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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Section A

1. Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil services:

- a) Probity
- b) Service principle
- d) Conscientiousness
- e) Collegiality

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ans

Probity is adhering to highest ethico-moral standards/principles rather than just being honest.

Complex environment for civil servants
 Challenges of maintain integrity
 Probity helps in maintaining one's own self and upholding public interest at any cost.

Service principle : It stresses that civil service is a vocation; a way of life

→ Brings consistency in thought, action and belief

↳ Synergy between personal and professional life/values

→ Work-life balance

→ Service with dignity

c) Conscientiousness is the ability of being governed by conscience and deciding what is right and wrong.

- Balancing law with ethics & values
- Upholding public interest within broader constitutional framework

d) Collegiality is sharing of authority/ power with colleagues as per situation

- Efficient allocation of work
- Effectiveness and equity
- Better work culture and improved team performance

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2. Any discussion on an ethical framework for governance in a democracy must necessarily begin with ethical values in politics. Do you agree? Give justifications

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Ans. Politics is a mechanism which decides who gets what, when and how. It deals with manner of allocation of goods and services among citizens.

The success of mechanism and efficient working will depend on the ethical values of representatives.

ARC II 'in Ethics and Governance report has recommended code of ethics for elected representatives.

It will ensure:

- a) Act as inspiration for bureaucrats to follow ethics in their professional life and Governance.
- b) Leading by example
- c) Steps like Intra-party democracy, Clean money; respecting constitutional values. etc will build confidence in society.

d) Such changes will have permanence and institutionalization of ethics will take place.

Ex:1 - Shashtri Ji resigning after a rail accident \Rightarrow Pressure and motivation for railway officers to improve the situation.

Political parties rejecting CIC order of declaring them public authority

\hookrightarrow Other dept. may start denying information under RTI

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3. What needs to be done to transfer power closer to people so that the decision-making power point is near to the people? Would this increase accountability and ethical governance? Discuss using suitable examples.

Ans.

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ARC in Ethics in Governance report recognised Centralisation of power as major reason of corruption.

Decentralisation of power has been accepted as solution. 73rd/74th amendment aim to transfer power closer to people. Other methods:

- a) Principle of subsidiarity - Only those work which can't be done at local level should be done by state/Union government.
- b) Empowering citizens - RTI, Citizen charter, e-Governance, etc
- c) Awareness and capacity building
- d) Involving Panchayats, local NGO, SHG into development work
- e) Social audit → Actionable accountability

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This is bound to increase accountability and ethical governance!

- Citizen as active stakeholders; not passive recipients
- Sense of ownership and belongingness
- Check and balance of government functionaries

Ex. MKSS (Raj.) - Aruna Roy < RTI Social audit

Forest rights act - Empowered Gram Sabha

↳ Cancelling mining license in Niyamgiri hills

School management committee

↳ Delhi education revolution

Joint forest management, etc

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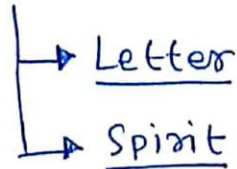


4. How far do you think laws, rules & regulations have been effective in strengthening ethical and moral values in Indian governance system? Analyse with suitable examples.

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Ans

Laws, rules, and regulation have two parts.

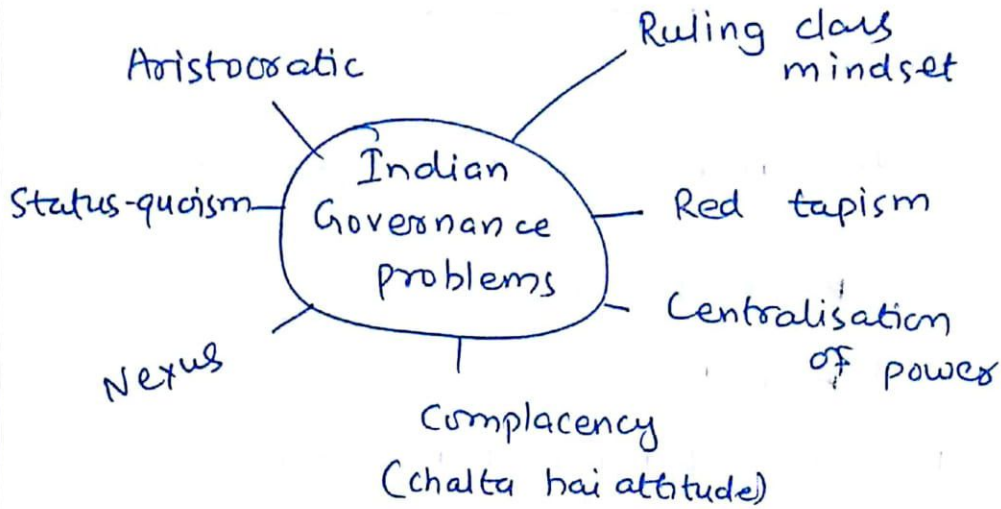


Spirit is the underlying philosophy / guiding principle behind law. This tries to strengthen ethical and moral values for effective application of law.

Ex. RTI act, Citizen charter philosophy / "Citizens are master, and government is servant." It tries



But such examples are rare. Indian administration suffers from status-quoism and excessive orientation to rules and regulation (red-tapism).



This problems are manifestations of failure of law, rules and regulation in inculcating ethical and moral values.

The need is to inculcate such values and uphold them exclusively.

Ex. Integrity along with skill for promotion

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5. a) Analyse Plato's 'Theory of Virtue' in the Indian context.
b) Discuss the significance of Mahatma Gandhi's Talisman for civil servants.

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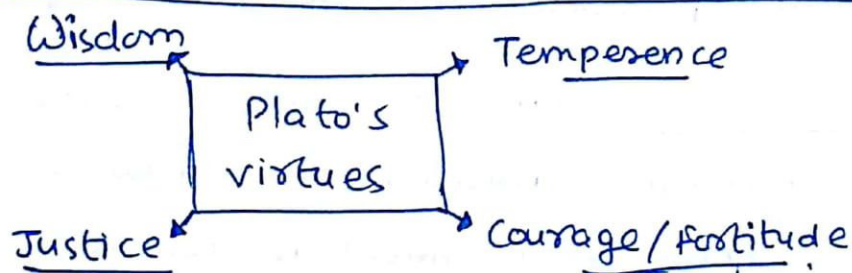
Ans:

Virtue is a quality of having high moral and ethical standards of behaviour.

Ex. Integrity, courage, goodness, etc

Plato's 'Theory of virtue' aim to improve the quality of human conduct and behaviour by cultivating virtues.

The aim is Summum bonum - The highest good.



Indian context:

Indian society is primarily patriarchal. It has vices of prejudice, stereotype, discrimination and bias.

↳ Application of knowledge through common sense (wisdom) and scientific temper should be guiding values.

* ↳ Indian constitution envisages to promote justice ← Social but as Political economic

Plato said - Justice should not only be done but also appear to be done.

↳ Dalit / Minority / women / ST / LGBT hope to get this degree of justice

* Indian civil servant need to show courage to implement law & uphold constitutional values in letter and spirit among pressures and challenging environment.

* Temperance (ability to control behaviour in challenging situation) is crucial as the working environment is demanding and complex.

All the four values are complementary to each other and flow from them. A truly virtuous person will have all the four cardinal values.

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b) Gandhi's Talisman in simple terms says that whenever one finds him/herself in doubt/trouble about his/herself actions, try seeing the face of person at lowest rung of the society. If your action can bring smile on that person's face and improve condition, then ~~that~~ that action is worth doing.

Significance

a) Indian society is highly unequal in terms of resource distribution (Top 1% hold 58% wealth - Ox Fam report)

↳ Talisman ensures Sarvodaya - benefit to poorest of sections.

b) Civil servant faces crisis of conscience during his work due to undue interference and pressure.

↳ Courage of conviction and Talisman help in coming out

c) Civil servants enjoys great level of discretion while allocating public service to citizens.

↳ Guidance by talisman/ conscience is crucial as it keeps them motivated

↳ O.P. Chaudhary, Santewada

↳ Education city

d) Civil servant are agent of change.

That change will be inclusive, broad-based and propour; when guided by talisman.

Talisman has to be followed in synergy will conduct rules and constitutional framework to improve its effectiveness.

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6. Given are two quotations. For each of these bring out what it means to you by giving real life examples.

- a) Discuss the importance of the idea of 'Nishkama Karma' (selfless actions) in the life of a civil servant.
 b) "For a man to conquer himself is the first and noblest of all victories".

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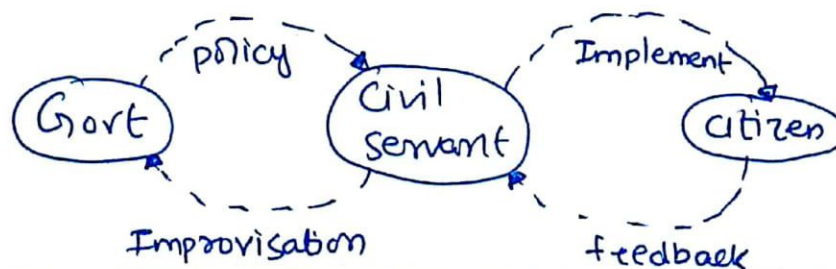
Ans.

Nishakama karma is being detached from the result (Reward/Punishment) of the karma. It's about performing one's duties without thinking of any gratifications.

Nolan committee also recognised selflessness (Nishkama karma) as an important value for civil servant.

Importance for civil servant!

- a) They turn the policies of government into action at ground. They act as link facilitator between citizens and the executive.



They need to do this task anonymously and without thinking of benefits from the executive in return.

- Maintain trust of citizen into administrative machinery
- Neutral and non-partisan nature of bureaucracy is ensured.

2) Similarly, they should not expect thankful attitude from the citizens when allocating public goods. Rather they themselves be thankful for doing their duties.

3) Nishkama karma is crucial for practical implementation of Social contract theory. Otherwise citizen will feel state isn't fulfilling its duties under the contract.

b) An individual is a complex mixture of emotion and intellect. There should be a balance between the two.

Conquering himself means having control over one's emotions, ~~desires~~ and outwardly instincts. It also includes regulating and understanding one's senses for socially desirable behaviour.

Emotional intelligence, self-realization and self-control are crucial for conquering oneself.

Grandhi Ji rightly said "Be the change you want to see in the world" Bringing attitudinal and behavioural change is crucial for everlasting change. It has to start from oneself.

↳ Leaving the habit of eating sugar first, before convincing child,

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Buddha under four noble truth said that desire is the cause of all sufferings. in this world. His Madhyama marg also talks of balancing extremes by conquering desires. Ashtanga marga helps in this.

For civil servants, it becomes crucial as they are the custodians of public purse. If they don't have control over their desire, public interest will suffer.

Ex. Kautilyan Arthashastra talks about 'Arthopadho' test for officials manning treasury. GS-IV ethics for civil servants presently.

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7. a) Does civil service ethics differ from professional ethics or, on the other hand, from personal ethics? Discuss.

b) "Waning ethics in India's corporate sector is not just an economic problem". Discuss.

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Ans

Ethics are being accepted as important constituent of personal, professional and civil service life. They help in improving the quality of human conduct and achieve Summum bonum.

Various ethics :- Sports ethics, Bio-ethics, Medical ethics, etc have gained prominence.

But civil service ethics are different from all.

- a) They are guardian of public purse
- b) They enjoy discretion for public welfare.
- c) Transform policy into action
- d) Link between government and citizen
- e) Improve efficiency of govt. program and ensure Good governance.

They may have commonality with professional ethics (as civil

service is also a profession) and personal ethics (as they are also individuals before being a civil servant).

This ensures a consistency between thought, belief and action as the personal values are not in conflict with civil service values.

Certain values are universal values which are common to all professions and humanity.

Ex. Love, Care, Empathy, Compassion, Tolerance, Human dignity, etc

Unique civil service values - Anonymity, neutrality, Non-partisanship, etc are ensured through conduct rules.