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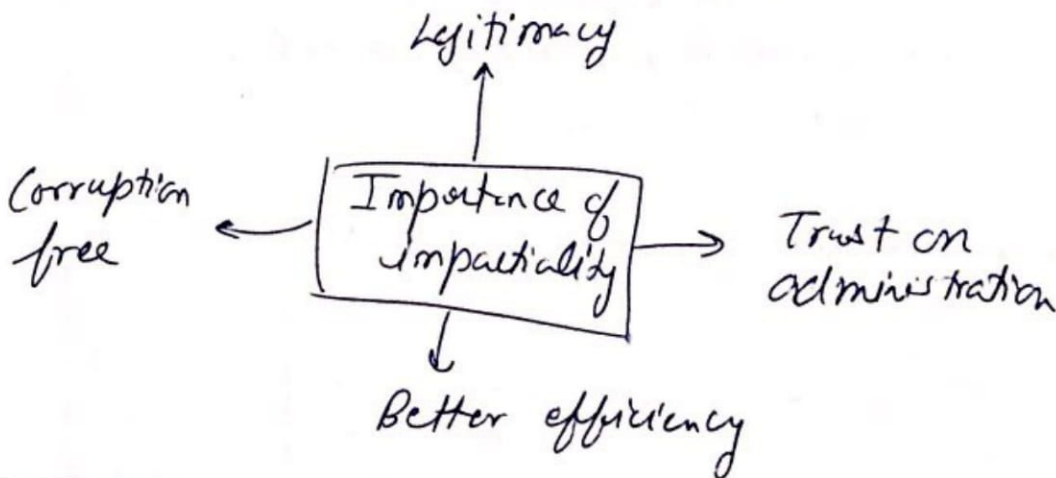


Q.1) (a) Distinguish between impartiality and non-partisanship. How can a public servant remain impartial during conflicts of interest? Explain with examples. (10 Marks/150 Words)

Impartiality means taking decisions purely based on the merits of the case. Impartiality includes objectivity and application of mind. It is a broader term than non-partisanship.

Non-partisanship simply means not favouring any party in the case. It is similar to neutrality. It can be achieved without the application of mind.

Example - While providing the review of a junior civil servant favours candidates who is a friend of his brother. - Partiality



Civil Servants can remain impartial during conflict of interest through -

- Not entering a situation which has conflict of interest. Civil Services Code of Conduct itself says that a p civil servant should not enter these situations.

Eg. While selecting a candidate, interviewer leaves a penal because he knows the person being interviewed.

- If somehow a person enters a conflict of interest situation, then the case should be decided on merits, objectivity.
- Emotional Intelligence application
 - ↳ leadership
 - ↳ interpersonal skills.
 - ↳ Empathy, Compassion etc.

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(b) What do you understand by political attitude? What are the factors that affect one's political attitudes? (10 Marks/150 Words)

Attitude means the learned / acquired predisposition about a certain object to behave in a desirable way.

Political attitude is the attitude towards politics as an object. It is the orientation of people with the political processes. eg. How people participate in political debates, elections etc.

Factors Affecting Political Attitude

- Parents attitude - The attitude of parents greatly influence the child. eg. As politicians are more inclined towards politics, their children would also have positive attitude.
- Media/Social Media - fake news, Television debates also influences the attitude.
- Economic Status - To the surprise, economic status also affects the

political attitude. eg. Poor people are more dependant on government schemes and therefore participate more in politics.

- Legitimacy - If government is by consent of the people then people can participate more. eg. Authoritarianism don't allow people to participate & represent their views.

Thus, Political attitude is affected by many factors. Political attitude is very essential for any society. The Indians are highly inclined towards political system as we see in elections.

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Q.2) (a) What are the sources of ethical guidance? Which is the best according to you and why?

(10 Marks/150 Words)

Ethics is the scrutiny of human actions about their rightfulness or wrongfulness. However, it is not ~~ed~~ just about the scrutiny, it is also about improving the character or making character more ethical. Therefore, ethics is very helpful to build good character.

Source of Ethical Guidance

- Role models/Leaders - Leader like Mahatma Gandhi, Tagore, Vivekananda are source of influence of not for Indians only but all over the world, eg. Gandhi's idea of non-violence, trusteeship etc.
- Observation Learning - When child observes the parents, friends, society is acting in an ethical way. eg. Child sees a person donating money to the poor.
- Laws, Regulations A Constitution.

- Education & Values Learning - Schools can impact ethical values, constitutional values. In fact, schools are first formal socialisation agents.
- Conscience - finally, it is in the conscience where ethical values lie. Socrates has held that knowledge is present in the soul.

Conscience is the best source of ethical guidance. This is so because it provides inner check. This is the first line of defence. If this defence system is perfectly developed then person will be incorruptible. &

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(b) Does dedication to public service mean sacrificing one's personal life? Examine with suitable arguments.

(10 Marks/150 Words)

Public service means serving the interests of society without any regards for personal financial gain or fame.

It is often considered that public service demands sacrifice from the servant. The public servant has to sacrifice his personal life. This conception of public service is often motivated by —

- Leaders like ~~Netaji~~ Gandhi, Modi' are sacrificing or have sacrificed personal life.
- Family, property have corruptible influence.
- Public servant cannot afford to waste time for personal life.

However, this conception is totally wrong. There is no contradiction

between public service and personal life. In fact, if personal life is going well, it will positively influence the performance in public service.

eg. In western countries like USA along with President, there is also an office of first lady.

Thus personal life is important for any personal and it should be balanced with public service through inculcation of values like integrity, objectivity, empathy & emotional intelligence.

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Q.3) (a) Artificial intelligence traditionally focuses on machine intelligence, not on social or emotional intelligence. Is this deficiency a boon or bane for the society?
(10 Marks/150 Words)

Artificial intelligence is extensively gaining importance with the advent of Industrialisation 4.0.

Focus on machine intelligence not on social or emotional intelligence —

- It is impossible (till now) to make the machine learn about emotions & society's working.
- If machines learn emotional intelligence they may give biased output. Which is not required in industrial applications.

[This deficiency is boon or bane]

- Artificial intelligence is to produce better & faster decisions. This emotional intelligence is not required. It should work on objectivity.

- If EI is introduced, machines may develop bad vices of society example learning to differentiate between blacks & whites
- It may be dangerous if machines ~~such~~ develop such intelligence. As they may create their own clones in future.
{ hypothetical but definitely possible }

Thus, social & emotional intelligence is not required so far. They should work without emotions. Also, they should be used only in such areas where social & emotional questions don't arise.

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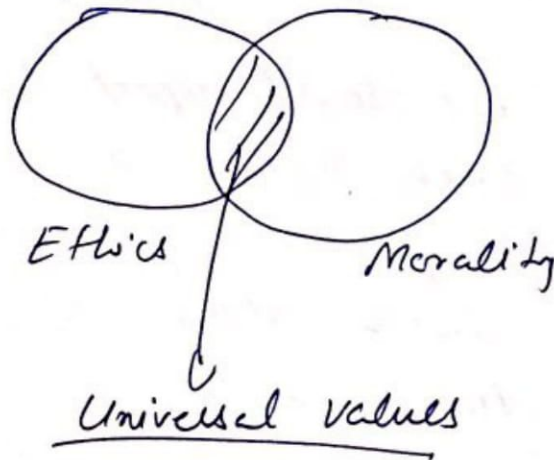


(b) In a clash between ethics and morality, how would you decide on appropriate choice? Substantiate with example.

(10 Marks/150 Words)

Ethics is the scrutiny of human actions from the ^{point of} rightfulness & wrongfulness of actions. Morality is similar to ethics in the way that it also scrutinizes human actions.

However, ethics & morality differ. Ethical values are universal values while ~~the~~ values of morality can be based on preference of societies.



When ethics & morality in conflict

Ethics and morality sometimes come in conflict with each other.

Living Relationships → Ethical but immoral.

Caste System in India → Moral but not ethical.

When ethics and morality are in conflict it is best that we do not reject ~~at~~ anything. Morality & Ethics both are important for the society. Communitarians like Michael Sandels, Michael Walzer believe that every society has its own idea of Justice.

Thus, we should respect diversity and decide on case to case basis whether we should prefer ethics or morality. The relationship between ethics & morality is of unity among diversity.

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(10 Marks/ 150 Words)

Media ethics is simply the application of ethical principles in the working of media.

Foundational values of media

- News should be free and fair.
- Neutrality & non-partisanship.
- News over views.
- Public interest over party's interest.

Media ethics can be inculcated by -

- Proper guidelines & principles to be followed should be enumerated,
- Independent regulatory authority over media.
- Ensuring the moorly limit of Corporate ~~to~~ holdings in media houses.
- In case, Journalists are under

pressure, they there should be procedure to approach the regulator.

- Media should understand its responsibility towards public

Thus proper regulation is necessary. Even if some believe that regulation may compromise independence, however considering media's reach & its impact on society it should be regulated.

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(b) Increased national wealth did not result in equitable distribution of its benefits. It has created only some "enclaves of modernity and prosperity for a small minority at the cost of the majority." Justify.

(10 Marks/150 Words)

India's growth rate in last two decades was exceptional. However, the growth has not trickled down. According to Oxford report, richest 1% corners 73% wealth generated in the country.

India has become the seventh largest country in terms of nominal GDP. India's per capita income is rising. The opening up of market since 1990s allowed MNCs to expand their business in India and this includes foreign MNCs,

On the other hand the lives of poor have not been affected much. The programmes like National food Security act are the proof that still

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millions can not afford to buy the basic minimum necessities. The corruption is rampant in all schemes, programmes etc.

Liberalization also affect the environment negatively. The ~~bad~~ extreme climate change events are affecting the lower classes the most. eg. Cyclones in Gaza affected coastal communities like Aulerma. Forest Rights Act is violated, PESA not implemented & thus tribals are displaced.

Thus, the development strategy needs a review with focus on capacity building of Individuals (Amanthas).

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Q.5) (a) Humanity needs to fall back on the most basic values of empathy and compassion to reshape responses to the global refugee crisis. Analyze the various ethical issues arising out of the refugee crisis faced by world in general and India in particular. Suggest an ethical approach to deal with this situation.

(10 Marks/150 Words)

The world has seen many refugee crisis recently due to intra-state conflicts like Rohingya, Syria or environmental refugees eg. Pacific islands.

Response of Global Community to refugees

- It is evident that people don't want to share the resources with others.
- The state led violence against own people
- Even democratic countries are indifferent eg. India's response to Rohingya, Trump's remarks or Ceroven.

Thus empathy & compassion are lacking.

Ethical Issues

- Rights of refugees in home country.
- Trafficking, sex workers.
- forced labour.
- No one is providing shelter.

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According to one report, India is most vulnerable country in terms of environmental refugees. Also, India is facing refugee influx from other countries like Myanmar.

Ethical approach

- Providing the shelter, food to refugees on an immediate basis to protect them from other vulnerabilities like trafficking.
- Provide work permits in the new country.
- Make citizens of the country aware about the ongoing crisis & motivate them to help.
- Later force the other country to treat its population rightly & allow them to come back.

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