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Section - A

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

Attitude could be understood as personal mental evaluation that an individual has of an event, thing, idea, person etc.

It has 3 components -

i) Cognitive element - which is the ideas/beliefs about the subject.

-eg. A person might believe migrants take away jobs.

ii) Affective element - is the emotional aspect felt due to the belief.

eg. Hatred towards migrants.

iii) Behavioural element is the tendency to act due to the emotion

eg. Some of the soil movement in various states

Influence of Attitude on thought

- 1) It could lead to biasedness. eg.
A person might be biased against welfare recipients.
- 2) It could promote rational thinking if an individual has positive and open minded attitude.
eg. listening to others + development of intellectual courage.

Influence of Attitude on Behaviour

- 1) Communalist attitudes could lead to actions which are not in compliance with law.
eg. Riots and Massacre.
- 2) Ego defensive mechanism to support our behaviour. eg. Whit Man's Burden theory

Thus attitude can influence our thought as well as behaviour.

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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)

Last year a Chinese scientist He Jiankui conducted DNA modification through CRISPR to cure disease.

This DNA modification has following ethical issues -

- 1) Humans are treated as means and not as an end in themselves.
- 2) It is against the natural process and may be against religious principles.
- 3) It could lead to development of designer babies which reinforces inequality as poor would not be able to access it.
- 4) It could change future generation without their consent.
- 5) It leads to 'doctrine of slippery slope' and can open Pandora's box.

India has banned DNA manipulation technologies which could change the germline. However ~~stem cell~~ somatic cells - based research is supported.

I believe that DNA manipulation could have unprecedented consequences. As on one hand it could improve healthy lifestyle and life expectancy, it has many above mentioned ethical issues.

Thus, there is a need to find the right balance between science and ethics.

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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)

According to National Family Household Survey, every 3rd women has been a victim of domestic violence. Similarly, NCRB data suggests 7% increase in crime against women.

Reasons for crime against women

- 1) Wrong sense of need to dominate under a patriarchal setup
- 2) Although stricter punishments are there, conviction is low.
- 3) Poor value development where subjugation of women is normalised. eg. Female foeticide, neglect of girl child.
- 4) Lack of action by the society against the perpetrators.

Measures Needed

- 1) Persuasion by the political leaders especially at the grass root level.
- 2) Value development at schools and within family by breaking gender stereotypes.
- 3) Reinforcement methods like ostracization of perpetrators could promote positive behaviour.
- 4) Idea of 'Beti Apki Dhan Lakshmi & Vijay Lakshmi' (BADLAV) should be supported.
- 5) Males should further support through organisations like MARD (Men Against Rape & Discrimination)

These measures could lead to attitude changes which ensures safety of women.

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b) "A country that demands moral perfection in its foreign policy will achieve neither perfection nor security" - 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)

No, I don't agree with the statement. I believe that ethics could provide help in solving the issues faced by international relations.

Current ~~the~~ Ethical Issues

1) Lack of congruence between national values and international values.

- eg. Amidst xenophobia in USA, it fails to internalise that it itself is a result of migration.

2) Security of the state vs Humanity

- Nationalism has led to high arms race which could lead to 'Mutually Assured Destruction'

3) Foreign help - Developed countries should support developing countries without making them

dependent.

- eg. Climate Finance is the need of the hour.

4) Trust deficit as right to self-determinism is harmed. eg. China's expansion in South China Sea.

Utility of Moral Principles

1) Ideas of Panchsheel still guide international relations - peaceful coexistence; non-interference etc.

2) Kant's idea of 'working according to maxim which could be made universal laws'

3) UN Human Rights Charter allows country to ensure humanity first dictum.

Therefore, moral principles could guide international relations leading to 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'

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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)

In the recent years there have rising corporate frauds like Nirav Modi scam, Vijay Mallya's fled to UK, Sahara fraud, etc.

Reasons for Corporate Fraud

- 1) Focus is on increasing profits without any regard to 'business with morality'
- 2) Need to make 'quick gains'
- 3) Collusion between those in power and those in business

In such context, Gandhiji's idea of trusteeship is relevant.

- He suggested that corporates should be identified as the 'trustees' of the society who have.

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responsibility of more than just providing goods & services.

- They should promote empowerment of the society & promote facilities like education, health, environment etc.

- Gandhi's trusteeship idea suggest that corporates have long term stake in the society.

- As this long term stake is recognised, it would ensure that ~~corporate~~ corporate take social responsibility and work as an active member of society.

This could help in ensuring there is a congruence between ethics and economics.

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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)

An organisation needs both leaders as well as manager for achieving its objectives. However their roles differ.

Leader

i) They provide the 'goals, objectives' etc. to be achieved

ii) They provide morale to the members of the organisation & guide them through their vision.

Manager

i) They provide methods to achieve those goals

ii) They under directing, organising, reporting etc so that outputs are in congruence with outcomes

- Leadership is one of 7 public service values as envisaged by the Nolan Committee.

Importance of Leadership

1) It ensures that the organisation works towards achieving goals.

2) It could help in providing positive work culture.

eg. Ashok Khemka provides the department value of integrity.

TN Shes an underlined the idea of courage of conviction

3) It ensures that dyānism is there and the work commitment is followed.

Leaders, if are responsible, could work as the role model for the subordinates. Through Effective coordination, they could promote good governance.

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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. Bureaucratic anonymity refers to the anonymity of the permanent executive i.e. he/she is not given credit for the outcomes the policy achieves.

Relevance - 1) Bureaucrat is ^{subordinate to} political executive and thereby works for them.

2) Bureaucrat is accountable for outputs and not outcomes.

2. Emotional Intelligence refers to the ability to monitor one's as well as others' emotions; distinguish between them and label accordingly; and utilise these emotions for guiding behaviour.

Relevance - 1) It could ensure better conflict resolution and feedback.

2) It allows civil servant to be responsive to citizens

3) Courage of Conviction refers to the ability of a civil servant to remain undeterred in pursuing ethical acts even when the pressure is high.

Relevance - 1) It allows one to take tough decisions

2) It ensures good governance & uncompromisable behaviour.

4) Selflessness could be understood as lack of personal interests in performing an act.

Relevance - 1) It ensures neutrality & non-partisanship.

2) It helps in removing conflict of interest.

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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 is one of the 4 Purusharthas, the other being artha (economy/money), kama (pleasure) and moksha (liberation).

- Dharma could be understood as ~~the~~ 'following duty' or taking actions which help in fulfilling the duty.

- Thus Dharma encompasses deontological school which focuses on the carrying out act based on the motive of fulfilling duty.

- It includes -

i) Kant's idea of Moral Rationalism.

ii) Rights Theory wherein state has duty towards public.

However, it is also based on achieving the ideal and thus promotes teleological approach as well by providing support for situational dynamics.

Dharma according to me is to follow duties as enshrined in the constitution and work as a responsible member of 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)

Vivekananda's quote highlight the subjectivity of the truth. What is held truth could then depend on how we perceive it and in which background.

- Jain's philosophy of Anekantavada also suggest the same that Truth is relative.

For eg. ~~ent~~ mining is the need for the development. For some, it is the ethical way out for growth. However for others, it might be the destruction of livelihood for tribals.

- Thus how we look at the ethical act is different in concluding about the truthfulness

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- In Mahabharat, Yudhishta proclaimed that Ashvathama is dead. Now this statement is true for Yudhishta for the elephant named Ashvathama had died. Thus the truth has many faced.

- Homosexuality is considered unethical by various religions. However, constitutional morality accepts it.

- Thus, it is very difficult to outrightly put things into truth & false. There can be opposite things and yet qualify as truth depending on how we look at it.

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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 above mentioned thought highlights the importance of having not just intellectual virtues but also moral virtues.

Knowledge without Integrity could lead to -

1) Manipulation for personal gains. eg.

Cambridge Analytica using personal info. to affect elections.

2) It could harm other individuals.

eg. development of atomic bombs could wipe out whole humanity.

3) It could lead to violation of professional ethics

eg. Doctors engaging in illegal organ trading

Thus knowledge without integrity is dangerous.

However, integrity without knowledge leads to -

1) Lack of required aptitude to perform the task. eg. not every ethical person could perform surgery.

2) It is a necessary condition but not the sufficient condition.

Thus it is important to ensure that that both are present. It could help in avoiding Gandhi's social sin of 'Science without Humanity' or 'Knowledge without Character'.

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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 could be understood as the quality of being 'fair' or 'just'. It involves the element of following virtues like objectivity (being unbiased), impartiality ← non-partisan -hip.

- A righteous person would take actions that are ethical and promote welfare.

Importance of Morality for Civil Servant

1) It allows in prioritising public interest over self-interest.

2) It ensures 'means are as important as ends'

3) It promotes honesty and ensures that

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there is no abuse of power.

Importance of Conscience

- 1) Conscience allows one to deliberate upon what is right or wrong.
- 2) It is important in interpreting laws for public interest.
- 3) It allows us to ~~take~~ action when there is no law or law is unethical.

Thus, righteousness a virtue should be promoted among civil servants.

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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 in Governance could be understood as the strict adherence to moral & ethical values in the various aspects of governance / or exercising power.

- While integrity suggests the past behaviour which is consistent with ethical values, probity allows one to be ethical even in the future.

- Therefore probity is about being 'incomptible'

Importance of Probity in Governance

1) It helps in shifting focus from 'doing things rightly' to 'doing the right things'

2) It ensures public service values as suggested by Nolan Committee are followed.

- These include openness, selflessness, accountability,
honesty, integrity, leadership & objectivity.

3) It improves quality of service delivery.

4) It ensures constitutional ideas of equality,
justice and liberty are ensured.

5) It results in consensus building and transparen
cy.

Thus it allows governance to become not only
good governance but also ethical governance

thereby promoting public trust.

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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)

Public resources refer to the natural, financial and human resources available with the govt. for fulfilment of public aspirations through provisioning of requisite goods and services.

Issues related to utilisation of public resources

- 1) Utilitarian approach vs Rights-based approach.
- eg. should mining in forest areas be allowed which could lead to rehabilitation of tribals
- 2) Equitable levy of taxes such that rich contribute more to the tax revenue.
- 3) Conflict of Interest wherein the public officer could utilise resources (public) for personal gains.

4) Who should be the beneficiary of the various govt. expenditure. eg. should rich farmers avail subsidies etc.

Role of Ethics in resolving these issues

- 1) Gandhiji's social sin of 'Pleasure without conscience' should guide subsidy regime.
- 2) Rawls idea of welfare of the least well off should promote distribution.
- 3) Utilitarian approach using 'cost benefit analysis' could help in taking development projects.
- 4) Principle of natural justice should be referred to by reusing ourselves where conflict of interest arises.

These measures could ensure that utilisation could promote welfare of the public.

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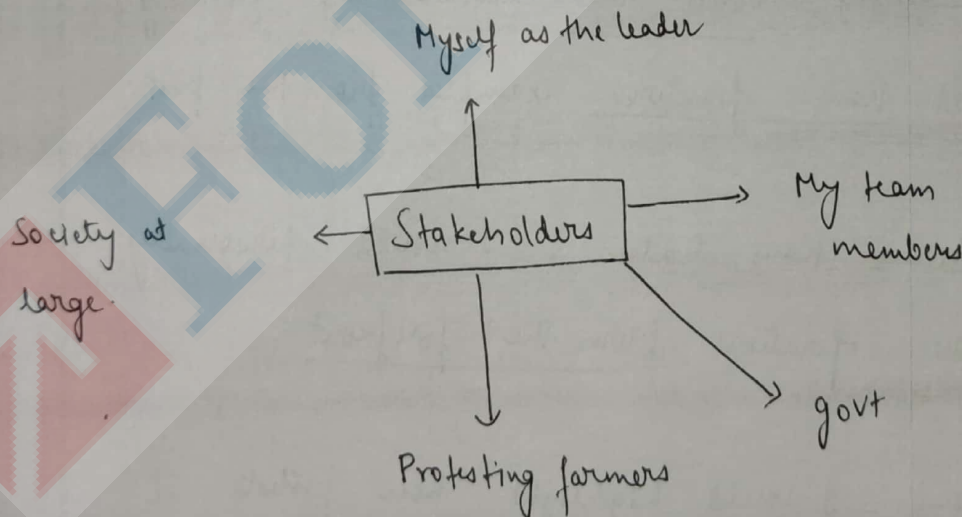


Section - B

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 above case study highlights the ethical issue of personal vs professional values. While team members fear for their safety, the duty asks for ensuring law and order.



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a) In such a situation, I would take the following actions -

i) First & foremost, I would ensure that the injured personnel are provided medical aid through first aids and the severely injured is taken to hospital.

ii) Then I would persuade the team members to follow their duties as the civil servant.

iii) I would boost the morale by providing successful team operation examples from the past.

iv) As a team leader, I would personally lead the operation from the forefront.

v) Also, I would highlight how protests if unchecked could harm - the common people, whom we are given responsibility to protect.

vi) I would then approach the farm leaders and argue with them to ensure peaceful protests.

vii) If farmer leaders do not agree, necessary action would be taken like use of water cannons, arresting the violent protesters etc.

viii) Further, a close coordination with government would be established so that voices could be heard.

The constitution provides citizens right to peaceful protest + thus it must be protected. Team leadership should work for ensuring law & order.

b) The qualities which could help a civil servant in such situation are -

i) Emotional Intelligence so that team members could be motivated.

- ii) Persistence and Courage of conviction so that adversity doesn't become overpowering.
- iii) Persuasive skills to ensure that the team works together
- iv) Empathy + Compassion to understand others' view point.
- v) Work Commitment + Dynamism so as to utilise changing situation in the right manner

All these qualities could ensure an effective management of the law & order situation

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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 case highlights the issue of communalism based on unscientific evidence which has the potential of breaking down the moral fabric of society.

- a) Prejudice refers to forming 'pre conceived' notions about a particular group with a common characteristic like ethnicity, caste, region etc. eg. Brahmins are smarter

than other.

Stereotype is a result of prejudice wherein a particular group with distinct characteristic is expected to act in the particular manner.

eg. Criminal Tribes were stereotyped to be criminals.

- A black person in America is stereotyped as a criminal.

Reasons for prejudice & Stereotype

- 1) Lack of exposure to the individuals.
- 2) Feudalistic mindset and conservative belief.
- 3) Lack of value development in the society through family, school etc.
- 4) Caste system in India also promotes it.
- 5) Lack of scientific temper & intellectual ability to question and analyse.

b) The following actions would be taken -

i) Wide spread communication through social media, radio etc about the false narrative and strict punishment for miscreants

ii) Engage with local leaders to calm the public

iii) Promote audio-visual messages to promote fraternity.

iv) Provide a helpline ^{number} to the north eastern people facing any challenge.

v) IT cell would be given impetus to charge the cyber criminals

vi) Also, given the pandemic I would request public to maintain social distancing.

vii) If the situation persists, curfew could be imposed to check both protests as well as COVID spread.

c) The long term solutions require -

i) Improving the idea of fraternity through cultural programmes.

ii) Attitudinal change among the school going children through role playing etc.

iii) Political maturity such that 'race' is not used for votes.

These measures could promote the idea of 'EK Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' - promote unity & integrity of the country.

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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)

The case study highlights the difficult choices that a family has to make to even ensure the basic survival of the members of the family.

Ethical issues involved are -

1) Means justify the end vs ends justify the end.

- is selling one's children to save others an ethical action?

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2) Greatest good for the greatest number vs
rights of the individual

- How did family prioritise ^{between} one individual's
rights and others' hunger.

3) Humans as means to an end wherein
family sells their daughter.

4) Weak rule of law vs Lack of development
- While there is a market for human trade,
there is also lack of development in the
region.

5) Taking action against the family could again
lead to a vicious circle.

b) In such a situation, following
options could be taken by Ramesh -

i) Taking Action against the family

Merit

a) It would help in resolving cognitive dissonance as he takes action considering 'rights' of a girl.

b) It would lead to adherence to rule of law.

Demerit

a) It will not resolve the root cause of the problem

b) It could further perpetuate poverty

ii) Letting issue slide = taking no actionMerit

a) The vicious cycle could be broken.

b) It could bring survival for the family.

Demerit

a) It amounts to abdication of duty

b) I, fail as a father and would bring inner turmoil.

ii) In such a situation, I would trace the buyer as well. Strict penal action would be taken against buyer and further measures like PM-KISAN would be made available to the poor family

Merit

- a) Allow better crop yield + agricultural income.
- b) Promotes idea of compassion.

Demerit

- a) It would amount to violation of objectivity

Further in the long run steps should be taken to promote animal husbandry + climate-resilient infrastructure such that desperate acts could be avoided.

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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)

There is a conflict between the idea of profit and transparency as suggested by the case study.

a) Various ethical issues involved -

i) Personal ethics vs Professional development

- While I might not like the ad, it could promote business thereby supporting my career

ii) Humans as means vs Humans as end

- The company relies on using customers for enriching itself illicitly.

iii) Company vs Society at large

- I as a member of society has responsibility to promote transparency.

iv) Business without morality as suggested by Gandhi's social sin.

v) Following the chain of command vs insubordination

b) The options available to me are -

i) going ahead with the advertisement

Positives

- It could help in greater revenue for the firm and promote profits.

- It also allows better career progression as I work in congruence with CEO.

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Negatives

i) It leads to cognitive dissonance as I personally don't believe in these ideas

ii) It could lead to legal action and charges of cheating.

ii) Not publishing the advertisement

Positives

i) It reinforces the goodwill of the company
 & promotes ~~ends~~ ~~means~~ justify the ends means are as important as ends.

ii) It promotes better information & transparency.

Negatives

i) It could amount of physical insubordination

ii) loss of job is a possibility.

In such a situation, I would take the option(ii) and not pursue the ad as it leads to misinformation. I would persuade the CEO against using it by arguing how company, if filed complaint against, could lose its goodwill & result in lower ~~ref~~ revenues. There is no short cut to success & thus better products should be designed.

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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.

- 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 reflects an issue of conflict of interest and abuse of power for personal gains.

The ethical issues involved are -

- Abuse of power by the minister for personal gains amounting to corruption.
- Disregard to 'equal treatment' to all as land is allocated to minister's relative who have higher information set than the public.

iii) Violation of the oath of secrecy taken by
the minister

iv) Poor work culture in the organisation wherein
the superiors have normalised this kind of corruption.

v) My Professional interests could be harmed if
any action is taken by me.

b) The various options available with me
are -

i) Be a mute spectator and don't interfere
as it could lead to my career being
ruined.

ii) Approach senior's senior and inform
him/her about the issue.

iii) Bring media into the confidence by

anonymous tip-off.

iv) Filing the complaint myself against minister

- In such a situation, I think being a mere spectator would amount to dereliction of duty.

- I should prioritise public interest over personal interests.

Thus my preferred course of action would be -

i) Informing the senior's senior about the case.

If s/he doesn't take any action. Then,

ii) Media should be tipped off anonymously.

This could lead to ripples in the political corridors and thus ensure action is taken against the minister.

iii) However if this doesn't happen, then I would personally take up the issue.

Although it might lead to poor career progression ,
I must ensure that abuse of power is minimised.

Not taking any action would make me an accomplice
in the corruption + this would result in moral
dilemma. Thus with conviction of courage
I would take action.

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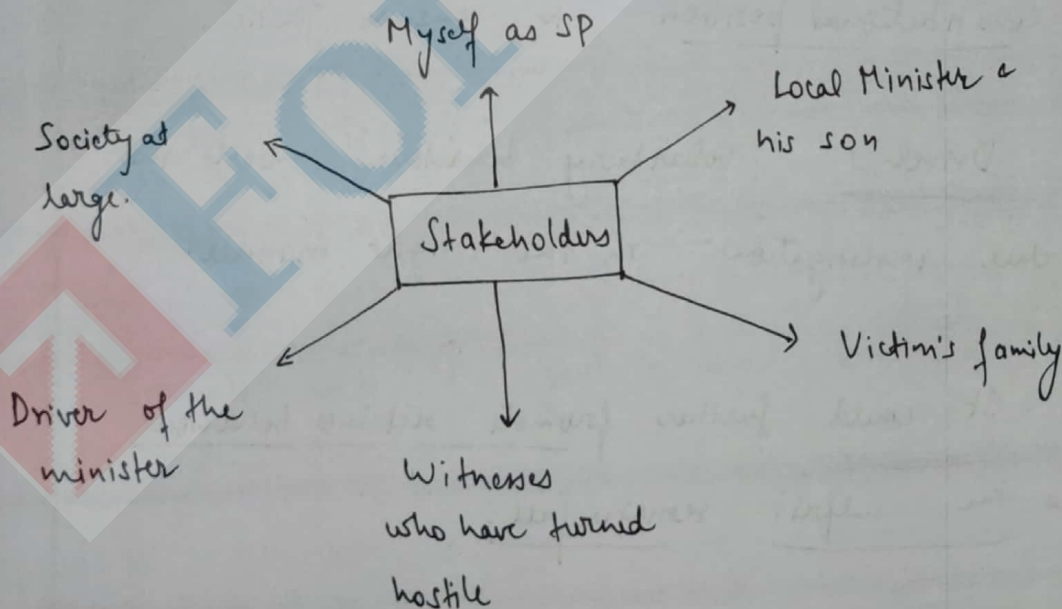


Q.12) You are an SP in a district. In your district a road accident took place recently, where a car has crushed and killed three people who were sleeping on the footpath. The driver of the car is absconding since the time of the accident. Upon investigations, the investigators were told by some witnesses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

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The case highlights the issue wherein powerful people are able to successfully evade the prosecution and remain out of jail even for the crimes they have committed.



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- a) Various ethical issues involved in the case are -
- i) Abuse of power to safeguard relatives by the local minister.
 - ii) Providing justice to victim's family and ensuring rule of law is practiced.
 - iii) Witnesses may have been corrupted by the incentives of money or fear for their death.
 - iv) Minister's responsibility as the holder of a constitutional position to ensure justice.
 - v) Driver's voluntary behaviour impacts the due investigation in the right manner.
 - vi) It could further promote reckless behaviour as the culprit remains free.

b) My course of action would be -

i) Full forensic investigation of the car to look for any traces of finger print, blood etc.

ii) Use available CCTV footage in the nearby area, if possible.

iii) Persuade witnesses to take up the right stand and provide witness protection through non-disclosure of witness identity and rehabilitation as a security measure.

iv) Investigate Driver's whereabouts and establish an alibi, if there.

v) Coordinate with the govt. to provide relief to the victims' family

These measure would ensure that due process

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of law is followed. Further I would personally lead the investigation so that political influence on the investigatory is minimised.

In the long run there is a need to ~~was~~ address the issue of homelessness, faster access to justice, promoting witness protection + strong rule of law so that drunk driving is ~~was~~ not done.

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