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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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Part - A

Q.1) a) What is virtue ethics? How can a civil servant apply it to tackle day to day problems in public life? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Virtue ethics refers to having good virtues such as discipline, honesty, integrity, wisdom, etc., as the basis of morality.

Important thinkers of virtue ethics involve Socrates, Aristotle (doctrine of mean).

Application in public life

- It upholds the 4Es of public life
 - ↳ Ethos (of public service)
 - ↳ Ethics
 - ↳ Equity
 - ↳ Efficiency (through discipline)
- It helps a civil servant to

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Resolve various ethical dilemmas.

3. It brings compassion and tolerance in public life.

4. It helps in upholding foundational values of public life (Nolan Committee of ^{UK})
 ↳ Selflessness, integrity, Openness, Honesty, Objectivity, leadership, Accountability.

Examples

1. Satyendranath Dubey had virtue of honesty and selflessness → exposed corruption in Golden Quadrilateral Project.

2. Sh. Amit Gupta (IAS) had virtue of empathy → resolved the problem of manual scavenging in Budaun district of U.P. through Dakyo Jalao campaign.
 Thus virtue ethics can be applied successfully in public life.

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b) Compare and contrast Ethical egoism and Ethical Altruism. Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ethical egoism	Ethical Altruism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal biases are at centre of ethical considerations. - may lead to conflicts. - NOT desirable in the long-run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public interest is at the centre of ethical considerations - helps in resolving conflicts - very much desirable

Examples

Mohammad Ali Jinnah
because of his egoism considered himself to be the sole representative of

Nehatma Gandhi
stood for ethical altruism and was open to the interests

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Indian Muslims. He demanded Pakistan as a separate nation for Muslims.

of all sections through his Treatise of "Sarwadaya through Antyodaya"

Thus, it is important to emphasise on mutual altruism.

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Q.2) a) To be effective, leaders must have a comprehensive understanding of how their emotions and actions affect the people around them. Justify. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that the impact lasts in your absence."
- HBD definition of leadership.

An effective leader possesses effective emotional intelligence skills, and can gauge the impact of his/her emotions and actions on others.

Examples

1. Netaji Subash Chandra Bose understood the emotions of prisoners of war and motivated them to form Indian National Army using his emotional intelligence skills.

2. Recently, the collector of Karur District drove ~~his~~ for his driver on the retirement day of me later. In this process, he positively imparted the emotions of his driver.

3. Fateh Singh Rathore (1705) spent few days with the tribals in Ramnambore to convince them to leave the site for Tiger Reserve. Here he understood the impact of his actions on tribals.

Thus, an effective leaders must have a comprehensive understanding of how his/her emotions ~~and~~ and actions impact others.

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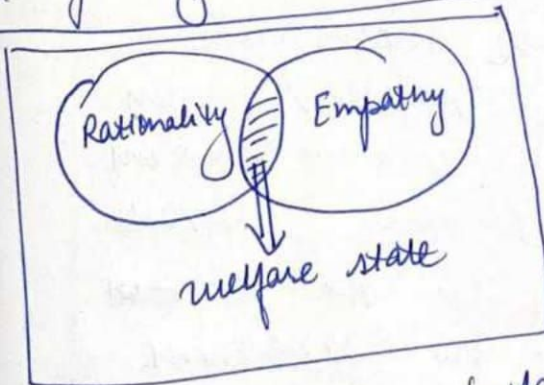
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b) What do you understand by the empathy? Is it always in congruence with rationality and objectivity? Examine. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

"A God-like man is the one who ~~knows~~ knows the pain of others and shares their sorrow."
 - Mahatma Gandhi.

Empathy means understanding the emotions of others by putting ourselves into their shoes.

Empathy : congruence with rationality & objectivity



There may be instances, wherein rationality and objectivity appear

to be at odds with the value of empathy.

For example, an old man comes to a public official for availing subsidised foodgrains. But she doesn't have proper identification document such as Aadhar or Ration Card.

In such a case,

Empathy → calls for relaxing the rules & providing the foodgrains.

Objectivity → calls for denying the benefit as per the rules.

But the true welfare occurs by balancing the two. The incongruence between empathy & objectivity can be removed through creative means.

Example → The official may facilitate the old man to apply for Aadhar and can then provide the foodgrains.

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Q.3) a) "Honest disagreement is often a good sign" - Mahatma Gandhi. What do you understand by this statement in the present day scenario? (10 Marks, 150 Words)

"A 'no' uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a 'yes' uttered merely to please, or worse, to avoid trouble."
- Mahatma Gandhi.

Honest disagreement is a desirable value, particularly in today's scenario.

1. It ensures probity in public life.
2. It ensures effective utilisation of public funds.
3. It promotes harmony and social capital in the society.
4. It minimises cognitive dissonance in an individual.

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5. It ~~also~~ helps in preventing crisis of conscience.

Examples

1. In ADM Jabalpur case (1975), Justice HR Khanna was the lone dissenter to uphold democratic values.
 2. In Sabarimala case, Justice Indu Malhotra dissented with the majority judgement, while upholding religious freedom.
 3. V. Sagarani stood in disagreement with his superiors in enforcing the corruption at IOCL.
- Thus, honest disagreement is a good sign, particularly in the present scenario.

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b) You don't teach morals, ethics, empathy and kindness in the schools. You teach that at home, children learn by example. Discuss the statement with suitable examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

"Mata, Pitah, Guru Deivam"

There are three people who can play a major role in imparting correct moral values among children. They are mother, father and teacher.

Children learn by example from others, rather than just by class-room learning.

Examples

1. Mahatma Gandhi was influenced by the play "Raja Harish Chandra" and incorporated the virtue of truth in his life.

2. If a child sees that parents treat sons better than daughters, then he will adopt a patriarchal attitude.

3. Recently, an advertisement is running on TV where a mother asks her son to learn washing clothes, along with his sister. Such action would inculcate respect for women in him.

4. If a mother emphasises on the values of compassion and empathy, the same will be imparted to her children.

5. If father stands in line over the ATM, the child would also learn the same.

Thus, it is important that children are correctly led by examples so as to impart moral values in them.

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Q.4) There is an increasing belief that the efficiency of the private sector makes a case for privatization of public undertakings. In this context

a) Distinguish between work culture of public and private undertakings (10 Marks, 150 Words)

"Government has no business to be in Business"
- Washington Consensus.

Work culture difference		
Dimension	Public undertakings	Private Companies
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social values - Not completely commercial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial values
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less emphasis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More emphasis on innovation
Motivae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment generation - Balanced regional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Profit - Efficiency

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Inter-personal relations	- More trust-based relations.	- More transactional relations
Governance structures	- Rigid hierarchical	- Flatter structures - Flexibility
Orientation	- Process-centric	Outcome-centric

Thus, there exist considerable differences in the work cultures of public & private organisations.

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b) Critically analyse whether it makes a case for privatization of public undertakings?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

In recent years, the government has been going for disinvestment & privatisation of PSUs. Example in India, Railway catering, etc.

Rationale for privatisation

1. More competition in the industry.
2. Increased efficiency of operations.
3. More revenue for government that can be spent on development in health, education, infrastructure, etc.
4. Reduce losses for the government.
5. Ensures efficient utilisation of public funds.

Criticism

1. ~~Against~~ Amounts to breach of trust, particularly the employees of PSUs, who may lose their jobs.

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2. There exists no concrete rationale for privatising profit-making PSOs (ex:- IOCL, ONGC).

3. Goes against socialistic principles enunciated in Preamble to the Constitution.

Way Forward

Government should stay in those sectors where private sector fails to operate, while privatising those industries where private sector is more suitable such as aviation, telecom, power etc.

There is also a need to uphold the value of trusteeship in private companies as suggested by Mahatma Gandhi.

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Q.5) a) "A man must become dependent in order to become independent." Discuss in the context of personal morality. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Every person seeks independence, but to be truly independent, he/she has to depend on certain things, particularly in the context of ethics at one personal level.

Examples

1. A child has to depend on his parents and teachers to learn moral values.
2. A person has to depend on the laws so as to enjoy true liberty.
3. Any organisation's effectiveness rests on the performance of its employees.

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4. A person depends on religious texts, literature, etc., to adopt an independent thinking and wisdom.

Thus, true independence comes from dependence on certain things, particularly in the content of personal aims.

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