligence.
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Artificial intelligence refers to the use of deep learning computer technology for economic and social purposes.

Ethical implications of A.I.

→ Unemployment - Huge numbers of people will lose their jobs as A.I. has greater productivity & may even make their skills outdated.

→ Data privacy - Companies use collect and use users' data for commercial purposes without their consent. eg - Cambridge Analytica sought data from Facebook during US elections.

→ State surveillance as a large amount of personal data is stored

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with companies. As governments are demanding data localisation, it may increase chances of state surveillance.

→ Safety issues - Eg - In a driverless A.I. car, who is to blame and how to ensure safety?

Way forward

- Upskilling of workers.
- Laws such as GDPR of EU must be adopted to protect user data.
- Addressing safety concerns is of prime importance.

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c) What does this quotation mean to you in the present context: "A mind all logic is like a knife all blade. It makes the hand bleed that uses it." - Thirukkural. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The above quote is by the great Tamil saint Thiruvalluvar. It means that always functioning on rules of logic is not beneficial to the person or those who he is interacting with. Therefore, he must have a high emotional quotient i.e. the ability to understand one's own and others' emotions and use this knowledge to guide behaviour.

Benefits of EQ to a civil servant

- Better policy formulation to fulfill the demands & needs of citizens.
- Ability to empathise with the weaker sections & show compassion
- Quick and rational decision

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making.

- Resolve conflicts at the workplace and inspire subordinates.
- Beneficial to maintain peace of mind during natural calamities, riots etc.

Therefore, one sees that rather than using reason and logic at all times sometimes we must allow our compassion and empathy to take forefront.

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PART - B

Q.7) You are the Principal of a very reputed school in the city. One day after going through the attendance report of students, you found that a student of class 7 was continuously absent for more than 20 days. After enquiring from her class teacher and friends, you got to know that she is undergoing some fast. A similar case of a girl fasting for several days leading to her death surfaced in the media reports a year back.

You are very much worried about the child. You, along with the class teacher tried to meet the parents and relatives of the child. According to her parents, the fasting was voluntary and this was not the first time she had taken up fasting. However, few neighbors allege that the fast was done for family pride and good fortune in business as their business has suffered losses.

In the above context answer the following:

- a) What are the ethical issues involved in this case
- b) Should the individual be given "right to die" or is it a social evil and hence should be rejected?
- c) What are the options available to you and what course of action would you take? Justify with reasons? (20 Marks, 250 Words)

Q. B) You are an ordinary employee of a prominent firm which is launching a revolutionary product. The product incurred huge expenditure in terms of manpower, time and financial capital. As an employee of the company you were carrying out final rounds of testing just a couple of days before its launch. In the process, you found a loophole in the product, which may compromise data of consumers who will use it. Prices are all geared up for the release and stocks of firm are rising in anticipation. As a part of duty you raised the issue of loop-hole before your boss, who asked you to remain quiet. Also, he promised that they will look into it once product is launched. Given your financial situation you are in dire need of being employed but your sense of duty is demanding some action to protect consumer privacy.

- Discuss the options you have in front of you along with their merits and demerits.
 - What do you think will be the best course of action and why?
 - Throw light on ethical concerns faced by different agencies utilising public data.
- (20 Marks, 250 Words)

The given case presents a classic conflict of conscience between loyalty to one's company and sense of duty towards the consumer.

(a) Following are courses of action available to me:-

→ Do keep quiet regarding the loophole.

Merits

- My employment is secure
- Might get rewarded by the company for showing loyalty.

Demerits

- 1) My conscience will be pricked as my behaviour would be selfish and dishonest.
 - 2) My wider duty to consumers is compromised.
 - 3) Since privacy is included under Right to life, my action is legally wrong as well. The company may face consequences in the long term.
- Convince my superior to delay release and fix the loophole

Merits

- 1) Mental satisfaction as I have taken morally correct decision
- 2) Upheld people's rights under Article 21.

Demerits

- 1) Boss may not listen to me and may even sack me.

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2) Threat to livelihood→ Anonymously blow the whistle to the media.Merits1) Fulfilled my duty towards consumers.2) Partial mental satisfaction.Demerits1) Company will be in legal trouble and my job will be threatened2) Act of cowardice.

(b) I will first talk to my superior and convince him of the my arguments. I will tell him that sooner or later this is bound to come out and we will be in greater trouble then.

If he does not agree to delay the release of the product and fix the problems, I will write to the press. actions. I will own up to my actions. Even though it may

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Cause the loss of my job, I will have the mental satisfaction of knowing that my action was ethically and legally right.

(C) Ethical concerns of companies using public data -

→ Requirement of consent - The consent of users is not always sought and often it is not stated clearly so ~~as~~ that it does not catch the users' attention.

→ Misuse of data by companies such as Facebook during Cambridge Analytica case.

Therefore, one sees the data protection is a complex issue requiring consumer awareness and protection of their interest.

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Q.9) A recent judgement from the Supreme Court has allowed the entry of women in a prominent temple of a district. As the Superintendent of Police (SP) of the same district, you are well aware of the ground realities. Tinkering with religious beliefs may lead to communal tension and beyond. A group of women from outside the state has planned to visit the temple on a very religious day, just a few days later, to celebrate this verdict. This has caught the eye of media too. The local population is also gearing up to prevent enforcement of the verdict to preserve the age old tradition. Political parties are also harnessing the issues by flaring up emotions of the people for political benefit. In this background as a SP your experience suggest brewing turmoil at the ground level may lead to unwarranted activities in the district in the coming days.

- a) Discuss possible ethical issues that emanate from this case study.
b) As SP of the district what possible measures will you take to handle the ground situation in a peaceful manner? (20 Marks, 250 Words)

The above case is quite similar to the Sabarimala case where the Supreme Court upheld the right of the women to enter the shrine.

a) Following are the ethical issues of the case:-

- 1) Under Article 14, all citizens have been given right to equality.
- 2) Under Article 15, discrimination on the grounds of sex is prohibited.
- 3) Under Article 19, untouchability has been prohibited.
- 4) Article 25 and 26 provides individuals freedom of religion and manage its institution.

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5) The central conflict arises between propagating patriarchal values and allowing individuals to practise their own faith.

6) The court has decided that such a practice is not essential to the religion. This can be construed as judicial overreach.

7) Role of political parties - They will try to polarise voters by politicizing the issue.

8) Media - The media must not sensationalize the issue and play with people's religious sentiments.

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(b) My course of action.

→ I will try to build consensus at the ground level between women activists and temple authorities.

→ I shall ask the media for its discretion in such a sensitive matter.

→ ~~That~~ I will request my superiors for extra manpower during this time to maintain peace in the area.

→ Political leaders will be advised not to politicize the issue for vote bank politics.

→ The success of any judgment also depends on people's acceptance so I will ask the Supreme women activists to put forward their views to the locals as well.

→ If at any point of time the situation gets violent, I will

impose Section-144, remove the
media and politicians and ensure
that the women are safe.

Thus, in such a way I will
handle this case.

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Q.10) A prominent start-up owned by you is running its business quite well. With over 100 employees, it has captured a decent market share in its segment in recent times. As a part of future planning you now want to expand the business to ward of competition. For that purpose the business model requires heavy capital infusion. As the founder and astute businessman you know that, if capital is not raised immediately, the business may run out of steam in the foreseeable future, rendering you and hundreds of your employees jobless.

In this background you see an opportunity wherein an HNI (High Network Individual) is willing to invest the exact capital you are in need of. But after interacting with the HNI you have serious doubts with regard to the origin of the money. You fear the source of the money are from illegal and immoral activities.

a) What will you do, knowing if you refuse the money it will jeopardise employment of many people?

b) Is it ethically justified to donate wealth amassed by illegal means to charity and poor feeding? (20 Marks, 250 Words)

The given case involves a conflict of conscience between my duty to my employees and my larger duty to the nation.

(a) In the given situation, I will refuse the money from the HNI due to the illegal source of his income. I will do so only when I am sure of the illegality of his actions. For investment purposes, I can seek govt. schemes such as MUDRA, Startup India.

Justification

4) My service to the nation and its citizens comes before myself.

2) Black money threatens the political, social and economic stability of a nation.

3) Taking money obtained through illegal sources is immoral and legally punishable. So, if I take the money now, not only will it be a selfish and dishonest act, later on it can come out in the open and destroy me and my employees in an even bigger way.

(b) No, it is not justified to use illegally amassed money for charitable purposes. At face value, such behaviour may seem harmless as the poor are being benefitted. However, when an individual illegally amasses money

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he does not pay taxes to the govt, which are used for the poor. Thus, he is stealing from the poor in the first place.

If we go by Kant's approach to ethics, ends do not justify the means. Therefore, in my opinion, it is not ethically justified to use illegal money to donate to charity.



Q.11) You are Mr. X, a resident of Delhi, and father of a 17 year old girl. You are also a well reputed lawyer working for the government for the last fifteen years. You are known for your integrity and uprightness. Recently, a 14 year old girl was raped in the outskirts of the city. The culprit has been arrested and is facing the wrath of the public sentiments. You have been called up by the law minister and is given the charge to defend the culprit. The members of the Bar Association have decided to boycott the culprit. Although you have been assigned the case but you too are apprehensive about the possible repercussions of defending the culprit. You are ached at heart imagining the trauma through which the minor child and her family would have gone through. As a lawyer you are also aware about your duty as a professional. In the above circumstances answer the following:

- What are the ethical dilemmas present before you in the context of the above situation?
- Identify the stakeholders and their interests.
- Whether the laws in our country is robust enough to protect the victim vis-à-vis the culprit?
- What course of action would you take? Justify with reasons?

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

The given case presents a situation where on one hand I empathise with the trauma of the minor child & her family but as a professional lawyer I have to ensure fair trial to the culprit.

(a) Ethical dilemmas in the case:-

→ Personal values are at odds with my professional values.

→ I have a duty towards the government but doing so

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would lead to boycott by the Bar association

- Will I be able to do just to my job and show adequate professionalism if in my opinion the culprit is guilty? My emotions may come in between my professionalism.
- Public denouncement if I take up the case. but as a lawyer, I have to uphold the rule of law.

(b) Stakeholders of the case —

- Me, as the lawyer assigned to represent the accused.
- The victim.
- The accused.
- The law minister.
- The judiciary.
- The Bar Association.
- The general public —

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Following are their interests.

→ My interests lie in fulfilling my professional personal duties in consonance with my values.

→ The victim deserves speedy justice.

→ The accused also needs to provided justice. He needs to be punished for his crime or let go if he is not guilty.

→ The law minister and judiciary have to ensure fulfillment of their duties upholding Rule of law.

→ The Bar Association does not wish for any lawyer to represent the culprit.

→ The general public is also seeking justice for its women.

(c) In our country multiple laws exist to protect the victim but following are the challenges to their implementation —

- Accused is often absconding.
- Long pendency of cases
- Psychological trauma for the victim to appear in the case.
- Rich culprits often go scot free.

(d) My course of action.

(1) I do not think I can be completely unbiased while representing the culprit. It will be very hard for me to uphold my professional values & I won't be able to do justice to my job. Therefore, I will recuse myself from the case.

However, I will ask the public and Bar Association to not have their own trials, believe in the judicial process and the maxim "Innocent until proven guilty". ~~Revised~~ ^{Innocent}

Feedback (For OFFICE use only)

Structure		Content	
Question Interpretation		Total :	

39579121081_1910049732 (2019-09-05 22:08:21) week of Independence Day celebrations, you received an anonymous tip off that a terrorist is hiding in a dense locality in the city. In the following search operations, you and your team managed to track down the suspect in the locality. But you could not arrest the suspect due to local protests and resilience. You had no choice but to fire in the air to isolate the suspect. In the charged up situation that followed a few people died due to gunshots, including the suspect.

Following this event, you were hailed across media and police circles as a hero for your courageous act. Years later, you are retired from service and a biopic is being planned, based on this event. It depicts you as the hero and the dense colony where event took place as a hotbed of illicit activities.

A few civil society members filed a petition in the court for banning its release. They argue that it can prejudice the trial. They are of the opinion that film is far away from reality. Even the posters of the film depict locals as terrorists. They approach you for your moral support.

a) Given that, you know you are the only person who can authoritatively comment on the facts of the event, will you support their cause? Explain. Also discuss the ethical issues in the case.

b) In the hindsight, when you look at that incident, how differently do you think, could you have dealt with the situation? (20 Marks, 250 Words)

The given case involves protest by civil society members against a biopic of mine which depicts locals in a poor light and also affect a subjudice cases.

(a). I will support the civil society members to delay or ban the release of my film because of the following reasons:—

→ The case is subjudice. The biopic will influence judicial & public

opinion.

→ Wrongful portrayal of the residents of an entire locality may prejudice the citizens towards them.

ethical issues

→ Perception of a certain locality by the rest of country may lead to them being branded as terrorists

→ Biopics on subjudice cases seems to be a way of influencing public opinion.

→ Freedom of expression of the movie makers

→ Modern times values of neutrality in a subjudice case.

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(C) What could I have done differently -

→ I should engaged with the residents of the locality to give up the suspect for national security.

→ I should have used methods such as teargas, lathicharge or hosing with water to disperse the crowd.

→ I should have also ensured that my team performed its operation in secret so that locals could not find that we were looking for a suspect.

Thus, the operation could have been dealt in a better manner by me.