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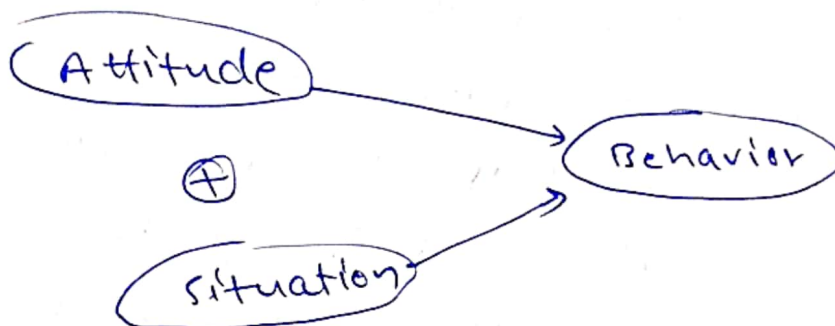
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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 tendency to act in, a particular way against a person, place, idea or event



Attitude influence our behavior in both positive and negative sense, but it is not always that attitude influence behavior
eg:- one having positive attitude towards sachin Tendulkar develops a behavior to watch cricket regularly thus attitude influence cricket behavior

eg:- ~~A~~ A person with corrupt attitude may not take bribe when being watched thus Attitude not influencing behavior

Attitude also influences our thoughts eg:- A person who have positive attitude towards women empowerment will have thoughts like patriarchy is wrong and women are equal in all aspects to men while a person with negative attitude towards god will say that he does not exist

"A positive attitude can do more miracles than any wonder drug"

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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)

Bioethics is a field ~~with~~ which deals with the advances in field of biology and their ethical aspects.

Ethical Issues

- ① It is against law of nature to tinker with evolution
- ② Designer babies in future may lead to more inequalities
- ③ It may lead to more harm than good by disturbing ecological balance

India's stand

- ① It allows DNA manipulation in somatic cells for the purpose of research only in labs

- ② Germline editing is banned for research too
- ③ In extreme cases when there is no cure available, can it be used as last ~~stage~~ resort

My opinion

It is a promising technology which can fight many evils like microbial resistance, terminal illnesses and birth defects but at the same time we need to monitor its ~~change~~ progress and debate on all the ethical aspects before approving any technology like CRISPR-Cas9

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Q2) a) Why is 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)

According to NCRB, more than 40% of crimes against women are done by their families despite literacy rate being 74.7.

Reasons

- ① women are asserting their rights which are opposed by the old patriarchal mind thus leading to conflicts
- ② It may be possible that crimes are not rising but their reporting has risen due to women empowerment
- ③ slow judicial process which denies them enforcement, "Justice delayed is justice denied", this emboldens the perpetrators

Steps

- ① value based education :- at the early ~~et~~ stage when it is easy to mould children
- ② sensitization in schools :- like team exercise with both girls and boys as well as seating together rather than in divisions
- ③ Fear of laws by assuring the Certainty of the punishment thus fast track courts can be set
- ④ use of media and celebrities to persuade people to respect women

India has always worshipped women goddesses and we must continue it now also

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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)

moral perfection in foreign policies may lead to too idealistic policies which then has the vulnerability to be exploited by other players in international arena

what is needed ~~is~~ is a pragmatic and constructive foreign policy than a idealist or realist foreign policy taking ~~the~~ Buddha's middle path approach

Ethical issues and utility of moral principles

- ① Respecting territorial sovereignty ~~is~~ has a potential to ensure peace globally but it is violated time and again eg:- Recent China's invasion in Ladakh or USA's invasion in Iraq

- ② Common but differentiated responsibilities :- can ensure ~~to~~ effective fight against climate change but USA has withdrawn from PCA(2015) and other countries ~~are~~ are not giving \$100 bn aid
- ③ Fair trade :- could lead to ~~deve~~ inclusive development but practices like dumping, current devaluation by china are ethical issues
- ④ Foreign aid :- could eradicate poverty around the world but misuse of it like debt trap by china's BRI are unethical
- Countries should come together to a consensus on ethical principles

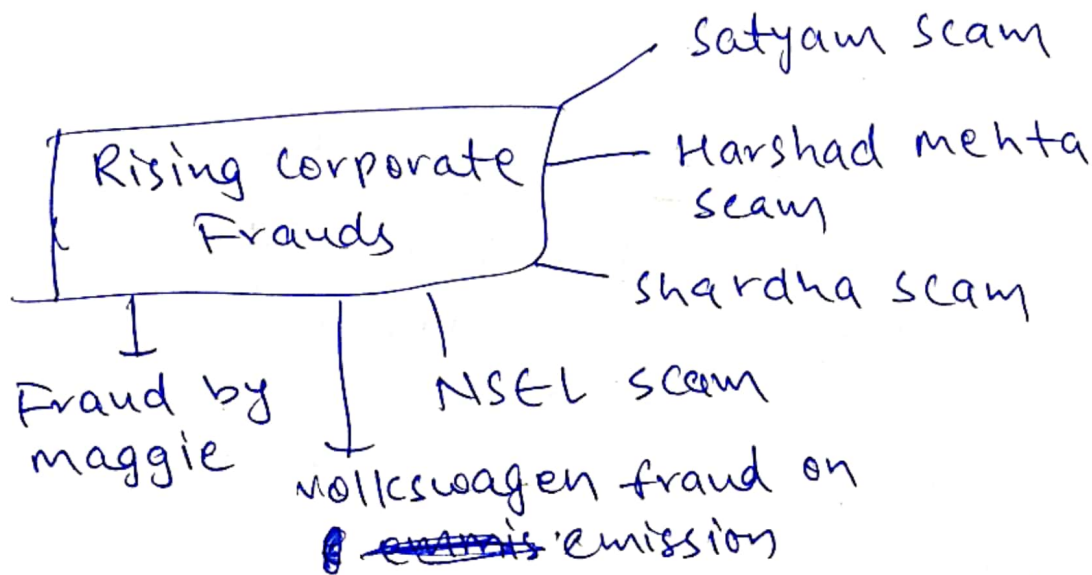
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Concept of rising corporate frauds evaluate the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's concept of trusteeship. (10 marks, 150 words)

Gandhi gave the idea of trusteeship wherein the rich would act like trustees of the wealth they have and ~~do~~ not as its owners



These show the rising corporate ~~scam~~ frauds and unethical practices in corporate sector.

~~handwritten~~ Relevance of trusteeship

① It can ensure sarvodaya as Gandhi anticipated through

anyodaya eg:- manoj Bhargava
a billionaire had donated 99%
of his wealth for poor

② ensuring peace in long term:-
rising inequality in societies
leads to structural violence
which may lead to civil wars
in future

③ ethical corporate conduct:-
since the corporates will not
be driven by profit anymore
they will undertake social
responsibility like Corporate
Social Responsibility

However it cannot be forced
on the wealthy and it must be
from their own initiative only

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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 motivate and enlist the support of people in achieving a common goal

Leaders	managers
→ they <u>lead</u> from <u>front</u> by example eg:- Ram during Ramayana	→ they manage eg:- Ravana sending his brother and sons to war
→ They <u>inspire</u> people to achieve higher goals and excellence	→ they always want people to <u>remain</u> <u>under</u> them only
→ work for the welfare of whole society	→ works for the benefit of him & his team

Importance for civil servant

① To motivate subordinate :-
civil servants often face

hopeless and energy less colleagues

② To get work done with scarce resources :- ~~eg~~ In India there is always budget restraints
eg :- Armstrong Pame building
people's road in manipur

③ To come up with new ideas
eg :- Prasanth Nair (DM kozhikode) started 'operation sulaimani' for providing ~~free~~ food to people from the extra left at hotels

Leadership is the most important trait that civil servants must have

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Q.1) 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 Bureaucratic anonymity:-

Bureaucrats can't take credit for any successful project nor they can be blamed for any failure, the responsibility lies solely with minister.

It remains relevant as it curbs the political interests of civil servants

② Emotional intelligence:-

Very important to understand the emotions of subordinates, deal effectively with the citizens and maintaining cordial balance with the ministers

Courage of Conviction :-

Civil servants often keep silent and tolerate corruption and dishonesty causing erosion of public trust and hurdling growth of nation. one should act according to his conviction because a greek saying says "darkest place in hell are reserved for those who chose to be silent in moment of moral crisis"

Selflessness :- to do duty without a care for one's well being is rare and highly valued eg:- Narendra Kumar (IPS) died in 2012 by being run over a tractor when he was fighting the mining mafia

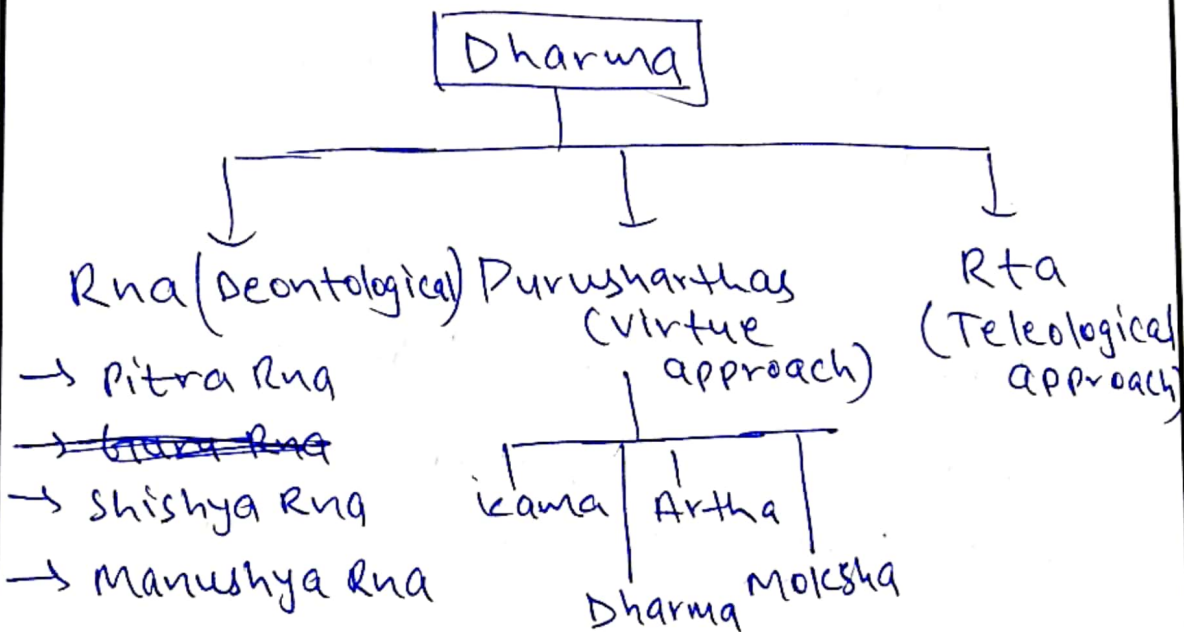
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b) Dharma is a unique concept in Indian philosophy which encompasses all the ideas of western philosophical schools. Discuss. Also, explain what dharma means to you? (10 marks, 150 words)

Dharma throughout time has evolved in its meaning like from righteousness to religion to duty to responsibility



Rta advocates doing things that will maintain the balance of the cosmos and such thing will be moral in itself eg:-
Protecting environment

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Rna :- It is a duty of the person he must fulfill like marrying and giving child to parents is Pitra Rna

Purusharthas :- these are virtues as advocated by socrates, Aristotle and Plato, one should have these virtues

To me dharma is to excel in life, be a better version of what I am today, keep my parents happy for what sacrifices they have made for me and be a good citizen for the society

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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)

Today we live in a post truth world where there is no absolute truth, this quote also emphasises the value of tolerance towards other's beliefs as Vivekananda himself practiced

The same was propagated by the Doctrine of Anekantavada of Jainism where they say that no one is absolutely right but only when we combine all the perspectives we will be able to decode the whole truth

It is same like when person's blindfolded are made

to touch different parts of elephant and give their description, in the end all are true

Today we see a ~~lot~~ increasing culture of intolerance like mob lynching, riots, communal clashes, racial discrimination etc.

It is highly important that we practice tolerance to usher in a ~~to~~ peaceful world.

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

Integrity is ~~the~~ having consistency in one's thought, speech and action

while knowledge is our ability to reason, innovate, many philosophers like socrates, plato have held knowledge to be the greatest virtue

But Integrity without knowledge is futile eg:- a fool with high integrity have no use for the society since he can not apply his integrity effectively

But knowledge without integrity is disastrous for society, this produces clever evils eg:- vijay mallya due to his cleverity fooled

and ~~was~~ manipulated the system to rob the people of their money

Similarly Osama Bin Laden and Abu Bakr Baghdadi were highly educated and they ~~never~~ let loose the menace of terrorism on society

The same conforms to one of the American president when he said "a secondary graduate may ~~be~~ steal one boggie but a graduate can steal the whole rail track"

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

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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)

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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)

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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)

The recently passed legisla-
-tions by the government have
evoked the ire of the farmers
leading to potential violent
Conflicts

Response in this situation

① Motivation of team-mates :-

It should be realised to them that this is their utmost impor-
-tant duty and if they will not do it then who will?

② medical attention to those
injured while raising the

morale of the force

⑧ Area dominating exercise :-

to bring peace and establish rule of law in the area, additional help from para mili-tary forces can be enlisted if need be

④ meeting the leaders of the Protest :-

this will be to inform them of the harsh legal consequences of their action as well as intimidating them of the benefits of peaceful protests for the sake of everyone as without peace there will be no talks

⑤ Having under cover cops in the mob to know the sentiments and gather proactive intelligence

Qualities shown

- ① Courage and Fortitude :- one needs to stand his ground in the harsh and most hostile circumstances
- ② Leadership :- motivating the scared team mates is a tough task and requires charisma -tic and transformational leader -ship
- ③ Empathy and Compassion :- one has to be empathetic to the status of poor farmers too who fear their loss of livelihood and provide food to the country working in difficult weathers so it must be ensured that disproportionate force is not used against them

④ Selflessness :- one ~~has~~ should not fear the injuries or even death while performing his duties eg :- Satyendra Dubey died rather to back down

⑤ Emotional Intelligence :-
 understanding the sentiments of the farmers and using them to reach them is highly required in these circumstances

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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.

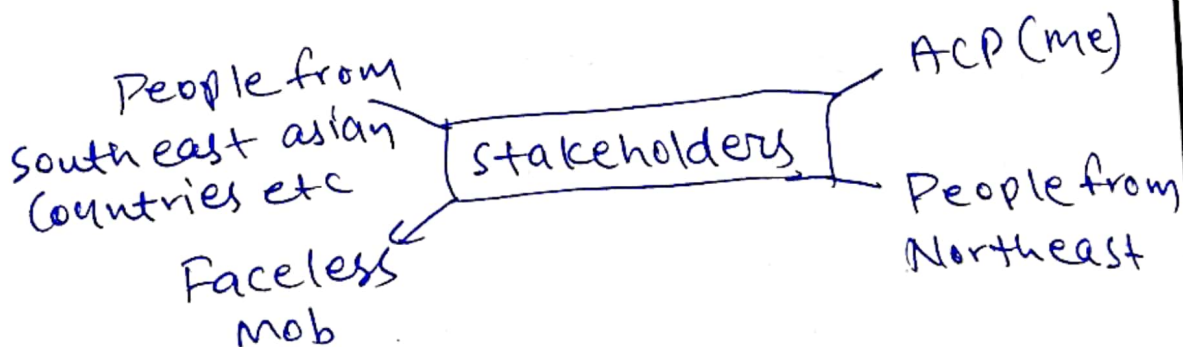
In your city, there has been a recent attack on a group of people hailing from Assam in a local vegetable market. This has resulted in massive protests and roadblock by people from the North East.

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.

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

(20 marks, 250 words)

Racial discrimination has rocked India society for long ~~#~~ evident from the 2010 killing of Nido Tantan, a student in delhi hailing from Arunachal Pradesh



Prejudice:- it is a prejudgement made by people on some people, place, ideas or events based on their emotions, it has a negative Connotation

Stereotype:- It is a overgeneralization of some beliefs about a Place, person or idea

Reasons

- ① Lack of proper information or even wrong information among public
- ② Human tendency to make sense of things with limited information leads to filling of gaps with Inaccurate perceptions
- ③ Lack of interaction ~~or~~ first hand experience of people with diverse set of people which could break these prejudices

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Strategy

- ① Maintaining Rule of law at any cost, by more deployment and area dominating exercises
- ② Counter Propaganda :- on social media and media to shatter the prejudices of the people
- ③ Persuasion of people from North east against migration by appealing to their reason that it can lead to proliferation of the pandemic, at the same time ensuring their safety
- ④ Activating Cyber cells of the department to fight any propa-ganda online and enlist help of social media giants to exercise voluntary measures
- ⑤ warning the reckless mob of the legal consequences of their actions

Measures

- ① Value based education :- it should be re-emphasised to ensure a harmonious ~~to~~ society
- ② Economic growth :- leading to more job opportunities for all thereby reducing friction
- ③ cultural exchange programmes like Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat to ensure tolerance
- ④ sensitisation and awareness generation among people and their attitude change accompanied by a strong emotional intelligence to regulate impulsive emotions

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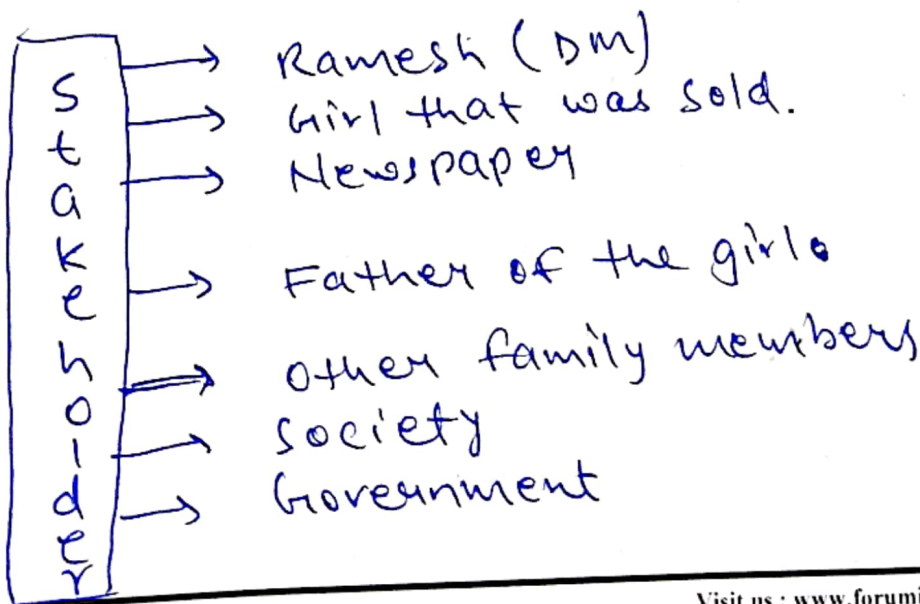
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Q. 91036. Ramesh has been posted as the DM of one of the poorest and most drought prone district of India. A newspaper prints a story of a poor man who was forced to sell his daughter for five thousand rupees. Ramesh starts an investigation in the 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)

The case depicts how grossly immoral acts can be done by people in compelling circumstances



Ethical Issues

① For Ramesh :-

to ensure Rule of law while also saving the family from such acts in the future

② For Father of the girl :-

ensuring lives of his family at the stake of selling and ruining life of one of his daughters

③ Government :-

Even after 70 years of independence, it failed to eradicate poverty and to save people from misery of making such abhorable acts

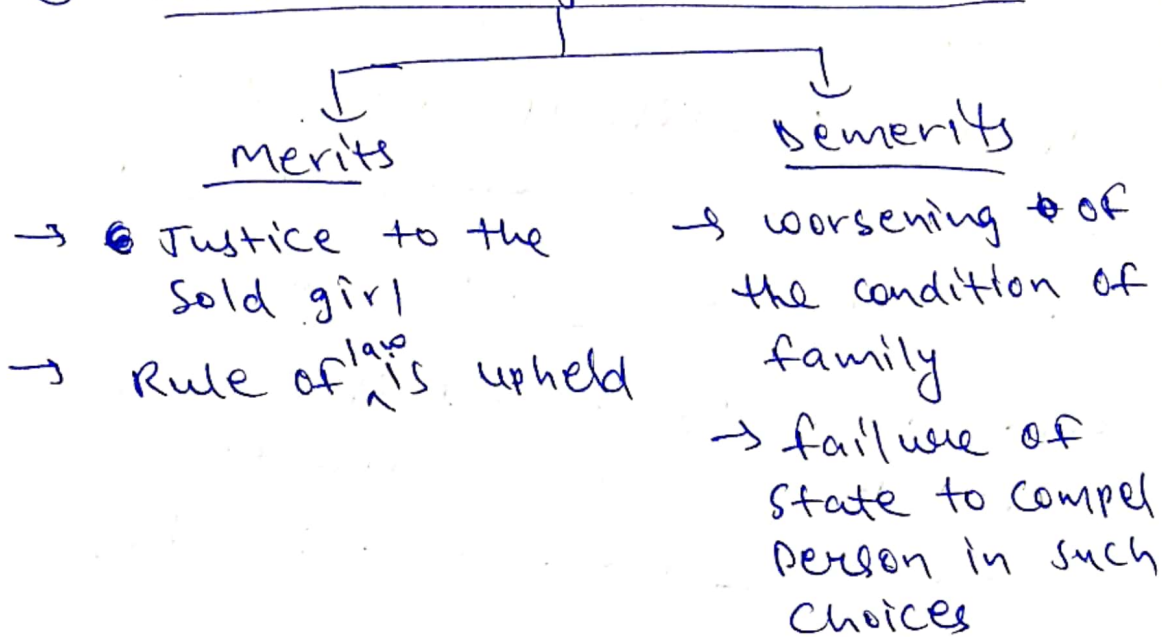
④ other family members - they condoned the act of the father which are unethical

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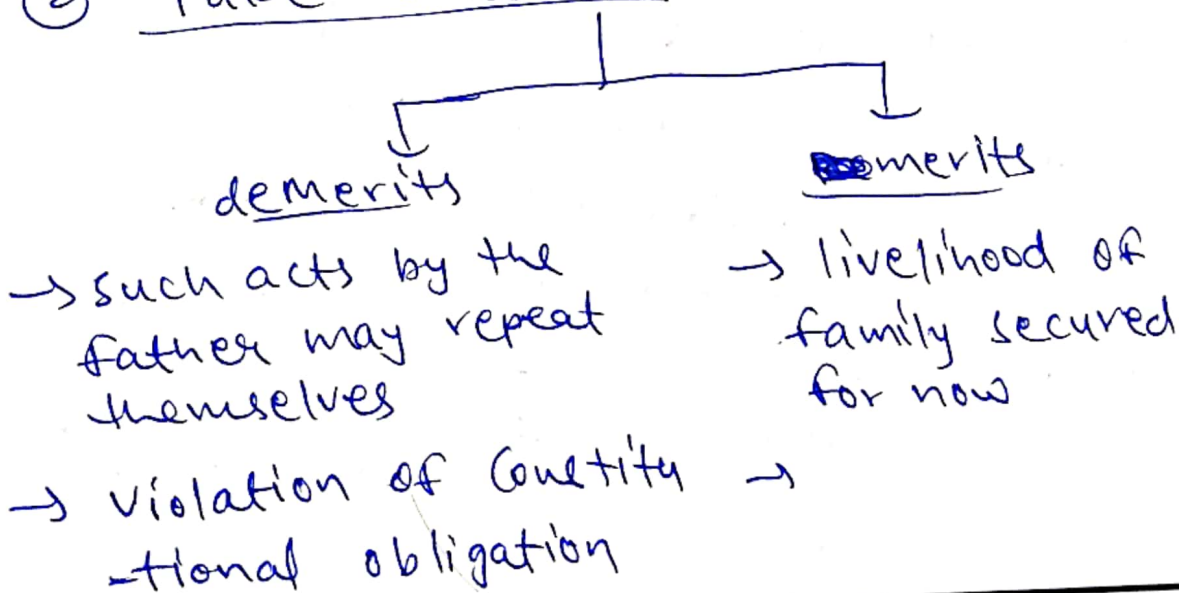
Society - it is the most blamable as it could not take care of basic needs of its fellow members

Options available

① Take action against the father



② take no action?



I will follow the first option here ~~to be~~ along with other measures like :

- ① Rescuing the sold girl and proper rehabilitation of her
 - ② Ensuring benefits of government schemes like PM-Kisan (₹6000/year) PDS, mid-day meals for children
 - ③ Roping in NGOs to monitor such events ~~to~~ as well as work for welfare of them eg: Smile Foundation
 - ④ Ensuring other children are sent to schools to get empowered
 - ⑤ MGNREGA can also be used to secure a livelihood for the family.
- what the father did was unethical and no circumstances could justify it and parallel action must also be taken against the buyer

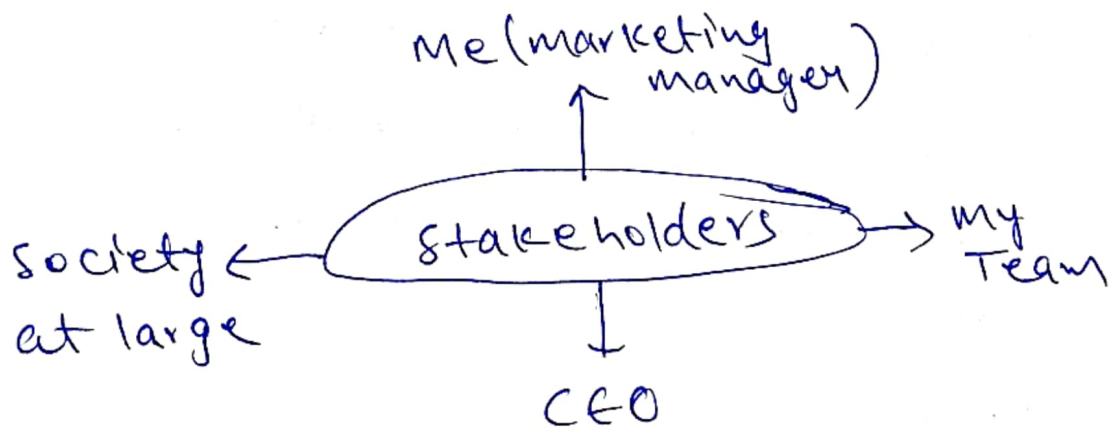
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Q.10) You have been appointed as the marketing manager of a big pharmaceutical company. The company is going to launch a new slimming drug. Your team has designed an advertisement for the drug showing unrealistic body transformation in a very short 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)

Proliferation of media today has also seen the parallel rise of malpractices like manipulating ads to deceive people of their rightful autonomy



Ethical Issues

① Ethics vs Profitability :-

for the company to earn profit ~~it~~ makes it to indulge in unethical practices

② Truth vs loyalty :-

me as marketing manager face the dilemma to speak the truth or be loyal to my company

③ violation of Corporate ethics :-

the CEO is very comfortable with subduing morally right thing

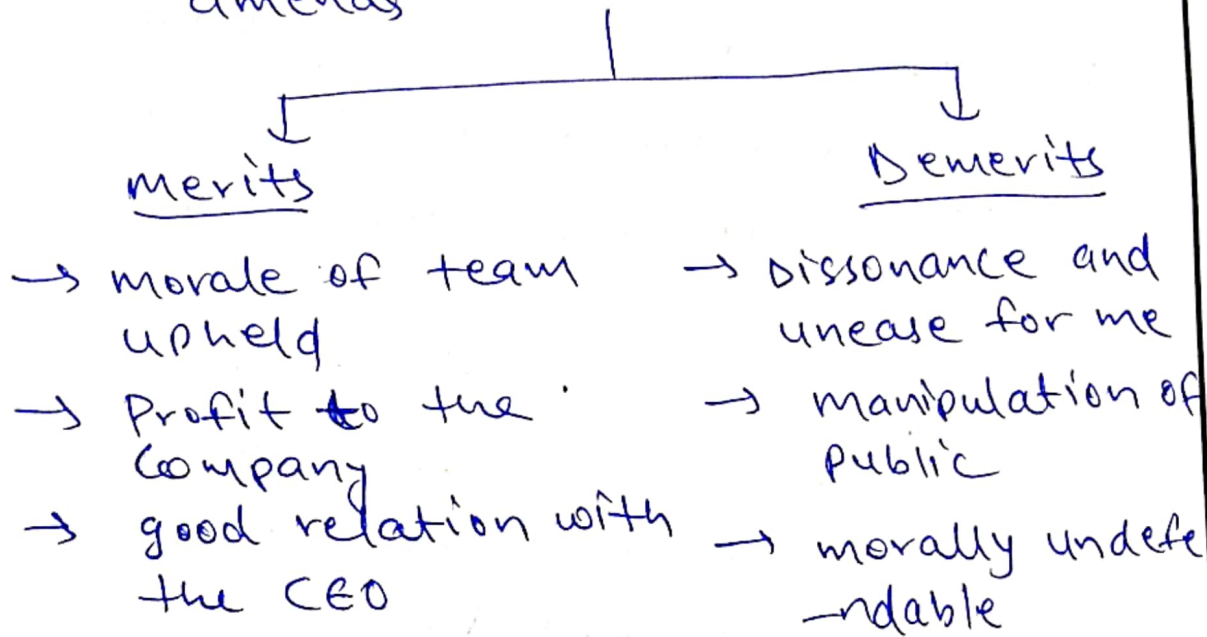
④ morale of my team will go down if their advertisement is not displayed

⑤ Faith and trust of society in the corporate sector will go

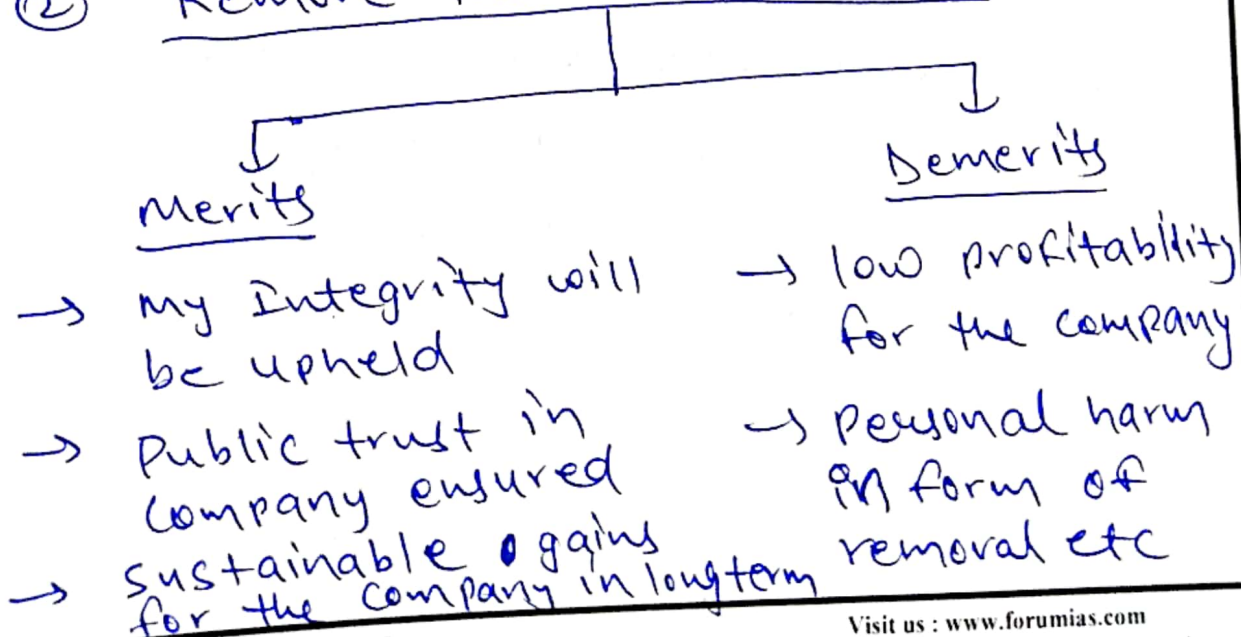
down eventually. leading to devastating economic impacts

Options Available

① Let the advertisement run without amends



② Remove the advertisement :-



I will choose the second option because :-

- ① If later the scandal comes out in public, it may lead to closure of the firm leading to loss of livelihood for employees and loss of face for the management
- ② It will lead to sustainability for the company as public trust will rise in the company leading to more sales in future
- ③ It will ~~also~~ also ensure good relation with government due to trust leading to decreased compliance cost and more benefits for the company

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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.

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

The case is a classic example of the challenges a newly recruited civil servant faces in the practicing probity in public life.

Stakeholders

- ① SDM (me)
- ② senior officer
- ③ minister and his family members
- ④ government
- ⑤ society at large

Ethical Issues

① Integrity vs Personal well-being:

the SDM (me) might face hardships in future if I adhere to my conscience now

② Personal vs Public interest:-

Public at large have been denied their fair chance to bid for the land and I might face personal harm too.

③ condoning corruption institutionally

the attitude of the senior signals the ~~is~~ depth of institutionalised corruption

④ suspected leakage of information by minister:- it is against his duty and code of

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conduct too if proven right.

Options Available

① Conform to senior's advice and back down

Merits	Demerits
→ Personal well being is ensured	→ violation of corruption rule of law
→ Cordial relation with senior	→ <u>Crisis of conscience</u> for me
→ might get some personal benefits too	→ Perpetuation of Corruption

② Ignore senior's advice and order an investigation

Merits	Demerits
→ Justice will prevail	→ Personal harm in form of transfers etc
→ a <u>clear conscience</u> for me	→ <u>Harassment</u> in office by seniors

I will go with the second option because :-

- ① It is duty of a civil servant to uphold public trust in the system
- ② Constitutional obligation to ensure justice
- ③ This will bring the truth out in open and it may be possible that minister was indeed honest, which will then absolve him of public allegation in future
- ④ only by fighting the corruption can one build his moral muscles
 one should remember what socrates had said "It is not important to live, but live rightly"

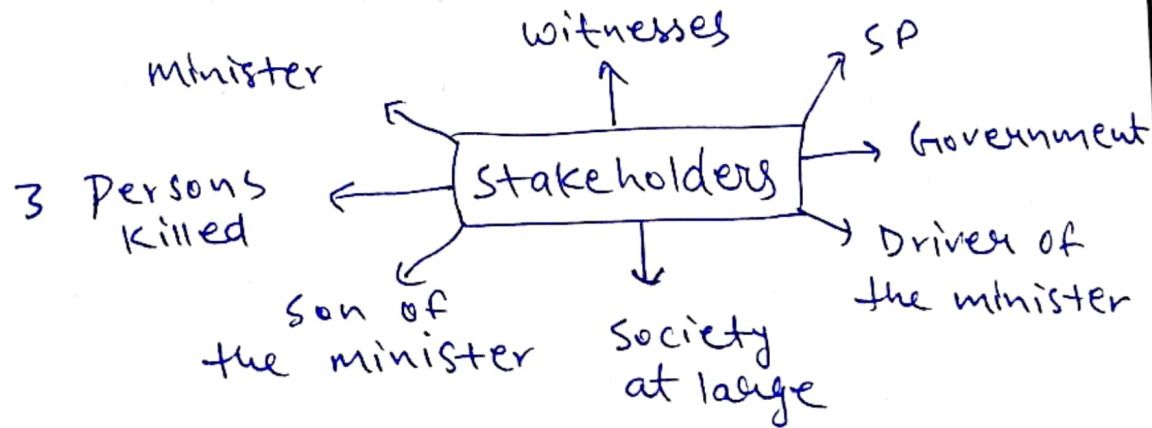
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Q.12) You are an SP in a district. In your district a road accident took place recently, where a car has crushed and killed three people who were sleeping on the footpath. The driver of the car is absconding since the time of the accident. Upon investigations, 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)

The case presents a situation of an honest & officer having to endure political pressure and public apathy in course of his duty.



Ethical Issues

- ① Punishing the Innocent :- the driver of the minister may be innocent, which makes it injust to Punish him
- ② Upholding Rule of law :- Punishing the actual culprit is demand of our law system
- ③ Justice to the dead :- their loved ones ~~may~~ will be seeking justice
- ④ witness coercion :- this is against the many rulings Supreme Court has held in India
- ⑤ Politicisation of case :- influence by politicians to shut down the case is morally wrong
- ⑥ Trust and Faith :- of the public in the system may erode

Course of Action

- ① make a team :- of honest officer who will investigate the case under harsh circumstances
- ② witness protection :- as SC has also issued guidelines in form of witness protection scheme, they need to be made secure to prevent them turning hostile
- ③ Evidence collection :- may be some CCTV cameras in the area ~~or~~ or cross-checking alibi for the minister's son
- ④ Evoke public pressure :- to fight the political pressure, public sentiment can be a good counterproductive

⑤ Compensation to the bereaved :-
along with justice, they can also be given some financial help as they are most vulnerable and proper rehabilitation of them

⑥ Interrogating the driver of minister
he need to be made aware of the moral gravity of the situation and should be urged to speack the truth for his family's sake

No one is above law in a civilised society and all efforts must be made to ensure justice as held in our Preamble of the Constitution

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✗	Vague / Irrelevant		

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