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## GENERAL STUDIES

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Section - A

Q.1) a) There is a view that the principal objective of ethics is equitable distribution of resources in a society and behavioural regulation at an individual level. Do you agree?

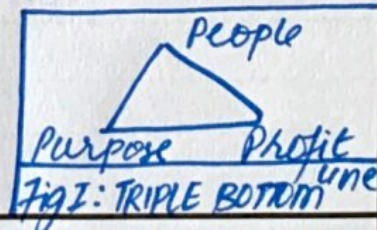
(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ethics as 2nd ARC report puts it is a set of standard that guides conduct. It is as Mahabharata asserts the pursuit of Dharma. It can have many objectives.

Equitable Distribution  
of Resources

a) by bridging inequalities in society which according to ALASDAIR MACINTYRE impoverishes the ethics of society.

b) in an organisation it shall ensure Employee satisfaction, company credibility and the pursuit of TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE: people, purpose, profit.



## Behavioural Regulation

a) as people in spirit of Immanuel Kant's categorical imperative will not treat people as means to an end. ex: this will avoid recruitment scams like VYAPAM SCAM.

b) People will endeavour like French philosopher Auguste Comte sought to move from EGOISM to ALTRUISM. ex: people's contribution to PM Cares fund.

These objectives can further be met by Value based Education, Simplified laws, and cultivation of SOCIAL CAPITAL. Ethics, however also achieves Social Trust, harmony both Individual and collective as well as progress of CIVILISATIONS.

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b) The Indian constitution is a beautiful blend of the Deontological and Utilitarian approach to ethics. Examine.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

The Indian constitution according to Gautam Bhatia is a transformative constitution that is both a document of laws and a Handbook of ethics to guide generations.

### Deontological Elements

- 1) The Promise of Preamble: which shall ensure Justice, Equality, Liberty, Fraternity and Dignity.
- 2) The commitment to Individual freedoms which like Amartya Sen asserts will help achieve capabilities and true freedoms:
  - ex: Article 21 Right to life (health, sleep)
  - Article 21A: Right to Education
- 3) Pursuit of social welfare: through

Directive Principles of State Policy.  
ex: Article 47: States responsibility  
for health and nutrition.

### UTILITARIAN APPROACH

which ensures maximum happiness  
of maximum people according to  
Jeremy Bentham.

- 1) Golden Triad of Article 14, 19, 21  
guarantees individual freedom  
and equality to all. This shall  
create collective progress.
  - 2) Commitment to welfare state shall  
ensure health and educational stand-  
ards and a demographic advantage.
  - 3) Parliamentary Democracy: which  
is rule of majority ~~reg~~ in the interest  
of simplicity and people's participation.
- Thus, the constitution blends ends  
and means in public interest.

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Q.2) a) A person's ability to make ethical choices is often restricted because of internal and external pressures. Identify some internal and external pressure that impact ethical decision-making. Have you ever faced such a pressure? Give examples from your life.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Ethical choices are not made in a vacuum just how a building lacks no architecture, choices always have contexts.

### Internal Pressures

1) Individual morality:

ex: Gandhiji called off Chauri Chaura due to pursuit of AHIMSA.

2) Pursuit of Gain / Avoidance of Loss:

ex Duryodhana's envy led him to a war with Pandavas.

3) Self-Image: ex:

what sort of person will I be, as GURU NANAK asked.

### External Pressures

1) Laws and Regulations: ex:

Child Trafficking is legally prohibited.

2) Social Influence:

ex: family planning due to HUM DO HAMARE DO campaign.

3) Preserving Reputation.

Facing Pressures in Ethical Choices:

Ex I: On February 20, 2020, I saw a stranded man in Delhi metro: Charitra Rarak. An old man separated from nephew at New Delhi ~~Red~~ metro station.

Internal Pressure

External Pressure

1) Have to help an individual in need. He was vulnerable and nobody was helping.

1) Delhi metro has intercom connection, finding his relative will not be difficult.

a) will be unable to sleep if I do not help him

2) I might get late to home.

I helped Charitra Rarak and he was reunited with Ajay Rarak (his nephew). This was possible because the internal and external pressures were in congruence, not disharmony.

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b) The Union Cabinet has recently approved changes in the law, extending the upper limit of pregnancy termination from 20 weeks to 24 weeks. Bring out the ethical issue involved in abortion. Give your opinion on the issue.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

The amendment to abortion laws for pregnancy termination was necessitated to identify any fetus abnormality and take medical action thereafter. It has however rekindled the abortion debate.

### Ethical Issues in Abortion

#### PRO-LIFE

- a) Since a fetus is part of the genus homo-sapiens - killing the fetus amounts to murder.
- b) Acceptability of abortion reduces respect of life and has a demonstration effect in legitimizing Euthanasia / homicide etc.
- c) The fetus can have a future like rest of us which is being denied.

PRO- CHOICE

- a) In pursuit of Self Preservation:  
Pregnancies may threaten life of mother. ex: Dr. Savita Halappanavar, an Indian dentist in Ireland died after a miscarriage where her pregnancy was not terminated.
- b) BODILY integrity and decisional autonomy are part of Right to Privacy as per K.S. Puttaswamy judgment.
- c) Unplanned pregnancy can be catastrophic for <sup>some</sup> family finances.

MY OPINION

Pregnancy and reproductive choices should be treated as personal liberty dimensions as upheld in Mrs. X vs. Union of India, but matters of life and death are best left to legislative order, hence any such extreme option should be exercised with constraint & caution.

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- Q.3) a) Differentiate between the following
- Emotions and Feelings
  - Terminal and Instrumental Values

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

### Emotions vs. Feelings

• feelings are the building blocks of emotions, while emotions are the more deeper, longer experience felt by humans.

#### Differences

- ① Emotions are sadness, joy while feelings are disappointment, or "happiness".
- ② Emotions ~~are~~ have a longer duration of lingering, while feelings are mostly transient.
- ③ Emotional Intelligence can be developed while feelings can best be acknowledged and responded with E.I.

acknowledging feelings is the first step to developing Emotional Intelligence - key to navigating the 21st century.

## Terminal and Instrumental Values.

Terminal values are ends in themselves (ex: human dignity) while instrumental values are means to an end (ex: being punctual to be a reliable person).

### Terminal

1. more valued by society. ex: honest people.
- 2) more difficult to achieve. ex: mere truthfulness cannot ensure Integrity
- 3) key to realize the ideal of Gandhiji, mandela, Martin Luther King.

### Instrumental

2. cultivated to achieve social harmony: ex: discipline
- a) easier to cultivate ex: the ethic of sharing food.
- 3) Immediate priorities for our schools and families.

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b) Major challenges of present Indian society can be solved merely by transforming the attitude of people towards certain issues. Identify and discuss any three such social issues. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Indian society today is in the midst of a churn, redefining itself for the 21st century while dealing with challenges both past and present.

### ① LACK OF CONSTITUTIONAL

FRATERNITY: the absence of fraternity is leading to communal riots (Delhi Riots), insensitivity towards poor (ex: migrants left without social support during LOCKDOWN)

changing this attitude:

- a) constitution classes introduced by Delhi government
- b) interfaith celebrations: ex: Daojili Hadongs, Assam.

### ② SEEING WOMEN AS BURDEN AND INFERIOR CITIZENS:

which denies dignity and economic opportunities to one half of the citizens. Transforming this attitude:

- a) Policy push for women's education - ensure mobility through bicycles.
- b) Public campaigns: Bedi Bachao Andolan.
- c) Legal effort: Dowry Prohibition Act

③ SEEING NATURE as MEANS TO HUMAN END: thus creating ecological crisis like wetland deterioration (ex: Kuldadeo Ghana) and man Animal conflict. Changing attitude by:

- a) Reinforcing "PRITHVI SUKTA": which offers salutations to mother Earth.
- b) Cognitive push: identify economic benefits of ecological preservation.

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Q.4) a) "Human challenge trials" being pursued the development of the COVID-19 vaccine, involves grave ethical concerns. Comment.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Human challenge trials refer to human trial stage to assess vaccine efficacy and better identify host-pathogen relationship.

### ETHICAL CONCERNS

- 1) The question of consent: if the participants have <sup>provided</sup> informed consent or poor, illiterate people are being recruited.
- 2) The question of outcome: since the vaccine tests are done on younger individuals which may be ineffective for older people.
- 3) The utility of threatening lives: since trials can put lives of vaccine candidates into grave danger.

4) The question of community trust: since those affected by virus for trial can potentially affect community.

An Ethical TOOLKIT for Human challenge trials:

- 1) Ensure informed consent, not recruit vulnerable sections merely in need of money.
- 2) Ensure trials are done in controlled conditions with in-house super specialty healthcare to respond to health emergencies
- 3) ensure diversity of participants for possible universal vaccine use.

Vaccine development must be ethically pursued and complemented with SOCIAL VACCINE: Hand hygiene and mask wearing.

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b) What do you mean by virtue ethics? Is a good character sufficient condition for moral actions?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Virtue ethics refer to the virtues that can enable an individual to develop ethically and reach her higher self. Auguste Comte best summed it up in saying: The pursuit of moral discipline is that Altruism predominates over Egoism. For Gautam Buddha it meant pursuing moderation, for Mahavir, ahimsa (non-violence) and for Ashoka: Dhamma.

Good character is a necessary condition for moral actions as:

1) It guides right action during ethical dilemmas. ex: Satyendra Dubey highlighted corruption at NHA.

b) It ensures consistency of ethics in both personal and public lives.

ex: Azim Premji donates most of his personal wealth to charity.

However, it is not sufficient because as Plato says, people have both reason to do good as well as desires that make them selfish.

ex: a person with good character may avoid taxes if Income Tax Act did not impose punitive measures.

Therefore 2nd ARC report asserts -  
Government should by laws make it easier to do good difficult to do wrong. Hence, - Institutions of a Lokpal, CVC to address corruption, measures of RTI, Social Audit to ensure Transparency.

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

a) Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

The above statement is in consonance with Socrates' thought that "All I know is I know nothing". This idea is key to individual and social progress.

→ As a society, when we acknowledge our ignorance of diversity we make an effort to acknowledge our own diversity as well as cosmopolitanism. ex: through EK Bharat Shreshth Bharat like schemes.

→ In science, when we recognise the limits of our present knowledge about possible harms of GM crops, we exercise caution and assess any proposal

via Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee.

→ In our lives, when we accept we do not know the design of the entire universe, we accept tragedies of death, loss and disaster.

→ In our dealing with the global COVID-19 pandemic, when we recognise our imperfect knowledge of its possible trajectory we complement efforts at clinical vaccine development with social vaccine of physical distancing, Hand Hygiene.

To ~~not~~ know about our ignorance is the first step to newer discoveries

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b) "Ethics is not self but no self"-Swami Vivekananda

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Selflessness is the central tenet of being ethical. The Nolan Committee recognised it as a key principle of Public service while Thirukural says: If one's soul need to be sold to do good, one must sell it.

→ In society, we have COVID-19 frontline workers - doctors, police, public servants & working selflessly. Dr. Abdul Majeed of AIIMS men removed his PPE in an ambulance to help a critical COVID patient.

→ Selflessness also informs the spirit of contribution and charity to global Pandemic efforts.  
ex: India's contribution to SAARC Health fund, people's contribution to PM-CARES.

→ Globally nations and firms are sharing vaccine and virus related information under WHO's Infection Surveillance Programme and Medecins Patent Pool.

→ Civil Society networks, SHGs, have come together to feed the hungry in India, support movement of people  $\beta$  back home  
 ex: Bollywood actor Sonu Sood's efforts, Gurygram Gharelu Kamgar Samiti - securing paid leave for domestic workers from employees.

→ There remains no greater satisfaction in devoting and dedicating oneself to society's  $\beta$  needs and its development. The self has to be lost in it.

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Q.6) a) Do you think the presence of law is a sufficient condition for ethical behaviour? Is it a necessary condition? Justify your answer.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Law is like an outer container that holds individual virtues while values and ethics are what make the substance. Plato rightly said good people do not need laws, bad ones will always find means to circumvent it.

What presence of laws ensure:

- a) consistency of <sup>ethical</sup> behaviour:  
traffic lights to be followed.
- b) fear of punishment if breached.
- c) disciplinary force shaping ethics  
ex: Civil Services Conduct Rules 1964  
prohibiting public intoxication.

Is it sufficient condition:

- a) Laws can be circumvented  
ex: tax evasion through base erosion and profit shifting

b) laws can be contrary to ethics:

ex: Article 377 was contrary to upholding equal rights of LGTBQ.

c) laws are external forces, ethics is truly sustained with internal beliefs.

Therefore, 2nd ARC committee report argues laws are necessary not sufficient and ethical behaviour need to be shaped by

- a) Value based education
- b) Building ethical work culture
- c) Ethics based foundation and mid career Training.

Ethics must remain the pole star that inform laws and guide human action

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b) Currently several international agencies and nation-states are developing the COVID-19 vaccine. In this context, discuss the ethical basis for distribution of the vaccine among people and countries, once developed.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Joseph Stiglitz and Arijun Jayadev call the vaccine development as "Knowledge commons" which must be ethically distributed.

Several ethical issues are involved:

- ① People vs. Profit: Companies in USA often have markup margin of 100,000%. which may deny access to poorer nations.
- ② monopolies that kill: monopolies through Intellectual property rights deprive knowledge sharing and generic drug manufacturing
- ③ Neglected Diseases: of the 20 WHO listed neglected diseases

which affect poorer nations, only 0.35% funds are invested. A similar outcome may meet COVID-19 related health mutations in poorer nations.

### Ethical Vaccine Distribution

a) Patent Pooling via institutions like Medicines Patent Pool.

b) Thomas Pogge suggests a ₹ 20,000 crore health impact fund which will provide profit to companies based on health impact while selling vaccines at production cost.

An ethically just vaccine distribution strategy should thus ensure both equitable access and incentivising R&D.

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c) The recent spate of suicide among seemingly successful people shows us that there is a need for developing both the adversity quotient and emotional quotient. Examine.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Viktor Frankl who spent years in Nazi concentration camps wrote Repression and consequently suicide happens when meaning of life is lost. Sushant Singh Rajput's tragic suicide rekindles the debate over developing ~~at~~ skills and mindsets to address ~~at~~ crises of life.

Developing Adversity Quotient:

a) Building long lasting relationships. ex: Aristotle recommends civic friendship among people for individual and social harmony.

b) Having social support : in spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam : (enshrined in Maha Upanishad)

all world is one family. Sharing distress, celebrating festivals together.

c) Seeking Professional help from mental health experts, treating depression/bipolar disorder etc. as serious illness.

Building Emotional Quotient:

a) Rethinking Socialisation: where children are allowed safe spaces to express emotions.

b) Taking HOLISTIC view of life: not a unidimensional one where work/material success defines one's identity.

Suicide is <sup>consequence</sup> ~~symptomatic~~ of an individual's long battle with depression. It is a suffering that fails words but can be ameliorated with a) social support b) professional help

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Section - B

Q.7) You are working as a Human Resource Manager in a multinational company. The profit margins of the company have been coming down in recent years. The top management has decided to lay off around 20% of the employees in the light of reducing profits. You have been given the responsibility of identifying employees who can be laid off. You have been told not to discuss this issue with anyone and keep it a secret. Many of the people who will be laid off are your friends. While shortlisting employees you realize that many of the employees are dependent on the company for their survival. You also come to know that people working at the top are getting salary hikes despite company-wide moratorium on salary appraisals. You feel that if such hikes are not given, many jobs can be saved. You are now confused and not happy with the way things are done in the company. When you approach your seniors, you are told to follow the instructions and leave decisions to them.

- Identify the ethical issues from the viewpoint of different stakeholders.
- What will you do in such a situation?

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

An enterprise runs on the basis of social economic capital as well as human capital. While any restructuring of employees is natural, it is fraught with ethical concerns like:

company profits vs. Employment Security

Short term gains vs. Good Human Resource management

Stakeholders and ethical concerns:

Company:

- 1) Maximizing profit and minimizing losses due to burden of extra employees - being laid off.
- 2) However, such a step can be contrary to the TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE APPROACH of People, Profits and Purpose. Especially given the VULGAR PAY GAP.
- 3) A seemingly unethical may compromise credibility and shareholder value.

Employees

- 1) Should only be laid off if proven incompetence.
- 2) An unethical, arbitrary layoff can compromise trust.

and work culture. A Harvard Business review study shows trust in company can reduce Turnover risks by 50%.

### Society

- 1) unemployment can create social issues like higher mental health burden, marital discord and domestic violence.
- 2) It is said being laid off is like a death in the family. People's motivation to live and persevere is compromised.
- 3) The enterprise's unethical layoff with a vulgar pay gap may have a demonstration effect in society where ~~peo~~ profits are valued over people.

My course of Action :

- 1) Having identified salary hikes in top management, I will create an alternative plan to retain employees and restructure pay scale and submit the same to company head.
- 2) I will further identify the skill gaps that are causing profit loss and plan an HR led effort to reskill employees to make the company and staff relevant.
- 3) Having done the above two I will identify the non-performers and those with proven track record of non-competence. These employees will be given an honourable severance package and be laid off with dignity. This way I will balance both People and Profits.

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Q.8) Amit is from an economically poor background. He has been selected for the prestigious IAS service. Fathers of many eligible brides have approached his home for the marriage of their daughter. Amit's parents have selected a bride for him, and he is also happy with the matrimonial proposal. He comes to know that his future father-in-law plans to give a large amount of money to his family as a dowry. Amit is unhappy and tells his father-in-law that he will not accept any such money. But his father-in-law insists that the money is for his only daughter. Also, he hints that Amit may not be able to afford the expensive lifestyle of his prospective bride given his limited government salary. He is not giving dowry, but a blessing to his daughter, and he insists on giving the money. Amit's family does not see any problem with this gift as they have not asked for anything and it is the bride's father who wants to give gifts voluntarily. Consider yourself in Amit's position and answer the following questions:

a) Who are the stakeholders in this case? Discuss their ethical position.

b) Given below are some of the options available before Amit

1. Accept the gift and go ahead with the marriage, as there is no harm in it.
2. Call of the wedding if the father does not agree to withdraw the gift.

Enumerate further options available before Amit and evaluate each of them, suggesting the most suitable course of action.

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

Dowry is a perverse manifestation of stree-dhan, the vedic practice which enabled passing a piece of lineage to the daughter. In present society, it is a social evil manifestly prohibited in Dowry Prevention Act.

Stakeholders and ethical position:

1) Bride's father:

a) wants to ensure economic security and well-being of daughter.

- b) wants to give the daughter her due in family inheritance.
- c) seeks to fulfill the social obligation, since dowry though prohibited, continues to be given in society.

### 2) Bride

- a) may seek the dowry as her family's blessing.
- b) may seek it to maintain her lifestyle said to be luxurious in the case.

### 3) Amit

- a) Civil Services Conduct Rules explicitly prohibit taking any dowry.
- b) Commitment to oath to act without fear or favour and in spirit of constitution <sup>will</sup> may be compromised as he will violate Dowry Prohibition Act.

c) An unethical deed since marriage is a union of souls where money adds an element of commerce. Ram-Sita, Romeo-Juliet were known for their love not the transactions involved in relationship

### OPTIONS Before AMIT

A) Accept the gift and marry

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

1) peaceful marriage, no confrontation

2) father-in-law-family all will be content

3) extra wealth will ensure comfortable life.

1) illegal and unethical

2) create internal dissonance, crisis of conscience.

3) the foundations of marriage may be weakened.

B) Call off the wedding if father-in-law does not agree:

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

1) fulfill his fundamental duty (SIA) being a responsible citizen.

2) not create relationship fraught with differences and internal crisis

c. Frank conversation with bride and family:

a) They knew Amit was an honest and upright officer who gets a set salary so any expectation of a luxurious lifestyle is misplaced. b) Government provides all basic amenities for a comfortable life, so dowry is unwarranted. He can thus convince the bride and family that Love is the greatest wealth marry her.

1) Gloom and sadness will replace mirth of the wedding.

2) future wedding prospects of bride and groom will be compromised

3) social boycott.

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Q.9) You are a senior doctor serving in Ram Manohar Lohia government hospital in Delhi. This hospital is one of the designated COVID-19 hospitals. Delhi being a hotspot of COVID cases, is witnessing an influx of many hundreds of daily patients to such government hospitals. In such a situation, the patient load on your hospital is relatively high. As a result, there is a mismatch between requirement and availability of critical health care infrastructure such as ICU beds, ventilators, oxygen gas cylinders, etc.

Moreover, the media is continually alleging the neglect of medical ethics in providing medical facilities to the patients in the name of the hospital's Triage policy. Further, it is also alleged that many senior citizens with corona symptoms are being refused for the required medical facilities like ventilators.

Amid such critical situations at your hospital, one day, five patients turn up to get medical aid. This group of patients includes an 85-year-old lady, a 65 years old diabetic patient, a 20-year-old college student, a 35 years pregnant lady, and 45 years old foreign national. All the patients require the ventilation facility. With an insufficient number of ventilators left in the COVID care unit in your hospital, answer the following questions:

- What do you understand by Triage Policy? What are the ethical challenges in framing a triage policy?
- What would be your priority order for providing intensive health care service to these five patients?
- On what ethical criteria would you base your judgment.

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

Triage policy refers to the rationing of critical health infrastructure like beds, ventilators etc. among patients in the face of a resource crunch. There are several

ETHICAL CHALLENGES INVOLVED:

- The challenge of prioritising: those who are in most need of the care or those who have better chance of survival.

### b) The Challenge of Objectivity:

since it is close to impossible to be 100% certain about patient health response probability.

### 1) The question of legality:

In the vacuum of certain laws - each healthcare facility can have conflicting policies and may violate the first law of health care:

PRIMUM NON NOCERE: First, do no harm.

### Priority order for the Five patients

a) Do a thorough oxygen level check to find out whose oxygen level is the lowest and needs immediate care. The pregnant lady with two lines must be given extra attention during observation.

- b) Treat all five as equal moral persons. It shall be unethical to determine who needs most care based on age/health background/nationality
- c) Based on oxymeter reading, those most in need will be put on ventilator.
- d) Meanwhile, RML being a big hospital, we also have mechanical, human run ventilators. Trained health workers will provide oxygen support to all 5 patients.
- e) Meanwhile as a senior doctor, and RML being a recognised hospital, I will ~~order~~ contact neighbouring hospitals like Sardarjang, Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality hospital to

see where ventilators are available. The patients will be promptly shifted to the hospital with available ventilators.

1) during this transition, I will ensure my patients are given psychological first aid and clear communication about their status provided to their families.

All the above steps will be based on Kant's idea of treating humans as ends in themselves and creating foundations of a robust hospital because Rawls says: Justice is the first principle of any institution.

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**Q.10)** 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)

Prejudice refers to biases of the mind, preconceived, conservative ideas. ex: prejudice against LGBT&I+ of being immoral. whereas stereotype refers to categorising an entire group of people or community of being "a certain type" or behaving in a pre-determined way. ex: Women cannot drive well is a common stereotype.

## Why prejudices and stereotypes exist?

- 1) It eases judgments for the common mind. People like to have set ideas as frameworks of judgment.
- 2) Poor communication and Ambedkar's Social Endosmosis which creates barriers of thinking.
- 3) Poverty of Education: Since true education enables people to accept diversity.

### Analyzing the present situation:

→ The racial discrimination is an outcome of deep seated prejudices against North Eastern origin people. This is more than a law

and order issue. It involves people's

- sense of dignity
- security of life.

Therefore the **POLICE STRATEGY** will be:

- Ensure Section 144 is imposed by District Authorities, so that the protests can be curbed. Any such protest can become the Pandemic hotspot and threaten the lives of people.
  - # Innovative protests on social media like # say NO TO discrimination can be proposed to protestors.
- Police Posts at Railway Stations and Bus Stations with counsellors, big banners and loudspeaker communication to tell people that Police stands by them, reassure them to stay back.

- 1) Beat policing in communities, especially during night.
- d) Dedicated helpline for those facing discrimination and violence.

### Long term measures

- 1) Create a special wing called "Rakshak" which shall recruit North East origin officers to assure the community and inspire respect and acceptance for community.
- 2) Pair up with educational institutions to carry awareness activities like - seminars, Nukkad Natak etc.
- 3) Pairing up police officers of Bengaluru with those from NER like done in "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat" scheme is the way to go.

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**Q.11)** Jyoti Kumari is a young girl staying in Gurugram with her father. Due to a nationwide lockdown and cessation of all economic activity, her father loses his job. With no work at hand, and little means to survive in the city, Jyoti and her father decide to go back to home in Bihar. However, no means of transport are available given the lockdown situation.

Jyoti decides to cycle more than 1200 km to bring her sick father from Haryana to their native village in Bihar.

The story of Jyoti and her father is not an isolated one in India. 'Lockdown restrictions introduced by the government have forced many migrant workers out of jobs, forcing them to migrate to hometowns and villages. Although the governments at various levels have been trying to ease the movements of migrants, stories of Jyoti and her father hints that more needs to be done.

There is also the added issue of bearing the cost of travel of the migrants from their respective states to their home states. Left with no money, due to loss of livelihood, State governments are unwilling to bear the cost of travel of migrant labourers.

You have been tasked with drafting a policy for migrant workers affected by the lockdown. How will you approach the problem and what would be the main elements of your suggested policy?

- Lockdown specific.
- long term.

According to Ban-Ki-moon, (20 Marks, 250 Words)  
Migration is the expression of human pursuit to lead a dignified and purposeful life. It is but a tragedy that the poorer among the migrants are treated as second class citizens. The lockdown for COVID-19 has revealed this faultline and demands a policy rethink.

draft policy for migrant workers  
affected by lockdown.

### Approach:

- 1) Treat them as equal moral citizens, with needs and wants similar to all others.
- 2) Adopt John Rawls, veil of ignorance to rethink what if I am born worse off.
- 3) Uphold dignity of their labour and use Gandhian lens to WIPE EVERY tear from every Eye.
- 4) Infuse social trust, as economists Yann Algan and Pierre Cahuc have quantitatively proved that social trust correlates with economic growth.

### Elements of Policy:

- 1) "Village is the hospice" for the harsh urban life, therefore mobility back to the village should be ensured by Shramik Special trains, free of cost.
- 2) on their arrival to respective cities and villages, mandatory 14 day quarantine. They should be provided with basic amenities as well as Psychological first Aid, avenues of recreation.
- 3) On arrival, maintain registers of skills. Thereby create a Skill map of workers.
- 4) create a register of co-morbidities and serious diseases. Inform Primary Healthcare centres of possible health emergencies.

5) Based on skill map identify job creation opportunities. Ideally integrate them with MGNREGA.

6) Amend MGNREGA 2005 to commit 200 days of work for time being and option of cash payment to infuse liquidity.

7) Implement One nation one ration card nationally to shift focus from PLACE based benefit to BENEFICIARY BASED

8) Ensure capacity building of schools to provide food to children home to home (like Kerala) to avoid a nutritional calamity.

9) Consider, as Yita Yopinath, IMF head recommended - Cash Transfers.

Eventually, job creation in migrants hometown and social infrastructure shall be key.

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Q.12) Recently, a social experiment #LikeAGirl was conducted in which boys and girls belonging to different age groups were called and interviewed. The first group consisted of boys and girls below 12 years of age, and the second group consisted of adult men and women. Individual participants from each group were asked to run like a girl in front of a digital audience. Girls from the first group ran to the best of their ability without any social inhibition. Boys from this group ran in a manner to mock the girls of their characteristics. On the other hand, grown up women belonging to the second group ran awkwardly while focusing on their posture and gait and not on their performance.

Upon being asked to share their views, the girls from the first group said that for them "running like a girl" meant giving their individual best and running as fast as they could. But for grown up girls the phrase "like a girl" carried a different meaning which was somewhat derogatory. They said that doing something "like a girl" meant not giving their best but pretending to be weak and frail. This social experiment shows that with age the meaning of "like a girl" changes and the confidence level of girls goes down as they grow up.

- a) Analyze the reasons for falling confidence and negative self-perception in girls as they grow up?
- b) Also suggest, how can such an attitude be changed?

(20 Marks, 250 Words)

Science asserts that by nature girls are born more bubbly, open and extroverted but it is socialisation that moulds them in a set fashion. Thus the feminist Simone de Beauvoir said "one is not born a woman but becomes a woman"

Reasons for failing self confidence and negative self perception:

1) Crisis of missing women :

Amartya Sen famously highlighted this to assert that girls are often unwanted. Therefore female infanticide, child trafficking is rampant. This fact is a clearly symptomatic of self-perception that girls acquire.

2) Gender Discrimination: explicit like giving the girl less/less tastier food or implicitly loving the male child more. These influence how girls look at themselves.

3) Social Dictats : like Knap Panchayats influencing how women should dress or live influences ~~them~~ women. Their lives are governed by restrictions rather than freedoms and capabilities

4) Lack of examples/models: we have very few & women role models in public life - ex  
Nirmala Sitharaman / New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern / CSE Topper Tina Dahi.

5) A world full of stereotypes and prejudices which informs socialisation at homes and schools: so culinary classes are preferred over Karate classes.

### Transforming this attitude

Changing this attitude requires transforming the 3 components of Attitude:

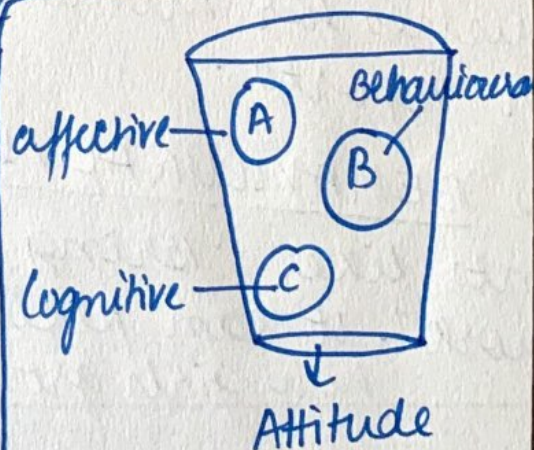


Fig I: Components of Attitude.

1) Affective Component:

a) Public campaigns that break stereotypes: like DOVE ran a campaign on breaking stereotypes of beauty.

b) Community engagement: Nukkad Natak, movie screenings: Dangal, Inviting women leaders to community events - ex: the PHOYAT SISTERS.

2) Cognitive Component

a) Publicising laws against discrimination

b) Drafting educational policy that pushes for women participation in sports.

3) The BEHAVIOURAL NUOUE by events like "Bring your daughters to work". It can positively transform how girls grow up to see themselves.

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