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Part - A

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 focuses on the development of virtues in the person/society. Aristotle had called Golden mean as virtue.

- For Plato virtuous is he who balances courage, wisdom, temperance & justice.
- Thus main aim of virtue ethics is in improving the character of the person.

Application of it in daily life for civil servant

•) The motto of Lal Bahadur Shastri is Sheelam Puram Bhushan i.e. Character is the highest virtue.

↳ A righteous officer who be efficient. Take the extra effort to address the problem of the marginalised. example Armstrong Pame built 100 km road to tribal hamlet with crowd funding

↳ A civil servant with character would

stay away from corruption and uphold integrity
 example ⇒ Ashok khemka.

↳ Virtuous civil servant would be dedicated & be impartial & discharge the duty with courage. example → T.N. Seshan showed Election Commission was powerful despite not being provided legislative explicit powers & ensured free & fair elections.

↳ Daily there are increasing pressure, strikes, demands of Public → a virtuous officer with emotional intelligence will be able to effectively deal with them.
 Therefore virtue truly is fundamental for civil servant.

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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

(i) This school provides the reason that ethical actions are done not for social good solely, but they eventually are important for the individual.

(ii) Self interests cannot be compromised for they are the ultimate cause.

(iii) Example :

• voluntary work in helping civil society clean the nearby environment

Ethical Altruism

(i) This school propounds ethical actions for the good of all.

(ii) Self interests are also up for sacrifice in achieving the goal.

(iii) Example : Voluntary work in the slums & with safai karamcharis & staying with them

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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 an art and leaders hone it. Leaders commonly exhibit the following qualities
→ visionary, courageous, high integrity, high level of emotional intelligence, effective communication skills, charisma to gain trust of the people.

To be effective self awareness, social awareness & managing interpersonal relations are crucial.

↳ Daniel Goleman had said → 80% Emotional Quotient & 20% Intelligence quotient is required for success.

↳ Leaders like Gandhiji were well aware of how their own emotions & actions impacted the people who followed. example.

• Gandhiji never gave up the value of Ahimsa & even during communal riots he went to Noakhali to pacify the situation.

• Like wise Nelson Mandela, knew his

emotions & actions can change the destiny of nation & thus even after spending 27 years in Jail he chose the policy of forgiveness which showed the dividends today.

when leaders are not cognizant of their emotions & actions they lose their aura & people only follow them either due to fear like in case of Stalin or they leave him.

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

Empathy involves imagining oneself in the position of others and trying to understand their emotions & feelings.

- It involves both cognitive as well as an affective part in contrast to sympathy which only has emotional aspect.

importance

- Satya Nadella had said Empathy is at the root of innovation.

• Empathy for civil servants provides extra vigour to go beyond their mandated duties for the interest of down trodden.

6 Lunch with collector' initiative of Sarvesh Kumar or 'compassionate hogikode' of Dr Prasanth.

- 2nd ARC holds Empathy to be a foundational value of civil service.

Is it in congruence with Rationality & Objectivity?

No, as objectivity & Rationality involves rules bound evidence based impartial decisions. They don't allow any favour or affirmative action not in confines of law even towards down trodden.

However applying rationality & with proper understanding of emotional intelligence the dilemma between the two can be resolved.

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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)

Gandhiji considered Honesty as the best policy even if it meant disagreement; such conception is based on the understanding of values like integrity, courage of conviction, crucial in all walks of life.

i.e one must not blindly always conform with the majority narrative.

Sardar Patel had said 'I would prefer a secretary who does not always agree with me?'

Relevance in Present day context

- 1) Raising voice when ones conscience & the commonly accepted agenda are not in sync. for example against cases like jailing journalists under National security act!
- 2) Often people remain quiet when they see moral transgressions in daily life → like discrimination; Honest & Bold disagreement

would help change the attitude.
example ÷ under social pressure not to bow
 in favour of caste discrimination or gender
 discrimination.

3) In the Parliament we see honest disagreement
 over policies are crucial for proper scrutiny
 of government.

thus as Gandhiji had said one
 must not suppress ones conscience & follow
 the crowd for civil disobedience against
 unjust is as much a duty as cooperation
 with good & ∴ honest disagreement is a
 good sign.

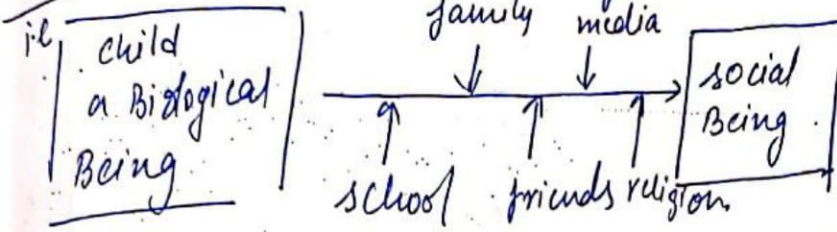
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b) You don't teach morals, ethics, empathy and kindness in the schools. You teach that at home, children learn by example. Discuss the statement with suitable examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

child is like a clay and both school & family are important agents of socialization..



However role of family is crucial as learning by example conditions our minds example

- (1) Family with Democratic rearing practices would lead to building up of inculcations of values like equality, respect to individual dignity.
- (2) Families where there is patriarchal dominance, domestic violence could lead to child developing negative attitude towards women.
- (3) Families where the Parents uphold traffic laws, pay taxes, go to temples/churches would lead to respect to laws, & religion.

(4) Parents who focus on both ends as well as means with greater emphasis on the latter would lead to child in future always being ^{follower of} Righteous path.

Therefore families also the first & most crucial agent of socialization have important role to play to solve the present problems of gender discrimination, caste discrimination etc, and ensuring a democratic reasoned critical thinking is developed parents can do their parts in solving 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)

work culture of any organisation is reflected in the way processes are conducted, targets are set, values upheld.

work culture in Public undertakings:

- Public sector growth post independence was based on the socialistic centralised pattern
- Their exist hierarchy, rigid rules oriented structure.
- Public service and ensuring government (the majority owner) meet its social sector obligations is the driving force.
- High political interference is present.
example → wijit Patel also highlighted his inability to control Public Sector Banks.
- There is secrecy, status quoism & being career band often the emphasis is

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on efficiency is lost
work culture in private sector

- > Profit oriented motive.
- > Focus is on efficiency and laxity is not tolerated.
- > Cut throat competition for ensuring best quality product for its own survival.
- > Technology absorption & use in all sections for optimisation of work.
- > Modern quality human resources & proper grievance redressal mechanism is present.

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

case of Privatisation of Public sector would mean government via the route of disinvestment lose the majority control and ensure private sector to take over management control.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

case for it :

(1) Minimum Governance maximum Governance

this philosophy entails government to exit sectors where private sector has grown matured.

(2) Role has to be as a facilitator in ensuring the resources are optimally utilised.

(3) Many Public organisations are heavily under debt → example Air India has a debt of 52000 cr ₹.

→ The Public sector banks have disproportionately high Non Performing Assets.

(4) Privatization would lead to infusion of technology, best practices & can determine their future!

However \Rightarrow

- 1) Government still needs control over few crucial sectors like Banking to ensure adequate Financial Inclusion.
- 2) Defense to ensure adequate self reliance and that security is not compromised.
Thus - privatisation as stated by government selective should be pushed through expeditiously.

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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)

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Although doors are now open for a woman, at workplace glass ceilings remain. Discuss with reference to societal attitudes towards working women.

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