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INSTRUCTION

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Section - A

Q.1) Explain briefly what you understand by:

- (i) Virtue Ethics.
- (ii) Consequentialist Ethics.
- (iii) Principled Ethics.

Which one makes the most sense to you and why? Give examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Virtue Ethics is the branch of ethics that believes in the inculcation of the right values i.e. making a person virtuous. It argues that a virtuous person takes ethical decisions. Thus the focus isn't on actions per say but the values.

Consequentialist Ethics is the branch that argues that the ethicality of an action can be judged on the basis of the consequences it generates. It is guided by Benthamism that propagates maximum happiness for maximum people. Thus the focus is on the action at hand.

Principled Ethics : is the branch of ethics that was popularised by Immanuel Kant

through his Categorical imperative. It argues that it is the actions which are inherently right or wrong i.e. the means are important irrespective of the ends. Some things eg: lying is categorically wrong irrespective of the purpose it serves.

Principled Ethics makes more sense to me as it has been consistent with my upbringing & according to my conscience it gives the moral fortitude to counter all enticements as well as pressures. eg: I have personally avoided cheating at multiple occasions even at the cost of my career or academic progress. According to me cheating is categorically wrong irrespective of the noblest outcome it might be creating.

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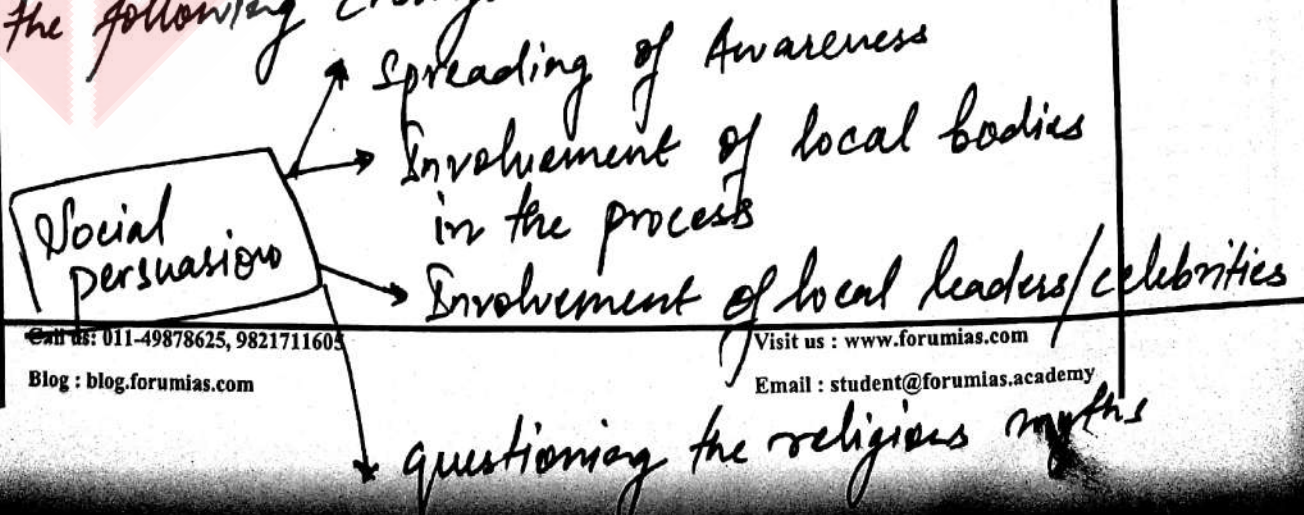
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Q.2) Lack of organ donation results in half a million deaths annually in India due to unavailability of organs. How social persuasion and attitudinal changes can help reduce such deaths. (10 Marks, 150 Words).

Organ transplant has been done/described in the ancient texts as well & has been a life saver for many people across the world.

However, the fullest potential of the noblest deed hasn't been realised in India due to various infrastructural, social & religious reasons. There is a lack of awareness as well as religious myths attached to organ donation which prohibit people from donating. This has led to loss of over half a million lives which could have been saved.

In order to change the scenario the following changes are needed.



Attitudinal
Change

- Felicitating families of people who have donated organs
- monetary incentives could be used in order to initiate the deeds
- to build ~~an~~ a humanitarian narrative around the deed of organ donation

Apart from the above measures there are infrastructural bottlenecks as well that needs to be resolved. There needs to be proper medical guidance & facilities available at the donor's convenience along with sufficient organ banks etc.

Organ donation is the noblest of cause a human can do by coming of use to the society even in his living & death. It must be seen as an act of true generosity.

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Q31) Can an individual be ethical in his/her professional conduct, while not being ethical in his/her personal life? Discuss giving suitable examples.

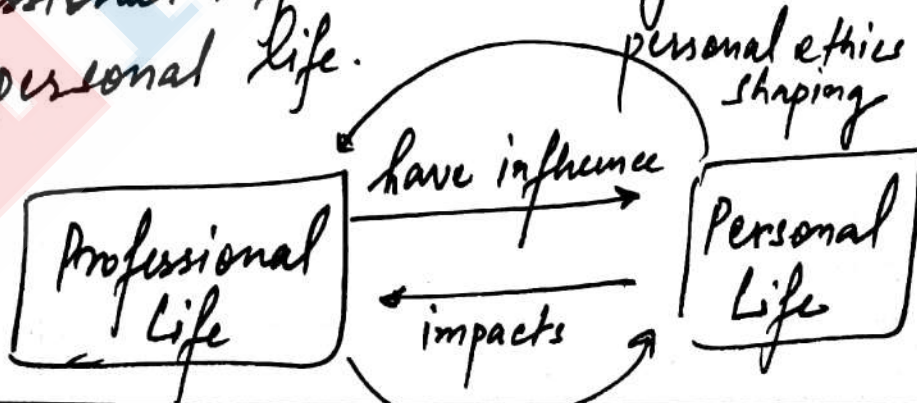
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ethics is the set of principles which guides an individual's conduct & helps them in differentiating between good or bad; right or wrong; just or unjust.

Professional Ethics guide a person's behavior as far as his or her ~~per~~ professional conduct/obligations are concerned.

However, professional & personal ethics may have different surfacial content the core content of both of them remains more or less same.

It's very hard to compartmentalize the two & thus being highly ethical in professional life while being unethical in personal life.



eg: If a person is highly corrupt in his personal life & cheats in all his relations. It is very unlikely for him/her to be entirely faithful in his professional life as well. He/she would grasp the first opportunity to break the trust.

The non-alignment of the two behaviors/ethical values may also lead to cognitive dissonance which leads to high levels of stress & depression eg: A very introvert person doing a marketing/sales job etc.

Thus there is a need to have a coherence between our personal & professional ethics especially in the long term.

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(b) In ethics you are one of the subjects of your own inquiry. Do you agree? Justify giving examples from your own life.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ethics as a field deals with the questions of right or wrong, just or unjust, good or bad. Having said that it dwelves us in the journey of questioning the known & assumed truth/correct.

Ethics is all about enquiring our own moral compass & finding the reasons for the way we think or hold certain values very dear vis-a-vis others. Thus in ethics we are the subjects of our own inquiry.

I have many a times questioned why my family members ~~are~~ have married in the same caste, religion; Why do they consider inter-caste, inter-religious marriage as not a preferred means? I have contemplated on the

matter that what shapes my ethical standards towards matters like lying, stealing etc.

To this quest I have realised that initially most of our morals/ethics are shaped by the teachings we receive ~~both~~ by words/text/action from our elders (parents, teachers etc).

However with the span of time they tend to get engrained as well as modified based on our life incidences, education etc. Now I feel my moral compass is much more guided by my secular education, varied experiences etc.

I constantly strive to keep evaluating my moral inclination & the reasons for it.

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Q.4) Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these bring out what it means to you in the present context.

(a) "When we are caught up in a destructive emotion, we lose one of our greatest assets: our independence."

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(b) "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony".

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Happiness as an emotion has been defined as a state of satisfaction or inner peace or calmness.

One of the ~~integral~~ essential ingredient of happiness is coherence between one's thought, speech & action which is also known as integrity or walking the talk.

In the present context happiness is the state of being in the present & enjoying the moment. eg: My UPSC preparation itself. It is one of my childhood dream, thus I am doing what I thought to do & as it is voluntary process I am enjoying every moment of it.

This very attitude prevents

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any form of stress, anxiety etc building thus attaining the state of internal calmness.

A state of disharmony between thought, speech & action leads to cognitive dissonance leading to stress & depression.

The road to happiness has been beautifully described by Mahatma Gandhi in his statement that watch your thoughts as they become your words who later become your actions, personality & being. Happiness is thus a state of mind more than anything else.

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Q.5) (a) What is meant by 'international ethics'? Why is it important to study? Discuss any one international issue from the viewpoint of international ethics. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

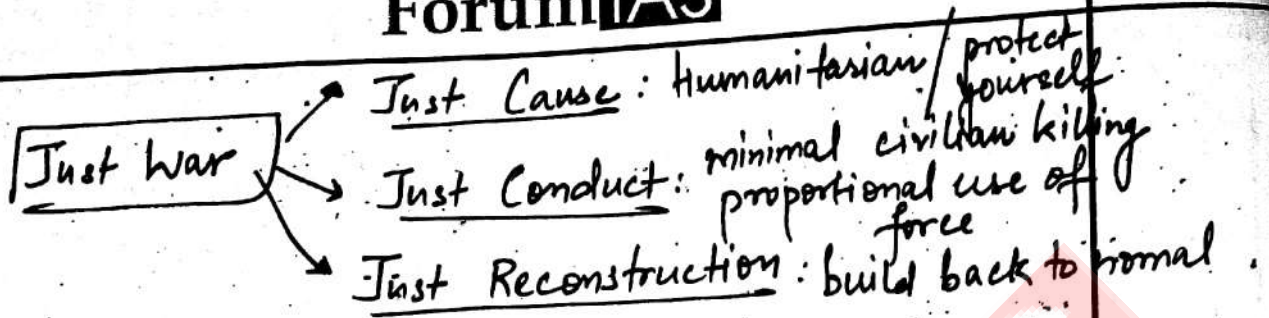
International Ethics is the domain of ethics which guides the conduct of state actors in the international arena.

The study of international ethics is highly important as there is a lack of international government & universally applicable laws to guide the conduct across the world. Ethics must come to fill in the void prevailing.

International ethics have been the foundation of various institutions like UNHRC, WHO etc.

One of the pressing issue of modern times in international politics is that of "Just War". War as such is avoidable given the loss of life & property it causes however it can be ethical under certain circumstances.

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International Ethics allows foreign powers to invade into a sovereign country & declare a war upon it when either non-state actors are persecuting citizens & state isn't capable to deal with it or state itself is the perpetrator.

Thus wars declared must be guided by the principles of just wars so that the ideals of human rights, sovereignty of the country are upheld.

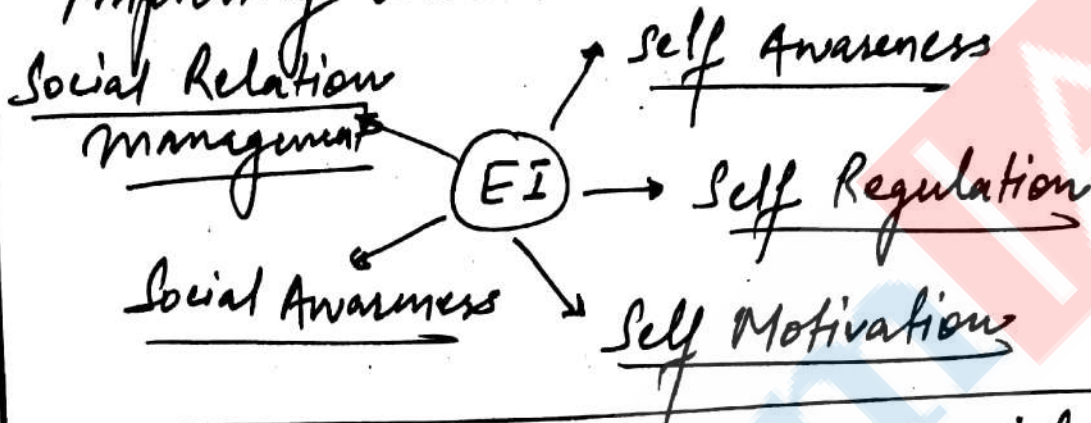
Ethics are the bullwark against the tide of anarchy that prevails in the international geopolitics domain as the realist would suggest.

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(b) What are the components of emotional intelligence? Which three elements do you think are most important for effective governance and administrative capabilities of a civil servant? Give reasons. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to recognise & regulate/ manage one's own as well as other's emotions thus improving one's social relations.



Components of EI as per Daniel Goleman

The most important components for effective governance & administration by a civil servant are:

- ① Self Motivation: Given the life of civil servant is marred with huge amount of pressures (political, family, people) etc. along with high expectations, it is very easy for someone to be stressed & loose motivation to work. Thus there

is huge need for self motivation for keeping the commitment to service going.

② Self Awareness: It forms the basis of regulating oneself & keeping oneself cool & composed under stressful situations. It allows a civil servant to take decisions objectively by pushing negative emotions aside.

③ Social Awareness: As the work of a civil servant has a significant portion of social interaction it is very important for them to gauge the emotions of others to guide their actions accordingly & extract best out of them while accommodating their emotions.

High EI is a must for administration thus reforms are needed in recruitment as well as training to boost the EI of civil servants.

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Q.6) (a) To take a life when a life has been lost is revenge, it is not justice.' Comment. Should we do away with capital punishment and instead focus upon other innovative methods? Analyse.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Taking a life for a life is a form of revenge, vengeance & it leaves no space for the reformation of the culprit.

As Immanuel Kant argues in his Categorical Imperative some acts are inherently unethical thus killing be it by an individual or by the state isn't justice.

There has been a rising debate in our country to do away with Capital punishment. Overall throughout the world as well there has been a move against it given more than 100 countries have already done away with it.

All forms of execution amount to torture

A state based act of violence

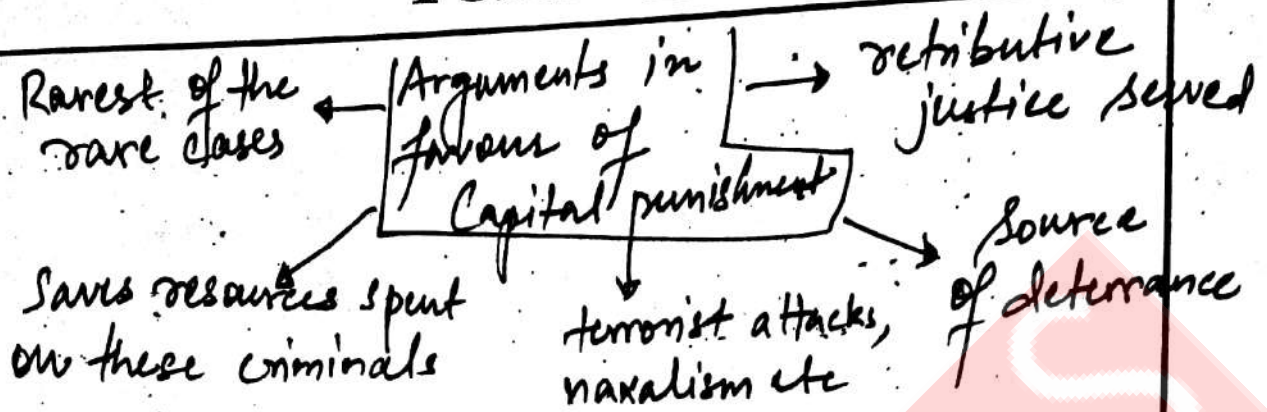
Degrading human value
No scope for reformation
(Against reformative justice)

State doesn't provide Right to life

Doing Away with Capital Punishment

Most countries already done so

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India should slowly & steadily move towards doing away with capital punishment as has been done by numerous countries. However in the short run it is needed given the fact that India is one of the worst sufferers of terrorism (state-sponsored), heinous crimes like rape, genocide etc are on the rise.

Capital punishment as an act is justified in the current scenario prevailing in the country however there should be active steps to transform the conditions & do away with the act.

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(b) Life in modern day India, and increasingly elsewhere throughout the world, offers no assurances regarding what is the morally correct thing to do. In such situations how an individual should base his/her conduct or actions? Illustrate giving real-life examples.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

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Q.7) There is a gradual revival in the number of clinical trials being done in India. What are the major ethical issues involved in it? Can compensation justify it? Discuss.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Clinical Trials are done in order to check the side effects of a newly developed drug on human beings as well as test their efficiency post animal trials & prior to commercialisation & approval for sale.

There has been a gradual revival of the phenomenon which has raised the following ethical concerns.

- ↳ devaluing human life
- ↳ treating human as a means to an end
- ↳ equating human life to monetary value
- ↳ threat of side-effects
- ↳ coercion of people into agreeing for clinical trials
- ↳ fudging of clinical trial data.

Human Life has an intrinsic value & shouldn't be treated as a means to achieve even a noble cause of ~~say~~ ^{any}.

developing a life saving drug.

There is a need to move away from clinical trials altogether. No amount of compensation can resolve the ethical dimension of the problem. The compensation might in itself serve as an economic coercion for people living in abject poverty.

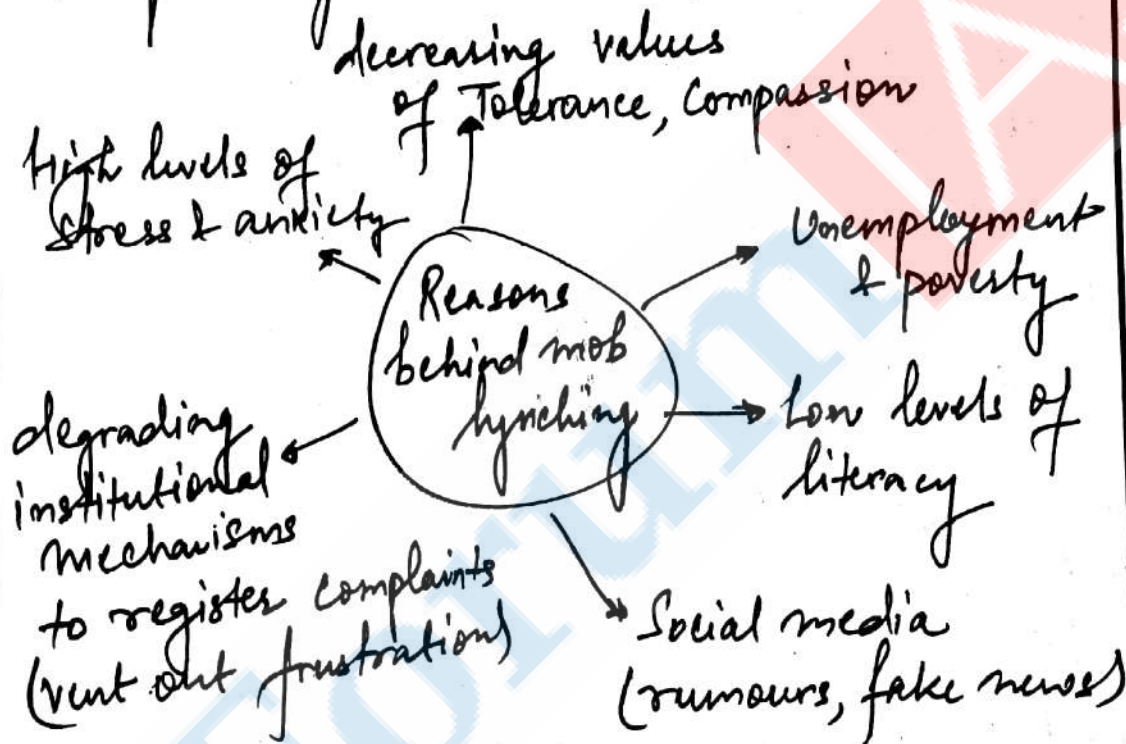
There is a need to switch to more humane ways of clinical trials i.e. through simulation testing, computer based programme testing etc. So that the aim of developing a new drug for benefit of humanity & valuing humanity in itself are adequately balanced. There should be strict crackdown on illegal trials at the earliest.

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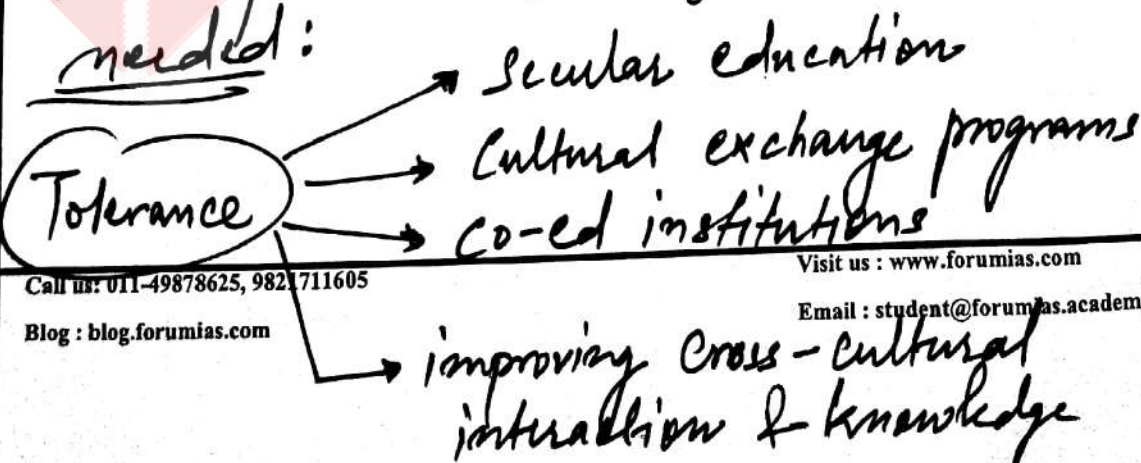
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Q.9) What according to you are the major reasons for rising incidents of mob lynching in India? Suggest measures to re-strengthen tolerance and compassion in society, especially towards the weaker sections in this context. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

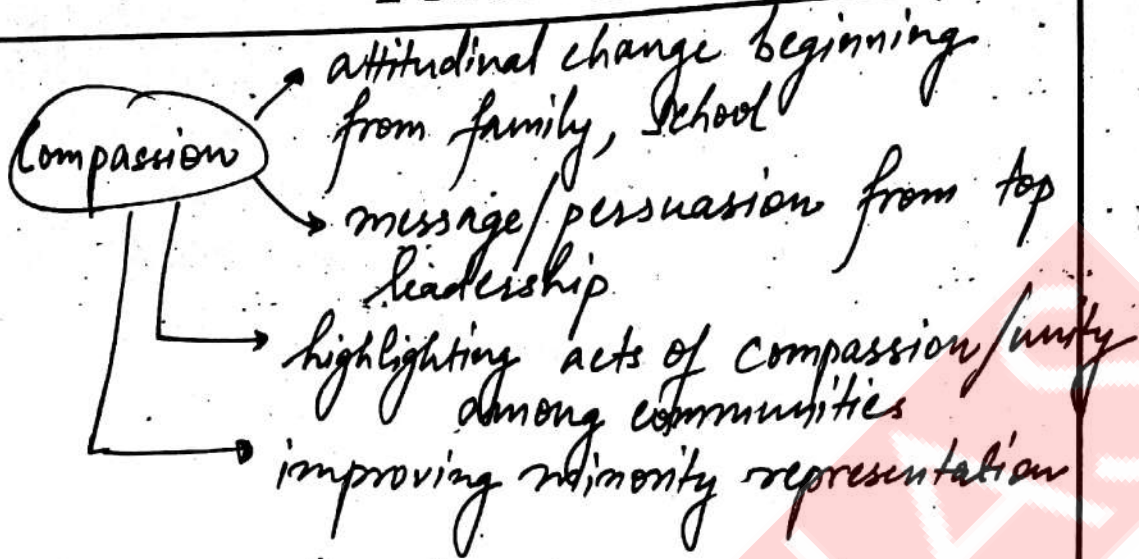
There has been significant uptick in the number of mob lynching cases in the recent past & as per some independent studies over 100 people have lost their life in the past 4 yrs due to the cause.



In order to re-strengthen the social & moral fabric the following steps are needed:



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Apart from the above steps there is a need to resolve the root cause i.e. the lack of employment, poverty which are leading to the building of stress.

There is a need to strengthen our grievance redressal & justice delivery system as well.

Mob lynching is nothing short of a murder thus strict legal actions is a pre-requisite along with the above suggested societal changes.

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Q.9) "You can't teach good judgment through general rules, because you already need judgment to know how rules apply."
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

- (a) What do you understand by 'good judgment'?
- (b) How can it be ensured among civil servants, if not through rules?

Good Judgement means being able to decide between right or wrong, just or unjust. Thus having the eye for differentiating good from better & bad from worse.

In the above statement the author tries to make the point that code of conduct is not sufficient to deal with the judgement based scenarios a civil servant needs to face. There is a need for code of Ethics as has been suggested by 2nd ARC as well.

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unbiased & objective might be there is a need for ethical underpinning to understand how to apply them.

The blind adherence to rules is the prime ~~reason~~ reason for the building of an ^u Apathetic image of the civil service.

Rules have become an end in themselves from being the means of effective public service delivery. Apart from these the rules are abused by loophole finding & carrying out corruption etc.

Thus in order to ensure good judgement there is a need for regular training of civil servants & a code of ethics to regularly guide their conduct in the situations of conflict, dilemma.

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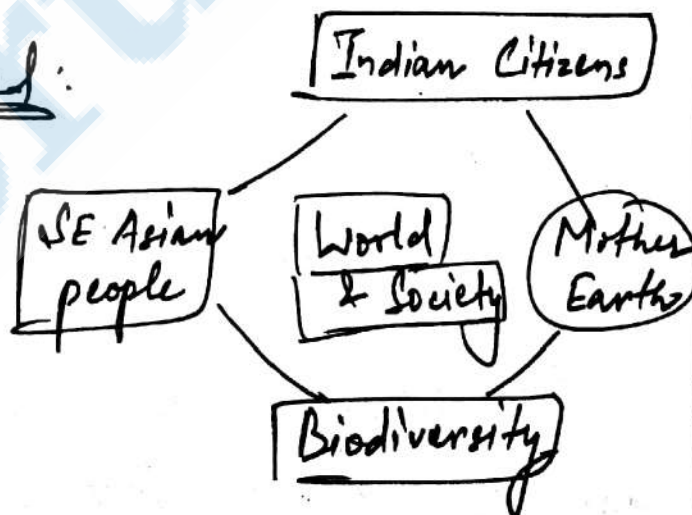
Q.10) In the wake of climate change and severe air pollution in India, there is huge public awareness and demand to stop felling of trees for industry requirements. Laws in India are also very strict against felling of trees; therefore India has been importing huge quantities of cheap wood/timber from south-east Asian countries like Indonesia. India's demand of timber has resulted into large scale destruction of tropical forests and associated biodiversity in these countries, along with the displacement of many locals.

- Bring out the ethical dilemmas in this case
- Do you think the same environmental ethics followed in home country should guide our international dealings or international relations should be based on pure economic terms?

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

The above case is an example of transfer of negative externalities which takes place quite prevalently in the world. eg: Shifting of polluting industries to least developed countries etc.

Stakeholders Involved:



Ethical Issues Involved

- Environmental degradation v/s Development
- Shifting of the negative externalities
- Right to clean environment of people

- Weak environmental laws in SE Asian countries
- lack of consistent behavior on Indian administration
- Biodiversity as a core or peripheral value.
- displacement of locals in SE Asian countries

According to me same environmental ethics should be guiding our actions in home country as well as in our ~~environment~~ international dealings.

There is a need to treat biodiversity as a valuable natural resource as well as a commons that has an intrinsic value & not just the value of the economic services it provides.

Our ecosystem is highly linked thus an effect on the tropical forests would have an adverse impact on the climate, monsoon in India as well. Thus even on seeing it purely from

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the utilitarian point of view also doesn't warrant indiscriminate cutting of trees to meet our present needs.

The very practice of being realistic in our international relations thus keeping our individual country's interest at top has been the root cause of prevailing serious issues of Global Warming, Climate Change etc which are risking the migration of over 1 billion people in next 50 yrs as per the Lancet Journal.

Thus overall there is a need to have coherence in our internal as well as external dealings. thus having an idealist approach to International ~~that~~ relations.

We need to move towards sustainable development thus looking to reconcile

environment & development. We need to undertake compensatory Afforestation (CAMPA fund for it) along with operate on the principle of reducing & recycling.

There is a need to significantly boost R&D to search alternatives to the use of timber in various industries so that the felling of trees can be avoided.

There is a need to build international consensus towards fighting these serious issues of pollution, climate change etc as they know no national boundaries thus the solution to them shouldn't as well. International Solar Alliance & Paris Climate Deal are the steps in the right direction.

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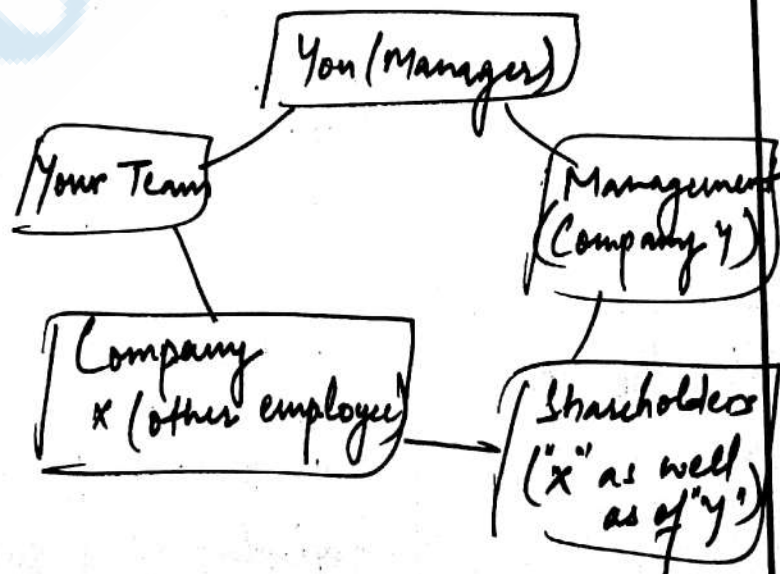
Q.11) You are the manager of a company X in which you have worked since last 15 years. It is known for its unique values and the work culture which is very healthy and encouraging. You and your team work synergistically with each other and also enjoy harmony with personal and organizational values, a bond which has evolved over years. Recently, you got to know that your company has been acquired by another company Y and you along with your team would now be employees of company Y. After interacting with the top management of company Y, you realize that the core values followed by company Y are completely different and opposite to that of the value system of company X. For example, the core value of company X is 'customer satisfaction' but that of company Y is 'profit maximization'.

- (a) What conflicts do you think you will face in this situation?
- (b) Examine the merits and demerits of the options available to you, and which option would you choose and why.

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

The case is a classical example of issues faced by employees as well as companies in reconciling the cultures & values & thus to build a workable & coherent work culture post a merger or acquisition. It also puts serious challenges to realising the synergies envisaged prior to the M&A.

Stakeholders :



Conflicts that would be faced by me

- Reconciling the two different motives of the company [customer satisfaction v/s Profit maximisation]
- Adjusting to the new work culture
- Mingling with the new team (of company)
- Cognitive Dissonance (values v/s Action)
- ~~Personal~~ Personal ethics v/s Professional ethics
- Stakeholder welfare v/s Shareholder wealth maximization

Options Available with Me

<u>Option</u>	<u>Merit</u>	<u>Demerit</u>
① Quit the organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → no cognitive dissonance → wouldn't have to compromise with my morals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → didn't give firm a chance → more of escapism → This problem might arise elsewhere as well (might affect career)
② Imbibe Imbibe the new Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → no issues for my career progression → display of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Cognitive dissonance → lack of motivation

	my flexibility	→ underperformance or dip in my efficiency
③ Reconcile the two cultures	→ no cognitive dissonance → Stakeholder welfare & wealth maximization for shareholders → Career progression goes on smoothly	→ Very hard task to do → Others may not agree to your perception → Work culture takes a long time to build or change → High cost involved

I would go ahead with reconciling both the cultures as "customer satisfaction" & "profit maximisation" aren't entirely antagonistic.

High Customer Satisfaction can drive higher sales thus improving the bottomline as well. Thus ~~the~~ I would try & communicate my view to the senior management as well as the current issues I am facing.

This would give them the clear view of the issue at hand along with a possible solution.

I would try to build a consensus at least in my team from "Company X". This can serve as a case in point for the "Company Y" employees as well.

Apart from it, I would make a conscious effort to be receptive towards the positive aspects of work ~~and~~ culture of Company Y & imbibe them as well.

Receptiveness from both ends is highly important for the success of a merger. Customers as well as shareholders can be incorporated through stakeholder welfare approach.

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Q.12) You are head of a big and reputed hospital in the national capital. The hospital is visited by thousands of patients every day and most of them belong to economically weaker sections. The hospital is also facing staff crunch. A man whose mother is admitted in your hospital comes to you. His mother is critically ill with highly contagious disease which makes hospitalization necessary. He tells you that he is an auto-rickshaw driver who cannot afford medical expenses of his mother. Also, he has three young daughters to marry and he is the only bread earner in family. He further adds that he loves his mother very much and he cannot not see her continuous sufferings. He request you to let her die with dignity.

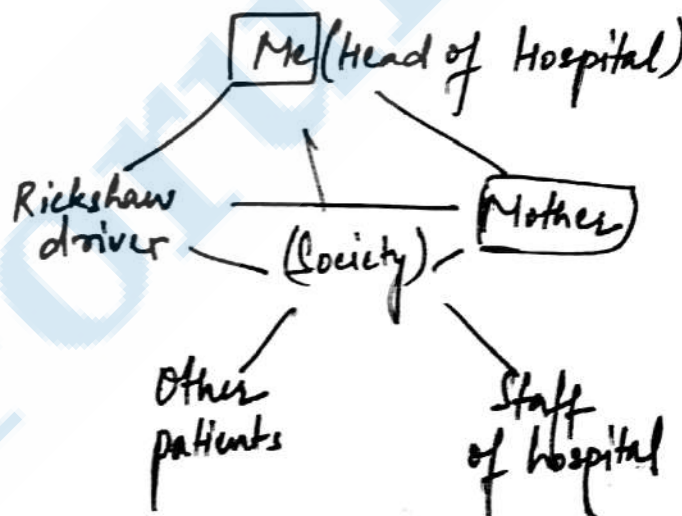
Given this situation, answer the following questions:

- Explain the ethical dilemmas faced by you?
- What are the options available to you? Discuss the merits and demerits of each. Also, mention what you would suggest to him.

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

The above case is an example of request for passive euthanasia which has been legalised by the recent Supreme Court judgement!

Stakeholders:



Ethical Dilemma Involved

- Accepting or rejecting the request for passive euthanasia
- right to die with dignity v/s Right to life
- Unadequate staff v/s serving an ailing patient

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- following procedure v/s considering underprivileged patient out of compassion
- might be an attempt of abuse of passive Euthanasia provision
- inability to pay for medical treatment

Options Available

- ① Oblige with the request ~~with~~ by Constituting a Committee to check the status of the mother along with proper documentation of living will

Merit

- adherence to the procedure established by law
- honouring the person's right to die with dignity

Demerit

- going against hypocrite oath
- moral dissonance

- ② Denial of request

- honoring right to life
- no cognitive dissonance
- life has intrinsic value (upholding it)

- if he has legal documents then going against mother's right to dignified death
- Not following the SC directives

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Extend support (medical) out of compassion

- morally justified
- economic support to his family

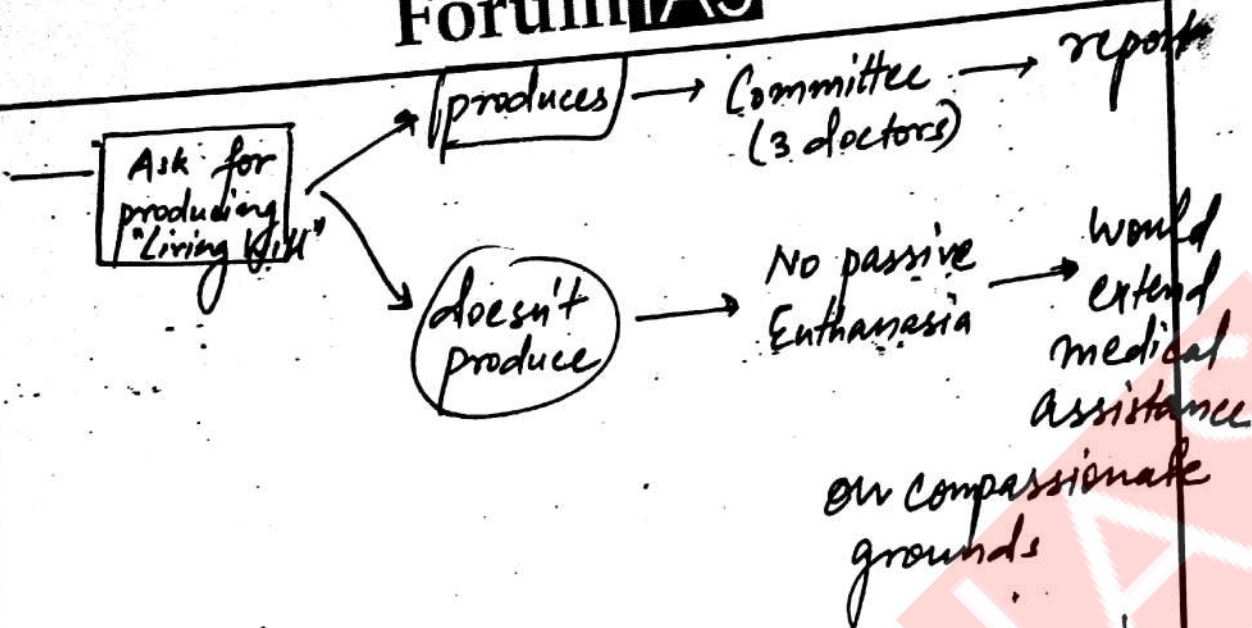
- doesn't solve the problem

I would first of all suggest to the person that we would look into the specifics of the case with me personally supervising the case.

In case the situation of the mother seems incurable, then I would request him to produce a living will by his mother where she voluntarily declares & authorises the doctors to plug out her life support if she reaches a permanent vegetative state.

If he is able to furnish a living will I would constitute a 3 member doctor (expert board) to have a detailed study of the case & submit a report. If they approve of it then the recommendation would be sent to the District Magistrate for further action.

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I would also extend some economic & medical support from my personal capacity.

Thus I would follow the guidelines put in place by the honorable Supreme Court.

It is a very sensitive issue which must be dealt on a case to case basis with due process & investigation to prevent abuse as well as truly honoring the right to live & die with dignity of the individual.

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Q.13) Given is a case with three subsequent situational-modifications, after reading all the three situations answer the given questions;

Imagine you are a homeowner in a quiet suburban neighborhood, living with your family in a nice, large house. You make plenty of money, have plenty of food, and have extra bedrooms; you never really have to worry about anyone being uncomfortable in the house.

- (i) One night, while working late at night you hear the sound of your doorbell and open the door – standing there is a homeless man. This man does not hold out a tin can or ask you for a donation. Instead, he asks you to let him into your home, feed him, and provide him with a bed in one of your many empty bedrooms. Now, this is not particularly a problem for you, as you have plenty of food and even have an empty bedroom for this man to sleep in.
 - (ii) Imagine, instead of the homeless man asking to stay in your house, you find there is a regular looking man, seeking shelter from a murderer who is down the street trying to kill him. From your window, you can see the murderer at the end of the street, waving his gun around. Now, knowing that if you leave this man outside he will probably be killed.
 - (iii) Imagine, that there are whole rows of houses on your block that have their lights on and the man has option to go to some other house as well.
- (a) Among all the above given situations, when do you think that you are morally obligated to let the man in your house? Give reasons.
 - (b) Using the above situations as an analogy to the geopolitical situation of the refugee crisis, Discuss the moral responsibilities of developed and capable countries toward more than 60 million displaced people in the world today? Should they let refugees in to their borders? Justify.

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(a) 1st situation: In this case given the other person's basic needs aren't fulfilled & we have in plenty by the virtue of humanitarianism itself we should help the person.

Being generous, having compassion, empathy are universal values appreciated in all cultures. Given the scenario that the resources aren't excludable in this case

increases our responsibility ~~not~~ even further.

2nd Situation: Given the fact that human life has an intrinsic value one must help the person to save his/her life from the murderer. irrespective of the reason he/she might be being chased for.

3rd Situation: In spite of the fact that the needy might get support from someone else doesn't absolve us from our moral obligation to help him/her. It is more like escapism thus shifting the onus onto others. By Aristotle's Teleological Argument if everyone starts doing the same thing the person ~~who~~ would starve to death with the moral blame equally on us as well.

The refugee case is pretty analogous to the case in point given the refugees are

people who have fled their country fearing persecution.

It is the moral responsibility of every nation be it developed or developing to rescue them & provide them refuge on humanitarian ground.

The developed & capable countries have all the more obligation given their non-excludability of resources. The above matter have caught the limelight owing to the apathetic nature of the developed world towards the rohingyan crisis in helping the countries like India, Bangladesh etc.

Having said that the concerns of national security etc can't be entirely neglected. However, there are mechanisms to re-concile that through proper issuing of identity cards, monitoring of

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their activities etc.

Along with this there is a need to build international consensus to build pressure on the persecuting forces as well so that the situation in the home countries can be brought back to normal.

New York Declaration on Refugees is a good step in the direction. Refugee issue is a humanitarian crisis over & above anything else. We should always keep in mind Humanity is the biggest religion!!

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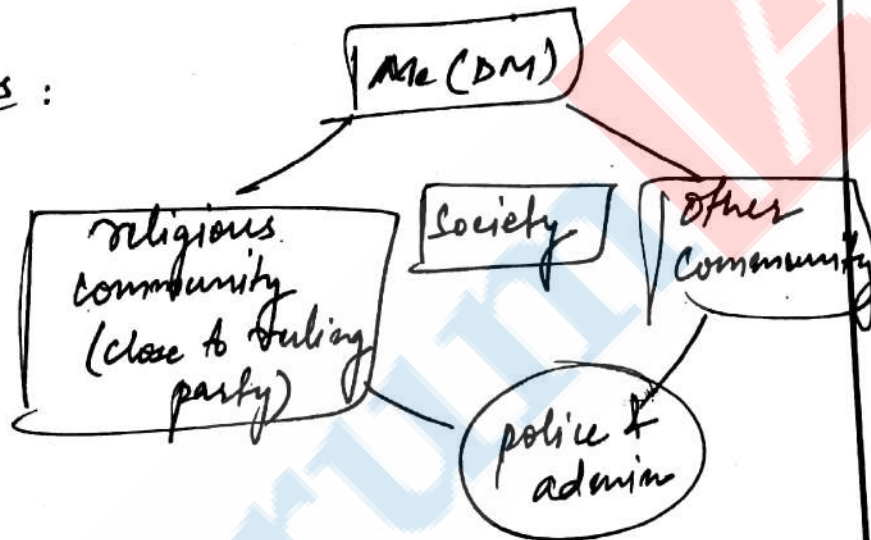
Q.14) You are posted as a District Magistrate in a communally sensitive district. You have specifically given the responsibility to maintain peace and harmony in your district. After sometime, you are informed that on the eve of religious festival, a communal organization close to the ruling party is planning to organize a religious procession where they distribute large number of swords to the people to celebrate. Also, the procession will move through the communally sensitive area. This may instigate a sense of fear among other community and chances of communal clash may increase.

Given this situation, answer the following questions;

- What are the immediate options available to you? Discuss the merits and demerits of each.
- What will be your response to the situation?
- What are the steps you would take to improve communal harmony in your district?

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Stakeholders :



Options

① Impose Section 144

Merits

- would prevent any communal violence from happening
- would maintain peace & tranquility

Demerits

- curbing freedom of people
- purely based on anticipation
- pressure from political bosses

<p>③ Increase the security in the region</p>	<p>→ freedom of people upheld → law & order maintained → confidence of minority community would be boosted → would be a precautionary step</p>	<p>→ cost to the administration → may curb the normal proceeding of business in the district</p>
<p>④ Do nothing</p>	<p>→ no freedom violated</p>	<p>→ situation might escalate → loss of life & property</p>

Response

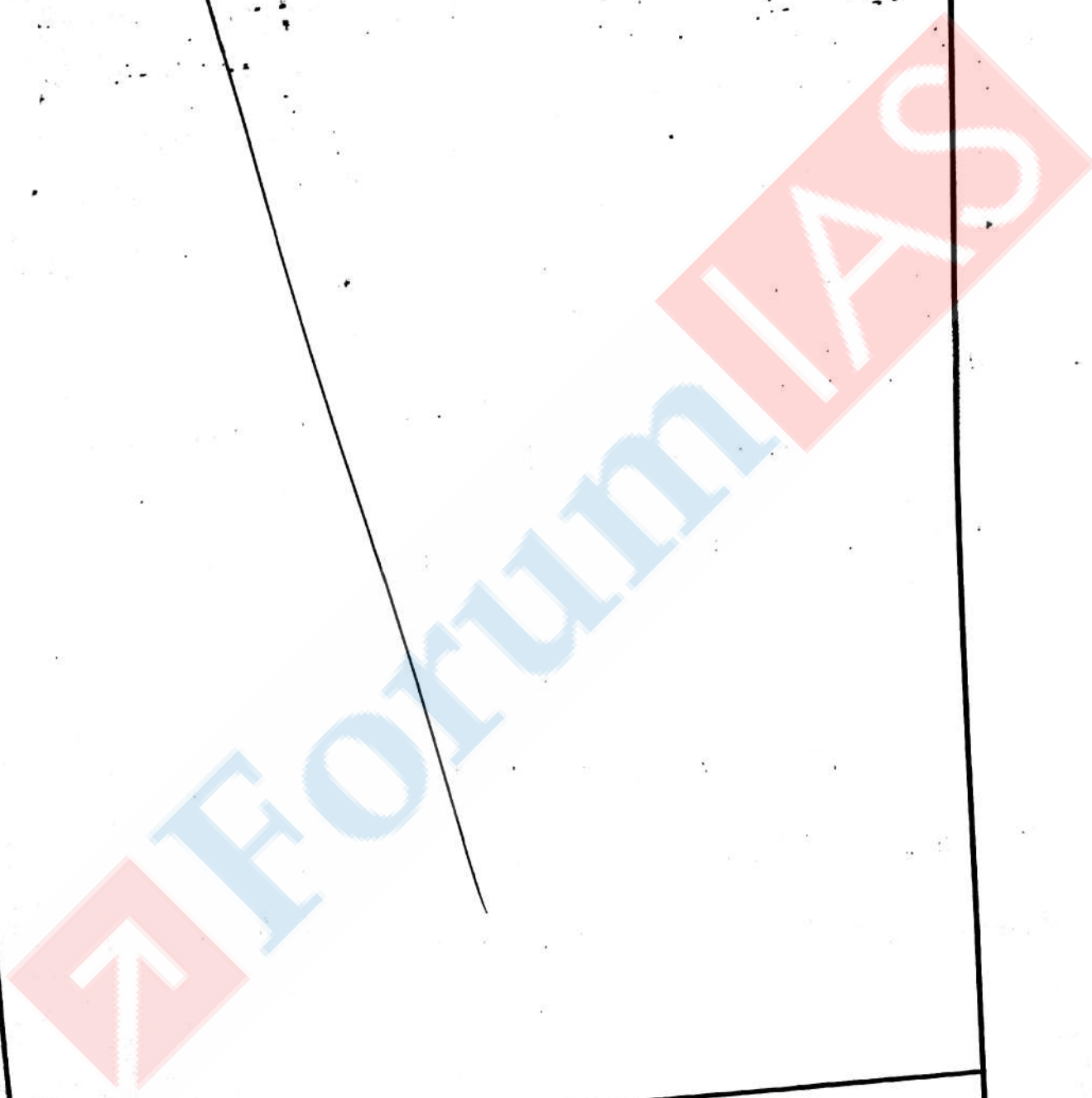
- would contact the leader of the religious organisation & convince them to avoid usage of swords in procession
- would boost the security in the region of procession
- would ensure that proper information regarding the procession is disseminated that no problem is caused
- would grant the permission for procession when formal request is made
- in case the situation turns violent would have backup ready to react
- would have CCTV cameras installed to have proper tracking of event (using drones)

Steps to improve Communal Harmony

- promote secular education in the district
- Information & sensitisation campaign would be organised
- Cross-cultural exchanges & interaction to be encouraged
- celebration of all festivals to be encouraged
- popularising local heroes of communal harmony
- making the institutions (local bodies) more representative etc
- strict legal actions against people spreading communal disharmony.

There is a need to uphold the secular credentials of our society as enshrined in our constitution & preamble.

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(15) You work in TCS as a project manager. Your company gets a project of digitizing and maintaining records of women and child welfare department in a state which has poor social indicators. After working for a while on the project you come across a set of accounts going through which you get to know about a scam in form of gross diversion and mis-utilisation of funds meant for the welfare by officials of the department. You do a preliminary research on your end to find more details. It not only confirms the scam but also reveals the extensiveness of the scam involving various high rank politicians and senior bureaucrats across the state. You report this to your senior who tells you that few officials already threatened him of his life. They have offered handsome amount of money on the other hand to remain silent which he has already accepted. He advises you to do the same and not risk your life.

But you decide to become a whistle-blower in order to reveal the scam and get justice to the needy and already deprived people.

(a) How should you go about it? Do you think 'Whistleblowers Protection Act' of India is effective enough to protect you?

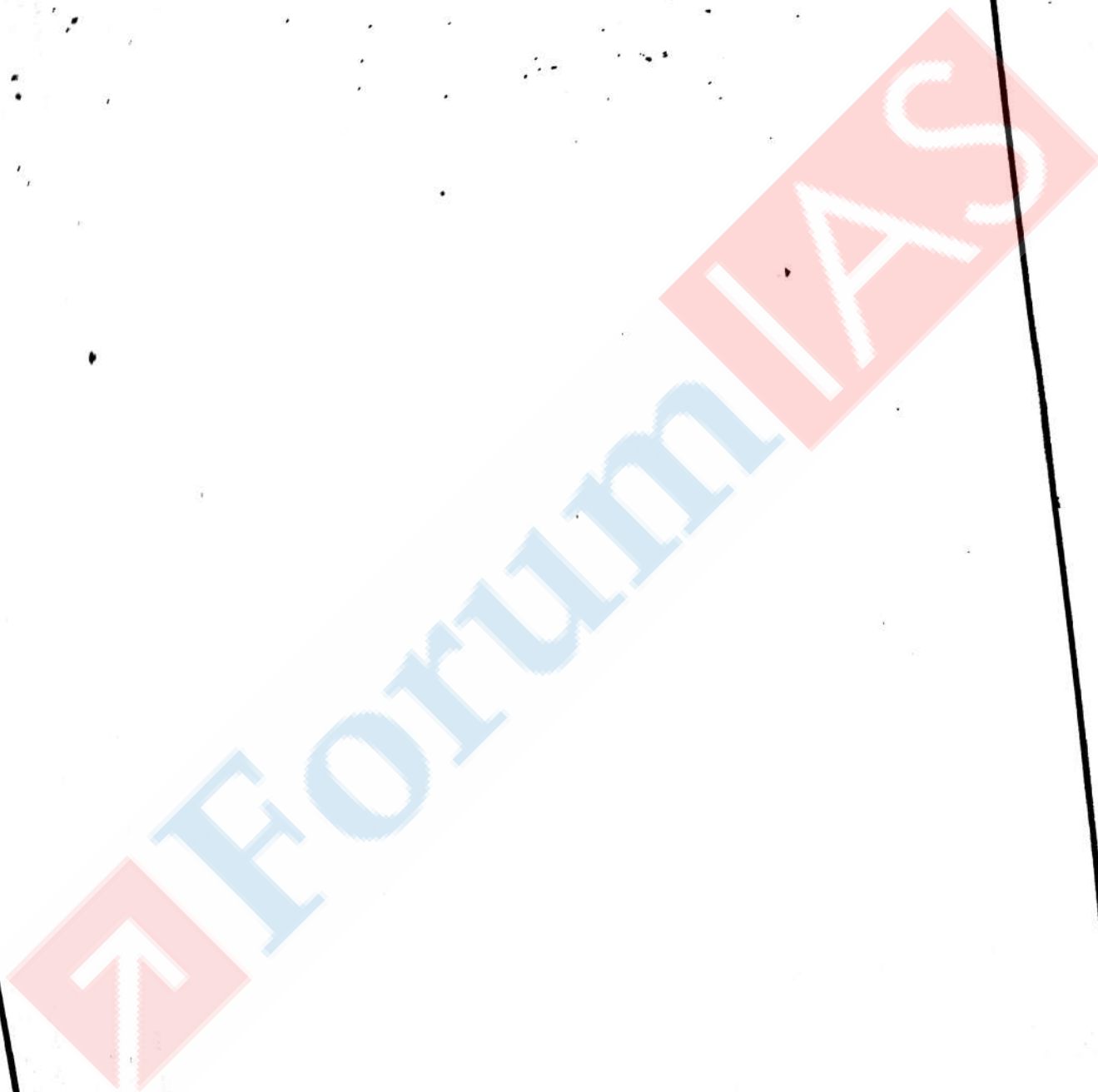
(b) Do you think that you have taken a right decision in this case? Justify.
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