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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Section - A

Q.1) a) What is Attitude? How does Attitude influence our thoughts and behaviour? Explain giving examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

Attitude is learned
 predisposition to behave towards an object.
 It is generally believed to be acquired
 via the process of socialisation.

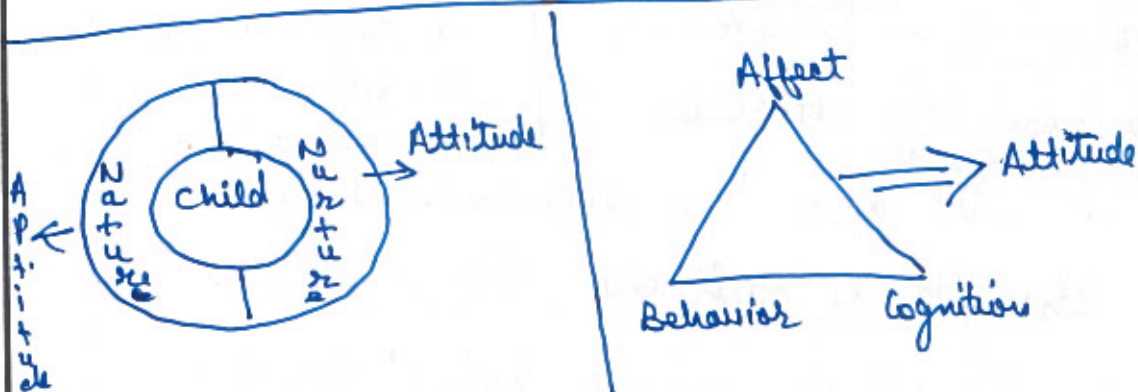


Chart 1: Nature and Nurture

Fig: ABC Model

Attitude influences
 thoughts and behaviour in manifold
 ways.

If a person has positive

disposition towards nationalism then he will think positively about the country. His thought process will be full of ~~positive~~ patriotism. For eg:- Subhas Chandra Bose refused to translate a passage which said negatively about.

Similarly behaviour of a person is influenced by attitude.

Case Study
La Piere
conducted experiments to show Attitude behaviour link

But it will also be determined by the strength of attitude. For instance the same patriotic person joined freedom struggle.

Relevance in administration while testing a person's future behaviour Ethics paper checks attitude by putting person in time constraint.

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b) Identify various ethical issues related to genetic manipulation of human DNA. What is India's stand on DNA manipulation technologies? What is your opinion on the ethicality of human DNA manipulation? (10 marks, 150 words)

Recently claim of a Chinese scientist about human cloning has ignited ethical debates around the issue.

Ethical Issues related to genetic manipulation of Human DNA

- ① It is seen as man playing God where DNA of humans are modified (Religious argument).
- ② Research in DNA will help in removing various deadly genetic diseases so is seen by scientists as for greater good of mankind.
- ③ The technology is not full proof therefore it is associated with accountability argument if it goes wrong.

India's Stand

- i) It allows manipulation of somatic cell DNA that too as per the guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research.
- ii) Germ Cell DNA mutation is not allow - (Manipulation)

According to me DNA manipulation should be done for betterment of humanity. It should be used to relieve the suffering of many. However cloning of man serves no human purpose. It creates issues of confusion and family conflicts. Designer babies will create inequalities.

As Gandhiji considered science without humanity a ~~deadly~~ deadly sin so genetic germ cell mutation should be restricted.

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Q.2) a) Why do you think despite rising education and awareness crime against women is rising and becoming more gruesome day by day? What steps can be taken to bring about an attitude change in public towards women? (10 marks, 150 words)

Nirbhaya rape case shook collective conscience of Indians but still the crimes continues.

Despite rising literacy (74% of population as per Census 2011) and awareness crimes against women are rising because:-

- ① There is commodification of women via media example Advertisement of deodorants and cars depicting women as commodities.
- ② There is huge gap in sex ratio in country. This creates differences in number of males and females.
- ③ The laws for women protection are not being implemented on the ground

For eg Sexual Harassment of women at workplace Act not implemented.

④ Criminals laws provide for death penalty so crime perpetrator decides to kill the victim.

Steps that can help in change in attitude of public towards women are:-

i) Gender related minor crimes like eve teasing should be proactively prevented and remedied.

ii) spread awareness and persuade people to change attitude. Eg: Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

iii) Media should take responsibility to not commodify women.

Article 51A of Constitution

makes respecting dignity of women a fundamental duty which we should all do.

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b) "A country that demands moral perfection in its foreign policy will achieve neither perfection nor security" n Henry Kissinger. Do you agree with this view point? Discuss various contemporary ethical issues involved in international relations and utility of moral principles in international affairs. (10 marks, 150 words)

Henry Kissinger was a firm believer in realism. He advocated that a country should stick to its national interests in foreign affairs.

However I disagree with this view because:-

- ① There are multiple institutions like UN, WHO which promote morality in international relations (IR)
- ② Moral principles are critical for solving common Global issues eg Global Commons, Human rights etc.
- ③ Soft power depends on morality.

In the contemporary world we have many ethical issues

dominating the debates such as:-

- i) Climate Emergency and responsibilities of the Developed world. They have historical responsibility for damaging climate and should give loss and damages.
- ii) Some nation states like Pakistan are using terrorism as state policy against India.
- iii) There are debates around foreign funding and NGO Colonialism.

Moral principles help to resolve global conflicts in IR. They also help to ensure that global commons are not destroyed. Finally they lay foundation for International dialogue eg one of 5S strategy of Panchsheel is Samvad.

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Q.3) a) In the context of rising corporate frauds evaluate the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's concept of trusteeship. (10 marks, 150 words)

Commerce without morality is a deadly moral sin. Despite that corporate frauds are on rise in India as seen in Nireav Modi Case, Vijaya Malaya, ICICI and many more.

In the present context relevance of Gandhiji's Trusteeship concept holds the way forward. According to Gandhiji Managers of the company hold a position of Trust. They earn profits and keep them for the welfare of employees and society in general.

Presently the idea of

Compassionate Capitalism given by Narayan Murthy is on similar lines. The company should be managed in way that ensures triple bottom line of profit, people and planet.

As a Trustee company should use the gains of company for the benefit of society. The Corporate Social

Responsibility rules are for this only.

For eg ITC's eChoupal has empowered farmers.

Leaders of company should ensure that it works in an ethical way for the good of greatest numbers.

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b) "Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." In light of this statement, explain the difference in role of leaders and managers. Why is leadership quality important in a civil servant? Discuss with example. (10 marks, 150 words)

Leadership is the quality to guide others towards a goal. While management is efficient means adoption to achieve goals. The two are different

Leaders

1. They guide the people to achieve a target set by them.
2. They inspire people by their charisma.
3. They set the right goals for an organisation
eg PM Modi's goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat

Managers.

1. They manage the people to achieve targets in time bound way.
2. They control the people via various techniques like incentives.
3. They help achieve target of organisation
eg Adar Poonawala of Serum Institute.

For a civil servant leadership quality is critical because:-

- 1) It is foundational value of civil services. Nolan Committee also talks about it.
- 2) Civil servants have to ensure development of the common people. This requires leadership eg Compassionate Kozhikode of Prashant Nair
- 3) They have to deal with crisis situation such as COVID-19 pandemic. They should take actions urgently For eg Tina Dabi took firm action in Bhilwara district.

Leadership should be promoted in Civil Servants on line with Kiran Aggarwal Committee recommendation

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Q.4) a) Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil services:
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

1. Bureaucratic anonymity
2. Emotional intelligence
3. Courage of conviction
4. Selflessness

1. Parliamentary system of democracy is based on bureaucratic anonymity. Here the civil servant works ~~behind the~~ ^{away from} public eye and all responsibilities and credit are given to the minister.

This reduces Minister civil servant conflict and ensures they work in tandem. For eg:- Finance Secretary plays key role in Budget preparation but Finance Minister is questioned on Budget.

2. Emotional Intelligence is awareness and management of one's emotions and others to achieve desirable goals.
Civil servants work in

complex environment with work load and threats putting immense stress. They have to take care of themselves along with the concern of weaker section. For eg Taking on illegal land mania will result in stress and EI competent civil servant will handle it properly

3) Courage of conviction is having faith in one's value system despite adverse circumstances. For a civil servant it helps to resist pressures.

For eg refusing Minister to give fudged data to media.

4) Selfless is working without concern for one's personal interests. It requires a Civil servant to work for public interest.

For instance avoiding conflict of interest and work for public

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b) Dharma is a unique concept in Indian philosophy which encompasses all the ideas of western philosophical schools. Discuss. Also, explain what dharma means to you?
(10 marks, 150 words)

Dr S Radhakrishnan felt that Dharma is a unique concept in Indian philosophy.

Dharma encompasses all ideas of Western philosophical schools.

① Dharma is for the greater good of the society. It is akin to Summum Bonum.

② Dharma requires that duty should be followed for its own sake. It is similar to deontological Categorical Imperative of Immanuel Kant.

③ Dharma ensures greatest good of greatest number of people. This is similar to the Utilitarian philosophy.

Dharma for me means a moral duty towards the society. It means that I follow the values enshrined in Preamble and Constitution knowing eleven fundamental duties of Article 51A and implementing in real like for example striving for excellence in all fields and respecting dignity of women.

Following Dharma can help us turn India into a 'Vishwa Guru'. Being vocal for local is also one aspect of it in contemporary times.

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Q.5) Given below are quotations of moral thinkers/ philosophers/psychologists. For each of these, bring out what it means to you in the present context.

a) "Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true." - Vivekanand (10 marks, 150 words)

Vivekanand emphasized on the need to be aware about multiple ways ~~same~~ a truth can be communicated. Saying a truth different doesn't make it false. For instant we have multiple religions in our society such as Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism etcetra. They have Gods by different names i-e. Bhagwan, Allah, Jesus Christ, Guru Nanak respectively. However all emphasise on similar moral values. They all ask you to be compassionate to vulnerable

sections of society . Lead a life of integrity and fear from wrongdoing.

In contemporary times truth is being distorted by Fake news. In fact the same thing is presented differently by media. Terrorist attacks is shown as bad by all media. But the way it is told is different. This doesn't mean it can be justified

For the welfare of poor people we say use different means like DBT or providing skills but central element is to alleviate pain of poor.

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b) "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful."
(10 marks, 150 words)

The present quote emphasises on the relevance of Integrity and knowledge for the society.

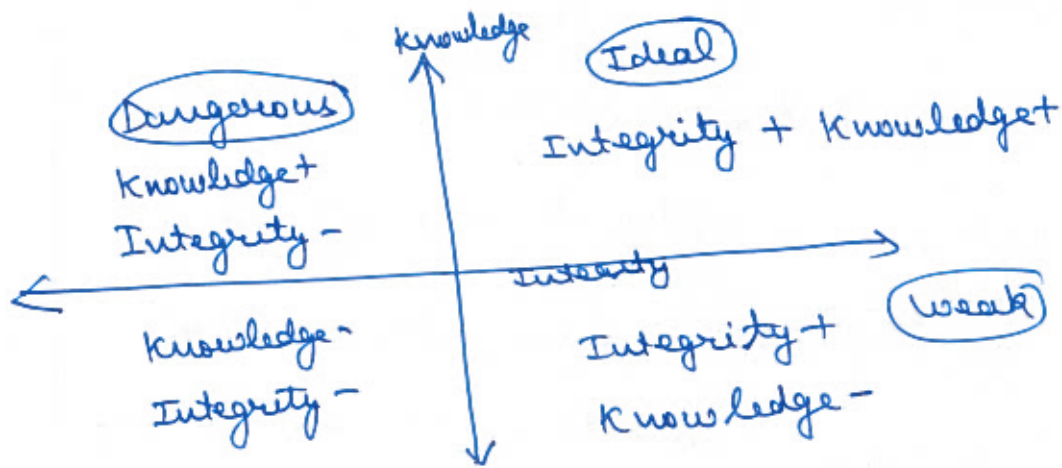


Fig: Integrity and Knowledge Spectrum

Integrity is doing the right thing each time. It is having good moral principles and implementing them. Knowledge is the skill set a person has.

In the present world

the technology has enabled

people to have extraordinary skills. However without integrity it can be dangerous For example Osama Bin Laden was well read engineer yet he committed gruesome act of terrorism.

Integrity alone may be weak and useless without requisite skill sets. For instance During the event of floods a person wants to save a drowning child but doesn't know swimming.

In ~~the~~ Public administration both must be promoted. Knowledge is being enhanced by Mission Karmayogi. At the same time Civil Services Code with Integrity parts can promote Integrity

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Q.6) a) What is Righteousness. Why is morality and conscience important for a civil servant?
(10 marks, 150 words)

Righteousness is following the honest and ethically correct pathway in life.

It requires that a person works for the society and doesn't get fixated to immoral personal aggrandisement eg Corruption. In fact righteousness is hallmark of a moral person as quoted by Confucius: -

↳ Mind of moral being is conversant with righteousness and that of immoral person will self gain'

For a civil servant morality and conscience are very important: -

① They have to perform the

Welfare functions eg. giving food to the hungry. Righteous civil servant will ensure that food reaches the right beneficiary.

- ② ~~The~~ civil servants enjoy wide discretion. They should use it for public interest. For eg. Making policies which should empower vulnerable and not crony capitalists.
- ③ They are ^{immense} pressure eg political _{under} pressure. To resist it for welfare of country would require conscience.

In fact morality and ethics permeate all foundational values of civil servants such as compassion, Dedication to public service etc.

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b) What do you understand by probity in governance? In what ways does probity ensure public's trust in administration? (10 marks, 150 words)

Probity means proven integrity.

Probity in governance is procedural uprightness of the government irrespective

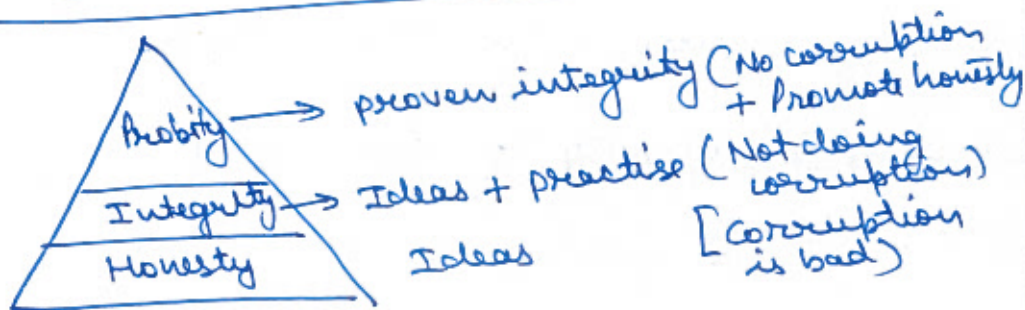


Fig 6 (C). 1: Relationship of Probity

of the person manning the institution.
According to National Commission for Review of Constitution absence of corruption is prerequisite for probity in governance.

Probity ensures that public maintain's a trust in administration

in following ways:-

① Probity requires that one should not only be honest but also declare it to all and promote it. This way public gets aware about honesty of administration.

② Probity reduces corruption. This improves the quality of services to the public which further increases the trust.

③ Probity will ensure that administration will work for common people and public interest rather than crony capitalists. This will make public feel valuable.

Promotion of probity will

require both values and institutions like Lokpal.

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c) Examine various issues related to utilization of public resources. Also discuss the role of ethics in resolving these issues. (10 marks, 150 words)

Whether Government borrows for the budget or uses taxes it is all taxpayers money. This means that public resources should be utilised ~~for~~ as a Trustee of the public.

The various issues related to utilization of public resources are:-

① Misutilisation of resources: The subsidy is utilized by the well to do. For eg. according to Economic Survey power subsidy is utilised by rich farmers (bounties to the well-off)

② Public resources are used by civil servants for their personal use. For example newspapers report

a DC (Rashmita Pande) spending money in excess on DC residence.

③ Public Resources remain underutilised
eg: land available to PSUs, Nisbhaya Fund

Ethics can help resolve these

issues in following ways—

i) Civil Servants should spend money as they spend their own money as per General Financial rules. This will reduce wastage.

ii) Compassion for poor should guide policy making. Therefore social spending should be increased.

Article 39(b) 39(c) also

asks for utilitarianism and ensuring no concentration of wealth occurs.

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Section - B

Q.7) You are civil servant who is allocated the task of maintenance of law and order in an area affected by farm bills protests. The local farmers in the area are seeding with anger against the introduction and passage of the three farm bills by the government and have staged mass protests which led to a law and order situation in the area. When your team reaches the affected area, the people there heckle and even assault some of your team members, resulting in severe injury to one of them. Fearing threat to their lives, other team members appeal you to call off the operations.

- a) How will you respond in such a situation?
b) Which qualities in a civil servant will help in effective management of such a crisis?
(20 marks, 250 words)

Article 19 gives freedom of speech and expression to every citizen. It allows for peaceful protests. However there are reasonable restrictions on it like public order.

Aforementioned case studies shows conflict between freedom of speech and security interests.

(a) In the present case I

will be guided by

- ① Duty to maintain law and order
- ② Compassion to farmers.
- ③ Ensuring their rights are protected

My response will be: —

Step 1: Provide first aid to the team members who have been injured.

Step 2: Using loudspeakers to announce that people should not take law and order in their hand.

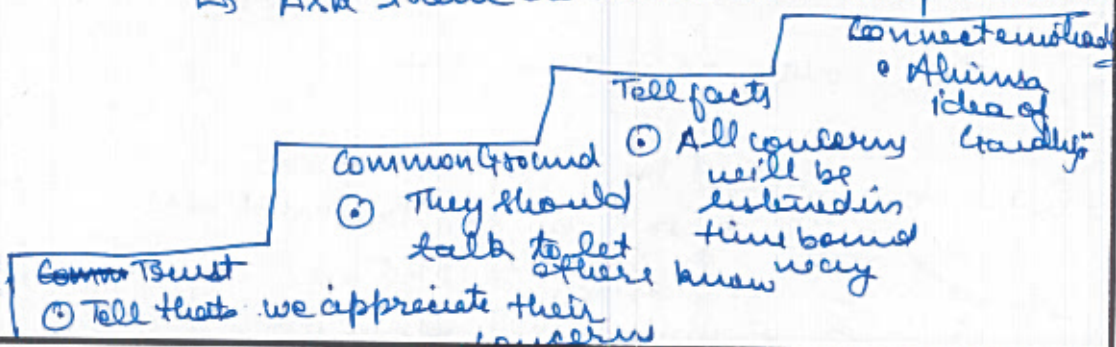
Step 3: Motivating Team members to fork for their duty. This can be done by telling them that we should do Nishkama Karma. It is our duty to work in such circumstances. Then only the society sleeps peacefully.

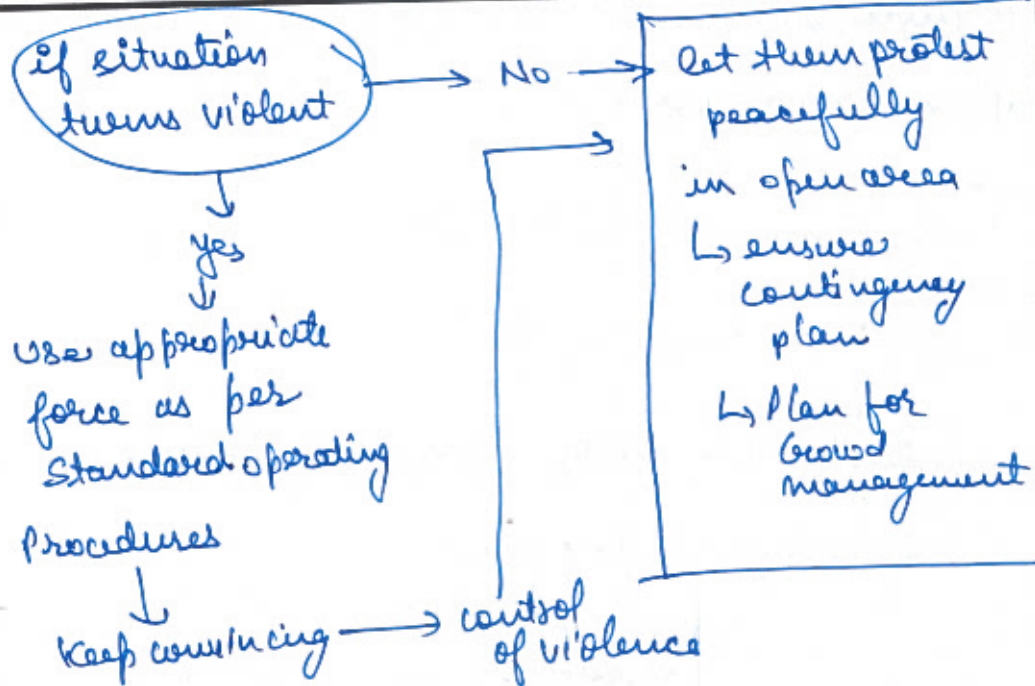
Step 4: Persuade farmers to

↳ Stop arson

↳ Move to a open place to protest peacefully

↳ Ask them to talk to the representatives





b) The qualities which will help in effective management of such situation are!-

- (i) Leadership to convince team members to continue their duties.
- (ii) Emotional Intelligence to manage one's own emotions and work without illwill and anger.
- (iii) Persuasion skills to convince farmers to be peaceful. This

requires knowledge of who says what to whom framework:

- iv) Dedication to public service.
- v) Faith in rule of law.
- vi) Doing one's duty for duty sake (Nishakama Karma).

Resolving a problem of public disorder like protests requires cooperation of police and administration. Dissent in it has been termed as safety valve of democracy by Justice Chandrasekhud.

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Q.8) You are a police officer recently posted as an ACP, in the city of Bangalore. A global pandemic has spread across the world. The pandemic has been traced to China. In the aftermath of this information, there has been an unprecedented surge in acts of racial discrimination against people with East Asian and Mongoloid facial features. The brunt of this is being borne by several Indian citizens hailing from North East India with cases ranging from social media campaigns, cyber bullying to physical heckling and abuse.

In your city, there has been a recent attack on a group of people hailing from Assam in a local vegetable market. This has resulted in massive protests and roadblock by people from the North East.

There is fear among the people with rumours of violence. As a result, many North East students have already started to rush back to their homes amid the double whammy of racially motivated crimes and pandemic spread. The situation has the potential to fuel a mass exodus of people, amidst the pandemic. Under such a situation, answer the following.

- What do you understand by the term 'prejudice' and 'stereotype'? What are the reasons behind them?
- Analyze the situation at hand. As a police officer, what strategy will you adopt to prevent the situation from escalating?
- What long term measures are needed to fight problem of racial discrimination.

(20 marks, 250 words)

The present COVID pandemic has brought the worst of mankind and also the best of mankind. On the one hand COVID warriors like Doctors, police are working day and night. There are people who are resorting to Xenophobia.

The present case study highlights the bad elements of human nature.

- (d) Prejudice is judging a person ~~with~~ without actually knowing them completely. Stereotype is putting labels on a group about their nature and characteristics.

Reasons behind wide prevalence of prejudice and stereotypes are :-

- (i) Absence of complete information eg. about origins of SARS COV-2.
- (ii) Presence of Fake News especially via social media.
- (iii) Lack of avenues to interact with people different race, religion and caste.
- (iv) Caste system creates prejudices
- (v) Sons of soil creates divisions among

against outsiders. Sometimes politicians frame the situation.

b) Analysis of the situation.

↳ Constitutional right of people of North East

to (i) Reside ~~every~~ anywhere in country

(ii) FR of profession under Article 19

(iii) Right against discrimination

↳ Roadblocks goes beyond the idea of peaceful protest. It hampers the rights of those using the road.

↳ Tackling social media in such situation is difficult.

↳ Ensuring social distancing in such situation
As a police officer, I will

follow following strategy

1. Give a number which will act as one stop solution where people of North East can ask for information.
2. Wide announcement that police will ensure protection of all the people.

One way to counter fake news is providing true news more frequently.

3. Taking strict and exemplary action against malicious elements.
4. Make contingency plan to prevent violence from erupting.
5. Coordination with administration and railways.

c) Long term measures to fight racial discrimination

:-

- ① Promote community policing
- ② Media should promote culture of all regions so that people are aware about each other.
- ③ Promote sports as suggested by Bezbaruwa Committee
- ④ Increase interaction by Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat scheme.

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Q.9) Ramesh has been posted as the DM of one of the poorest and most drought prone district of India. A newspaper prints a story of a poor man who was forced to sell his daughter for five thousand rupees. Ramesh starts an investigation in the story and finds that the story is correct. He directs the police to lodge a formal FIR. Ramesh summons that family and enquires why they sold their daughter. The poor father tells him that due to repeated crop failures they were on the verge of starvation and he sold off his daughter to ensure the survival of the other children. Had they not sold her off, the entire family including that girl would have died of starvation. The father tells Ramesh that with the little cash, which he got by selling his daughter, he can restart agriculture on the small piece of land that he owns to ensure bright future for his other children. Now if Ramesh takes a strong action against the father, then the entire cycle will be repeated i.e., the land will remain fallow, money will be used for fighting the court case and the family may be forced to sell another child. Ramesh also has a daughter and he is unable to understand what he should do in this situation.

- What are various ethical issues involved in the case from the perspective of various stakeholders?
- Evaluate different options available with Ramesh. If you were in Ramesh's position, what would you have done? (20 marks, 250 words)

Constitution of India under
Article 23 abolishes human trafficking. It
also provides right to life with dignity under
Article 21.
The present case study exposes the
perilous position of poor children. They are
brought and sold even in 21st century.

② The various ethical issues
involved are: —

Girl who was sold

1. She has been used as a means to get money. According to Immanuel Kant Humans have dignity and selling and buying them is unethical.
2. She will be under constant oppression throughout her life.

Girl's father

1. Has conducted immoral act of selling his daughter. He would have guilt.
2. Has to earn livelihood of family.

Ramesh

1. What will he tell to his daughter about the society we live in?
2. How to ensure that the girl is rescued?
3. How to resolve dilemma of choosing between utilitarian school and Deontology.

Society

1. People dying of starvation despite FCI godowns full of wheat and rice.

b) Different options available are

Option 1 : Take strict action against the girl's father

Evaluation : This will deter him from doing such act again in future. The human values of the girl would be respected. However he may face starvation again

Option 2 : Leave the father to his situation so that he can earn money to live

Evaluation : This option is immoral one. The father has no certainty that next year he will get sufficient money. Then again he may resort to same action. It denies the girl her right to live with dignity.

Option 3 :- Take strict action against father and ensure that benefits of government schemes like PDS should reach the family.

Evaluation: This option saves conscience of DM. It will ensure father doesn't repeat. Family will get food.

It would follow option 3.

At the same time I will unearth the racket involved in human trafficking.

Reason Human life is precious. Their trafficking is crime against humanity. Only when these rights are respected can be talk to our children directly.

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Q.10) You have been appointed as the marketing manager of a big pharmaceutical company. The company is going to launch a new slimming drug. Your team has designed an advertisement for the drug showing unrealistic body transformation in a very short amount of time. You know that the shown body transformation from fat to fit is not possible by this drug. You are not happy with the advertisement but the CEO of the company likes it. When you discuss this issue with the CEO, he tells you such advertisement is necessary for selling of this drug. You are still unsatisfied.

- a) Identify different ethical issues involved in the case.
b) What are the different options that are available with you? Evaluate each of these options. Also suggest most suitable course of action. (20 marks, 250 words)

Consumer Protection Act 2019

gives consumers a right to accurate information.
Giving them false information goes against the rights of consumers.

(a) Different ethical issues involved are:-

① Some values have been neglected by

CEO

(i) Honesty is not there.

(ii) Unfair advertising goes against

Business ethics.

(iii) Unfair Trade practices.

② Conflicting values

(i) Conscience versus commitment to organisation's growth.

(ii) profit of company versus rights of ~~the~~ customers.

(b) Different options available to me are

Option 1: Go as per the advice of CEO

Merit

- * Being good in eyes of CEO
- * Company will grow

Demerit

- * Crisis of conscience
- * Consumer rights violated

Option 2: ~~Writing disagreement letter to~~
 Persuading the CEO to change his opinion by telling about the law of land and ethics.

Merit

- * Consumer rights protected
- * Conscience values are satisfied

Demerit

- * CEO may not get convinced

Option 3: Resign from organisation

~~Option 4: Whistleblowing to media~~

Merit
* Saved from
visits of conscience

Demerit
* Family may suffer
due to loss of
employment

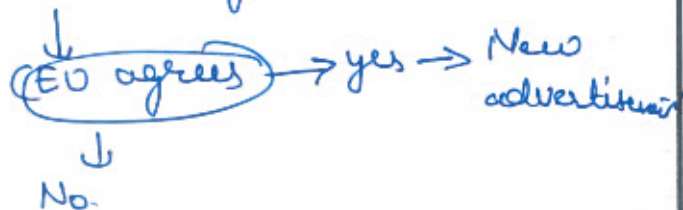
Option 4: Whistleblowing to Media

Merit
* Conscience preserved
* Customer rights
protected.

Demerit
* may face harassment

Most Suitable Course of
Action

① Talk to CEO and try persuading
him to ~~stop~~ not indulge in
immoral marketing



② Write down your disagreement about the decision which would detail all argument for dissent.

Reason

~~Resigns~~ Resigning from organisation will not solve any problem. Persuasion will be key to the success of achievement of desired result. If CEO gets convinced then it will ensure that company follow ethical advertising.

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Q.11) After clearing the prestigious civil services examination, you have been posted as the SDM in one of the districts in northern India. Government has announced plotting and auctioning of land for development of real estate projects and you have been made responsible for the same. Land lies in the outskirts of the district. A new highway project is also under consideration for construction which will pass near the area suggested for development of real estate project. But the information regarding the highway project is confidential and not available in the public domain. When land is auctioned a large number of plots are bought by the relatives of a minister from the area. You suspect that the minister has leaked the information regarding road construction to his relatives. You discuss the matter with your senior. He tells you that it is a common case and you should not interfere in this case. He advises you that if you interfere in this matter the minister can ruin your career and can also cause your personal harm.

- a) Identify different ethical issues involved in the case.
b) What are different options available with you and what will you do in such circumstance? Justify your course of action. (20 marks, 250 words)

Probity is a ~~key~~ foundational
value of civil services.

a) Ethical issues involved.

1. Corruption

2. Conscience versus loyalty

3. personal interest versus public
interest.

4. ~~Heeding~~ Heeding to voice of
Conscience

b) options available

- ① Accept senior advice
- ② whistleblowing under whistleblower Act
- ③ Leak the details to media.

My course of action would

be
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~~be~~ Whistleblowing under whistleblower Act.

Justification

1. Corruption is greatest threat to good governance.
2. I will heed to the voice of conscience
3. Leaking to media goes against AIS

Conduct rules :

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Q.12) You are an SP in a district. In your district a road accident took place recently, where a car has crushed and killed three people who were sleeping on the footpath. The driver of the car is absconding since the time of the accident. Upon investigations, the investigators were told by some witnesses that the car was driven by the son of a local minister. On further investigation, it was found that the son of minister was returning from a party and he may have been drunk. The next day, driver of the minister comes forward, takes the responsibility of the accident and surrenders before the police. The witnesses changed their statements and are now claiming that they could not identify the driver. The whole situation is making you sceptical about the confession and you suspect that witnesses have been tempted or threatened to change their statement. As the investigation is progressing, political pressure to shut down the investigation is also increasing.

a) Identify different ethical issues involved in the case.

b) What would be your course of action? Justify.

(20 marks, 250 words)

a) Ethical issues involved are

SP

1. Following rule of law
2. How to ensure justice is done when witness turns hostile.

Witness

3. Huge political pressure
1. Under threat to life or under monetary allurements decides to change the statement

State

1. Rule of law not respected
2. Society following Matsya Nyaya that is might is right

b) Course of Action

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witness protection to the witness

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use modern means of investigation to find out eg search CCTV videos to identify the driver

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Talk to other witnesses and persuade them to act morally.

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Mentor Feedback Questions

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Test Goal

- 1
- 2
- 3

Outcomes

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Marking Scheme

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10 Marker	3.75 – 5.0	3.0 – 3.5	< 3.0
15 Marker	5.75 – 7.0	4.0 – 5.5	< 4.0
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