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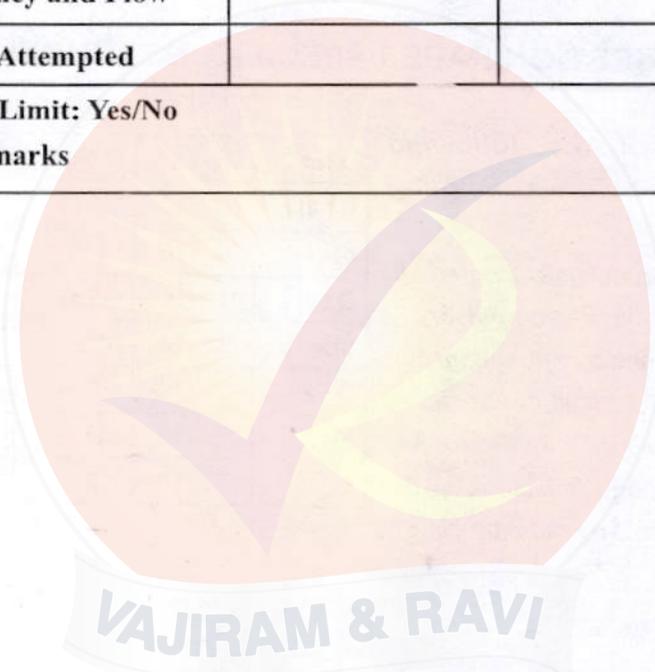
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Section A

1. (a) "Integrity in isolation may ensure honesty, but without impartiality and non-partisanship, governance cannot be ethical." Evaluate the interdependence of these foundational values in the context of public service. (10 marks, 150 words)

Integrity is adherence to moral values even when no one is watching.



Interdependence of these values in public service:

① Impartiality promote / ensure

integrity in process

(a) Non-discrimination against any group of people

② Non-partisanship along with

impartiality ensure constitutional morality is governance of prudent integrity

(a) public service delivery to people

- ③ All three values ensure, transparency, Accountability & governance
- ② Ashok Khemka = expose corruption
- ④ Non-partisanship ensure public trust to governance and social justice
- ① Integrity ensure governance toward workers & citizen

Not observation of values

- Corruption
- Abuse of power
- Dereliction of duty
- Service delivery affected
- Accountability & transparency affected

This integrity, impartiality & non-partisanship are core values to provide service.

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(b) "The essence of ethics in human actions involves a balance between individual autonomy and societal norms". Examine this statement by exploring how ethical frameworks reconcile personal freedom with social responsibility.

(10 marks, 150 words)

Ethics is a Standard / Norm which Society impose to decide right and wrong.

Balance between Individual Autonomy and societal norms

- ① Ensure personal freedom and social responsibility
- ② Maintain person's choices like marriage align with society responsibility

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2. (a) Is conscience a universal moral compass, or is it shaped by society and upbringing? Illustrate with suitable examples.

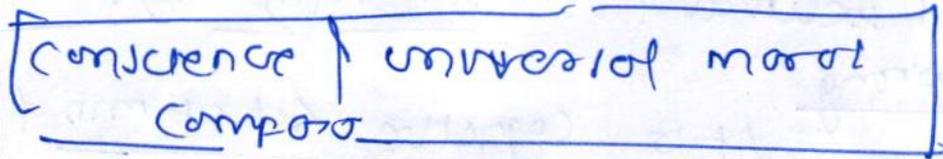
(10 marks, 150 words)

Conscience is a inhibitive capacity of individual to deal with right and wrong. It is cognitive act of mind to resolve conflict of conscience and moral & ethical principle are motivating

Conscience Shaped by Society and Upbringing

- ① parenting promote custom values in childhood which becomes part of mind
 - eg) Respecting the elders
- ② Societal norms values like Tolerance, secularism, equality aspect in individual
- eg) Non-indulgences in violence & mob lynch
- ③ Empathy & compassion are developed due to continuous exchange b/w society

④ Ethical training to people also help to nurture conscience
 eg) civil servant - impartially



1) Common values of Love, Peace and empathy are common in all individuals

eg) Gandhi, Teresa, Nelson Mandela

2) Appreciation of conscience wholly depend on individual's views universally similar pattern

3) Conscience promote universal ethics & morality

Conscience is best guide for dilemma which is shaped by society and universal moral component

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(b) How can the ethical principles rooted in ancient Indian philosophy serve as a guide for policymakers and administrators in balancing development with ecological sustainability? (10 marks, 150 words)

Classic dilemma of development and ecological sustainability can be solved via principles of ancient Indian philosophy

Principles of Ancient Philosophy

- ① Vasudeva Kutumbakam: The whole earth is our family, so nurturing environment is equally important
- ② Religious philosophy: Rigveda, Vedic promoted living with nature - cease worshipping nature like god.
- Dhuta Rina: debt toward nature
What they provided us.
- ③ Jainism and Buddhism: promote non-violence and home to creature

promoted sustainable well-being resources for human development

④ Concept of bhama " (Righteous duty)

: ensure sustainable consumption by individuals

⑤ Upanishad doctrine promoter for non-possesiveness; avoid using materialism & luxury

Guide

Equal importance to culture and environment while development by principle of sustainable consumption & development,

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3. Given below are three quotations of great thinkers. What do each of these quotations convey to you in the present context?

(a) Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.—Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
(10 marks, 150 words)

Cultivation of mind as per BR Ambedkar is promoting RATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, value loaded and Secular mind for socio-economic justice and human rights

Cultivation of mind requires value education at home and school level which promote gender equality, secularism among young children

Young children become future citizens with brave & secular mind promote social equality in society and work for welfare of people and promote social capital & not indulge into hate communalism, casteism etc

Mind cultivation should be done from scientific understanding and logical thinking as American old costume is not scientific in nature.

on the other hand not focusing on cultivation of mind lead to type of stubborn people with less empathy, narrowness in their life and affect their societal welfare and human existence.

(eg) involvement in costume of community by people

This knowledge should be guiding principle for cultivation of mind

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(b) The coward calls the brave man rash, the rash man calls him a coward - Aristotle
(10 marks, 150 words)

Aristotle through quote signify the principle of 'golden mean' i.e. virtue is mean between two vices

Coward — Courageous — Reckless

Coward man: Those people who not act on situations which demand action - efficiency
(eg) speaking against the Role in public

Reckless man: person showing overcourage and performing the work / action not efficiency

(eg) person driving a car very fastly on Road with lot of people

Courageous man
It is mean of both.

Courage person who use his potential in right manner & in right time

(eg) speak against lexical misconduct

Qualities of courageous person

- show integrity, honesty
- Perseverance
- Empathy & compassion

Use of courage in Administration

① complex & pressure governance
harvest courage from civil servant

② ensure implementation of schemes
③ political pressure (corruption)

④ ensuring constitutional morality

(eg) Ashok Khanna

The courage is basic virtue

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(e) Beneficence is a duty. He who frequently practices it, and sees his benevolent intentions realized, at length comes really to love him to whom he has done good - Immanuel Kant (10 marks, 150 words)

Kant advocated importance of Beneficence to person life and promote is his well beings

Beneficence is virtue which promote being kind, good, to wards people | showing empathy & compassion

Prof. Gandhi Beneficence toward Wanjan for their upliftment

<u>Beneficence</u>	<u>Benevolent intention reduced</u>
① <u>Mother Teresa</u> : work for <u>leprosy patient</u>	① Reduced people <u>healthy & dignity</u>
② <u>Gandhi</u> : toward <u>upliftment of Wanjan people</u>	② Reduced the <u>rights of people</u> <u>avoid discrimination</u> & <u>careless of dignity</u>
③ <u>Nelson Mandela</u> : (toward <u>Apartheid</u> <u>Colours</u>)	③ <u>equality promoted</u> among <u>people</u>

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④ Sindhu Tai
Sopkot:
toward homeless
& children

④ she became the
mother of all
and ensured the
children's development

⑤ Shriyati Mahonraj
Inclusive
Administration &
promoted welfare

⑤ Swarnaj per
him and people
and development
of agri. etc
etc

Those who do not ~~try~~ follow beneficence
lead to apathy and insensitivity in
them and it comes toward them
in some way.

Beneficence is a duty and to
be followed by every individual
for social peace & development!

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4. (a) "Technology is ethically neutral until we apply it." Discuss this statement with reference to the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence and data privacy. (10 marks, 150 words)

Artificial Intelligence application in every sphere of life promotes benefit but ethical concerns are arised. due to it.

Technology ethically neutral

- ↳ Based on Artificial Software
- ↳ Human emotions are not involved
- ↳ Application is universal and wide range

Ethical challenges by AI

- ① Digital divide leading to exclusion of people
- ② Digital discrimination due to bias of AI software
 - ⊕ Toward marginalized people
- ③ Application of AI in unethical way
 - ⊕ Deep fake, misinformation

- ④ data protection & privacy of individuals is lacking
- ⑤ Reverse pornography outcome of AI
- ⑥ Human Intelligence / empathy lack in application of AI
- ⑦ Regulatory dilemma orgop in AI governance

Way forward

- ① Ethical use of AI for promotion of social justice
- ② Rectify social bias by promoting social data
- ③ Global governance on AI for inclusive AI development
- ④ data protection by standard mechanism at global level

AI, is ethically challenging need "ethical training"

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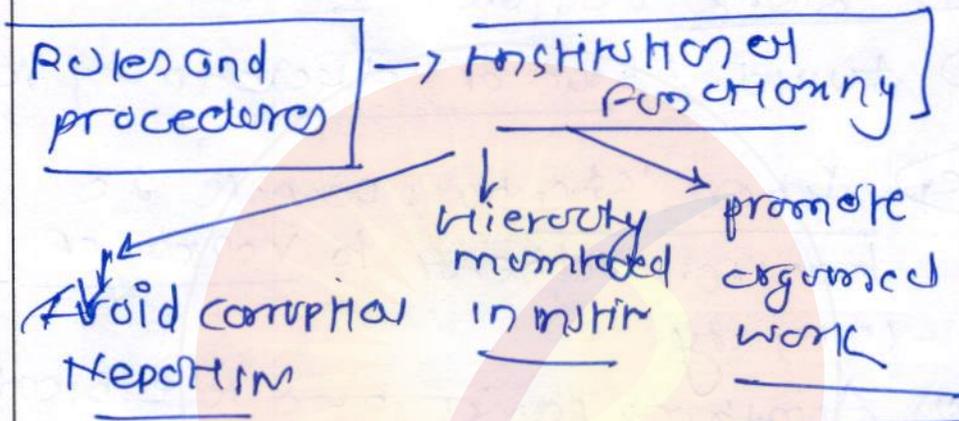
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(b) Rules and procedures are essential for institutional functioning. However, they are not substitutes for ethical leadership and value-based discretion. Justify your answer with examples from public administration. (10 marks, 150 words)

Rule and procedure adherence promote Rule of law but ethical leadership and value based discretion promote Compassionate Rule of law



Not substitute of ethical leadership and value based - discretion

- ① It promote value neutrality in administration
- ② Rules becoming end in themselves
- ③ Risk taking & innovation capability
- ④ hinder empathy | Compassion toward people is not be

Ethical leadership & value based discretion

- ① promote development transparency
- ② Adherence to constitutional morality
- ③ Efficient and effective outcome of policies
- ④ work culture will be participatory
- ⑤ Avoid abuse of discretionary powers

Key Ashok Khemba: despite J's transfer adheres to values of integrity

Key Armstrong Rome: due to ethical leadership built trust credibility government support due to values of public services integrity and compassion

This blend of values and value based discretion for compassionate governance

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5. (a) Is it ethically justified for youth to remain apolitical in a democracy if politics determines the moral fabric of society? Critically examine.

(10 marks, 150 words)

"You are not interested in politics but politics is very much interested in you" →

This quote suggests significance of involvement in politics by youth

Participation in politics

- ① ensure government Accountability by pressure group involvement
(eg) 26, SCOM,
- ② promote ethical and good governance lead to better delivery of services
(eg) social audit, RTI
- ③ Democratic decentralization possible avoid arbitrary use of power by government
- ④ public morality shape by politics (eg) code identity, involvement to remove biases in policy

Non-involvement in politics

- ① Abuse of power with little participation of people
- ② Right of people get affected like Right to health / employment
- ③ Corruption, Heredism become rampant in Administration
- ④ Low immorality like casteism, Communalism can be promoted

Way forward

- ① ethical participation of youth to ensure accountability of government
- ② public debate / discussion over critical issue (eg) Free & fair election
- ③ Democratic platform to promote youth
- ④ Awareness among youth and ethical leadership promotion

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Suggestions:

(b) Explain three moral dilemmas commonly faced by civil servants. Provide ethical frameworks to resolve them effectively. (10 marks, 150 words)

Moral dilemma arise when two ethical principle in conflict and selection on one lead to transgression of other

Three Commonly faced

① Public interest vs private interest:

• monitoring professional integrity and organization ethics vs family responsibility of care, time to member

ex) Ashoka Chakra : public interest upheld

② Economic growth vs Environment

• Growth of economy conflict with environmental conservation as both are complementary

ex) Costal development vs livelihood of people/ Costal doing

• Sustainable development should be followed ex) CTA

③ Personal integrity vs political directive

often there is political pressure to do certain thing which are against own principle like integrity, honesty, impartiality

Project giving to political person

Ethical Framework to resolve

① Virtue ethics / virtues of integrity, objectivity to be followed public interest >> private

② Kantian perspective : duty approach
follow one duty and also adhere to maxim which end condition

③ environment conservation

④ Gandhian Approach / Gandhi's Approach should be followed for inclusive growth

⑤ Utilitarianism: creates good for greatest #

Ethical dilemma need own moral principle adherence to give effective

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6. (a) "Sporting fairness and gender inclusivity are often on a collision course." Discuss the ethical dimensions involved in allowing transgender athletes to participate in women's sports. Should fairness outweigh inclusion? (10 marks, 150 words)

Sport fairness need neutral approach in sports but gender inclusivity need justice approach towards transgender

Ethical dimension of allowing trans-gender in women sport

- ① Ensure justice to transgender by promoting inclusion in sport
- ② Right of transgender of being human is justified their presence in sport
- ③ Diversity promotion in sport due to involvement
- ④ Gender equality and non-discrimination can be promoted in sport
- ⑤ Inclusivity principle of constitution will be upheld
- ⑥ Development of transgender in sport can happen
- ⑦ Kant principle of human dignity uphold

Concern over involvement

- ① Instances of unethical practices by transgender
- ② Conversion to transgender for better outcome in sports
- ③ Biology and physiology of women and transgender differ
- ④ Level playing field can be affected
- ⑤ principle of fairness can be violated due to cheating

Way forward

- ① Ethical training to transgender
- ② Assessment of transgender for level playing field

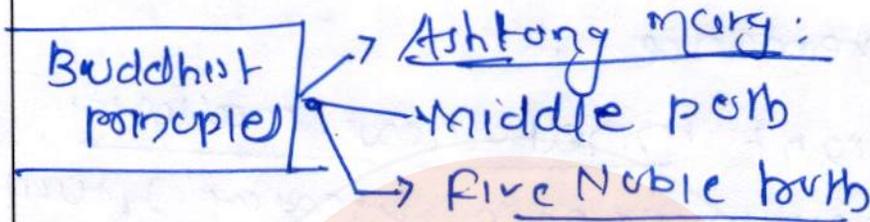
Inclusion of transgender in sport will empower them but fairness should not be violated

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(b) How can Buddhist principles guide public servants in maintaining a balance between personal well-being and professional responsibilities in high-pressure governance environments? (10 marks, 150 words)

Buddha principles provide ethical way to deal with high pressure governance environments



Guide is balancing between personal well being & professional Responsibility

① Public servant is high demanding situation like duty in tax office and demand patience or intelligence Courage eg Commitment to duty

② Work-life balance maintained through "middle path" of showing sensitivity toward family

③ Right Action act over ethics eg private interest vs public interest

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④ Adherence to truth i.e. integrity
in presence of culture of corruption
and pressure from people (pressure)

⑤ Do not indulge in any unethical
practices. promote probity in
governance

⑥ Right mindfulness, meditation
help to manage pressure disturbance
like violence in society

⑦ Conflicting idea managed through
concerns building

This Buddhist principle help
civil servant in transgressing
complex challenges without
loss of conscience

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Section B

7. Ravi, a senior IAS officer, is currently serving as the head of the State Health Procurement Division. He is tasked with overseeing the final stages of awarding a high-value government contract for the supply of critical medical equipment to district hospitals. This initiative is part of a public health modernization scheme aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery in underserved areas.

Among the shortlisted bidders is a private firm that has submitted a technically sound and competitively priced proposal. However, it has come to light through a media report that Ravi's daughter is a non-executive board member of this firm. Though she holds no operational or financial responsibilities, her association with the company has raised concerns in the public domain about a potential conflict of interest.

At the same time, Ravi is facing covert pressure from a second bidder, a politically well-connected company with a track record of substandard deliveries and cost overruns in past government contracts. Representatives of this company have informally offered Ravi indirect favours, including the prospect of a lucrative post-retirement consultancy role, should he influence the contract award in their favour.

Ravi is aware that while there is no formal requirement under departmental rules for recusal in this situation, the All India Services Conduct Rules do emphasize the importance of avoiding not just actual impropriety but even the appearance of impropriety. One of Ravi's senior colleagues advises him to proceed with the technically strong bid, arguing that his daughter's role is merely symbolic and that the bid deserves to win on merit.

However, the situation escalates when an anonymous complaint is filed by a junior officer to the Chief Secretary, flagging the potential conflict of interest and the possibility of favoritism. The issue starts gaining media traction, casting doubts on the transparency and impartiality of the procurement process. Ravi now finds himself in a dilemma, torn between his professional duty, personal integrity, and public perception.

- Identify and discuss the ethical issues involved in this case.
- What are the options available to Ravi? Evaluate each with respect to ethical principles such as objectivity, integrity, accountability, and transparency.
- What course of action should Ravi take to uphold both procedural propriety and public trust? Justify your decision using ethical reasoning.
- How should Ravi manage the competing pressures of personal relationships, political influence, and institutional norms without compromising his role as a public servant?

(20 marks, 250 words)

Above case show classic case of perceived Conflict of interest in Administration which warrant the values of objectivity, integrity, and transparency in decision making.

Objective to followed!

- Balanced the concern of our stakeholders
- der with maintenance of integrity, transparency in governance

Ethical Issues:

- ① Importance of trust of people
- ② professional duty vs public perception
- ③ post-retirement jobs offers to Ravi = integrity of institution at stake
- ④ perceived conflict of interest due to involvement of daughter
- ⑤ Accountability and transparency on Ravi side to ensure public trust
- ⑥ pressure from media and higher Authority to resolve case
- ⑦ pressure from company which is politically connected (political pressure)
- ⑧ Issue of nepotism and favoritism in Administration

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Optional Avoidable

① Quits contract to daughter Army.

Merits

- ✓ Early delivery of equipment
- ✓ Legal process followed
- ✓ objectivity upheld

Demerits

- ✓ Perception of loss of transparency
- ✓ Impartiality is objected by next company

② Quits contract to next modeling company which is politically connected.

Merits

- ✓ post retirement safety
- ✓ No COI perception
- ✓ Against legal process

Demerits

- ✓ Integrity is not followed
- ✓ Cont. duty approach violated
- ✓ Accountability is not over

③ Resigns from post

Merits

- ✓ No COI
- ✓ Avoid pressure

Demerits

- ✓ Against individual principle
- ✓ Show level of courage faced with problem

Course of Action

- ① Firstly Ravi should drain the perceived COI from daughter firm to public ensure transparency from Ravi
- ② Appoint 'third party' to manage the bidding process and monitoring of post-bidding show accountability
- ③ Ensuring the company with sound technical bid set contract while upholding integrity show course to deal with complex situation
- ④ Ravi should not listen to next bidding party and not accept the post reference job show integrity toward process of construction
- ⑤ monitoring and oversight of programme / project to ensure future Accountability

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Management of Competing pressures

- ① Adherence to Constitution of morality i.e. Rule of law
 - ② Maintaining organisational integrity with transparent process
 - ③ Public interest over private interest should uphold
 - ④ political influence should be avoid by strict adherence to impartiality & objectivity
 - ⑤ fiduciary values of civil services via codes of ethics should be followed
- Govt need balance between transparency, integrity, & accountability shown to be by civil servant for public trust

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8. A border district along the Indo-Pak Line of Control has been devastated by continuous cross-border shelling. Villages lie abandoned, homes destroyed, schools shut indefinitely, and farmlands rendered unusable. The displaced population, children, elderly, and daily-wage families, suffers from deep psychological trauma, loss of livelihood, and absence of basic services.

To respond, the administration has established multiple rehabilitation camps under emergency relief protocols. As the newly appointed District Rehabilitation Commissioner, known for your integrity, you are tasked with leading this effort.

However, you soon discover a distressing reality: Relief distribution is marred by corruption, funds are being siphoned off, and material aid is being diverted to private godowns. Caste-based discrimination in compensation lists is rampant and marginalised communities are systematically excluded. Political interference is growing, local leaders demand selective allocation for their vote banks, threatening to stir unrest if their demands aren't met.

Adding to the challenge, vulnerable groups like landless labourers, orphans, the elderly, and differently-abled persons are invisible in the rehabilitation process. You also find that some field officers are indifferent or even complicit, out of fear or political alignment. Meanwhile, the media focuses only on high-profile narratives, ignoring those suffering silently.

- (a) What are the core ethical issues involved in this situation?
- (b) What should be your immediate course of action to ensure fair and transparent relief distribution?
- (c) How can you tactfully manage political interference while upholding neutrality and inclusivity?
- (d) How can an administrator maintain emotional balance and compassion without compromising institutional discipline?

(20 marks, 250 words)

Above case show classic reality of Jaiyo-Administrative level of India like corruption, caste-discrimination and political interference is administrator affecting service delivery and social economic justice

Guiding principles : Social justice should prevail over corruption & political interference

Core ethical issues

- ① Corruption is relief distribution against caste duty approaches
- ② Caste discrimination by people against human dignity
- ③ Scarc Resource management is deleterious condition
- ④ Political interference in local administration affect service delivery
- ⑤ Against Rawl Justice approach
- ⑥ Against Rights approach as disabled rights are invisible
- ⑦ participation of civil society also dees
- ⑧ ethical Journalism is lacking

Course of Action

- ① understanding the situation by knowing the actual needs of camp by visiting first hand
- ② Data collection about resources available and people to provide

- ③ Strict action against corrupt officers and avoid siphoning off funds
- ④ Legal Action against those involved in caste discrimination
- ⑤ Ensuring vulnerable tection relief women, children & double lofty
First
- ⑥ Consultation with local leaders and telling them actual situation & try to persuade them
- ⑦ prioritization of Relief distribution on per need and vulnerability of people
- ⑧ Open and transparent distribution by involving civil society for trust building
- ⑨ Extra help should be demanded if needed from administration re. resources
- ⑩ Active involvement of media for transparency & participation of people if for help in redistribution & ensuring care of vulnerable

③ Political Interference Management

- ① Adherence to Constitutional Morality like Rule of Law to avoid Interferences
- ② Perusotion of trust building mechanism to ensure political participation
- ③ Involvement of civil society to increase transparency & accountability
- ④ Adherence to political order which Constitutional in nature ensure political trust & impartiality
- ⑤ Open communication with public about policy & scheme implementation to avoid trust deficit

Emotional balance & compassion without compromising institutional discipline

- ① Sensitivity training about social issues to maintain organisational principle with compassion

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- ② Building emotional intelligence to deal with conflicting situation
- ③ Ignoring transparency accountability in administration
- ④ principle of selflessness is done here
- ⑤ public interest over private interest
- ⑥ Uphold constitutional morality

This poster situation warrant justice, fairness principle for Inclusive governance & must building and skills to manage scarce resources

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9. You have recently been appointed as the senior administrative officer overseeing coastal development planning in a remote and ecologically sensitive island region. The area is globally recognized for its marine biodiversity, dense mangrove forests, endangered wildlife, and the presence of indigenous communities that depend on traditional livelihoods closely linked to the land and sea. It is also a haven for rare species of birds and is surrounded by vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine biodiversity. Protected as a biodiversity hotspot, it has long been revered as a sanctuary for conservationists and eco-tourists alike.

A major infrastructure development project has been proposed by a consortium of investors, with support from state authorities. The plan includes a commercial port, luxury tourism infrastructure, and entertainment zones. It is projected to generate significant economic benefits, including employment and increased revenue, and is also being positioned as a strategic asset for maritime trade and national security.

However, environmental experts warn of irreversible ecological damage, including threats to nesting sites, coral reefs, and biodiversity corridors. They argue that the development will irreversibly damage the island's fragile ecosystem.

Furthermore, indigenous communities, including the local Adivasi tribes, express deep concern over the project's impact on their ancestral lands and traditional way of life. They fear that large-scale infrastructure development and an influx of tourists will lead to land grabbing, displacement, and the erosion of their cultural heritage.

Civil society organizations have petitioned for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and genuine stakeholder consultation. Whereas supporters of the project highlight its strategic importance for India's economic growth and national security. They argue that the project will enhance India's maritime infrastructure, strengthen coastal security, and stimulate trade and investment in the region.

As the officer responsible for coordinating the project's evaluation and recommendations, you are under pressure from political and corporate interests to fast-track approvals. At the same time, you are aware of your duty to uphold constitutional values, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure sustainable governance.

- What are the core ethical dilemmas present in the case?
- Discuss options available to you and give their merits and demerits.
- As a senior public servant assigned to coordinate the project, outline the steps you would take to ensure ethical and evidence-based governance.
- Suggest long-term policy and institutional reforms that could help resolve such conflicts.

(20 marks, 250 words)

It is classic case of economic growth vs development of environment dilemma that civil servant faces in Administration

Principle : Sustainable and ~~the~~ Inclusive development should be guiding principle

Core ethical dilemmas in case

- ① Economic development vs Biodiversity conservation
- ② Economic growth vs Inclusive Growth
- ③ Political pressure vs Sustainable and social justice
- ④ Environmental Impact Assessment vs pressure from politician and private player
- ⑤ National security vs displacement of labour
- ⑥ Utilitarianism vs caution principle
(intra-develop) (Crab of people)
- ⑦ Environmental Stewardship vs Business profit of company
- ⑧ Constitutional morality vs obey judicial politician order

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Optional Available!

① Approval to the project

Merits

- ✓ National Security
- ✓ Infrastructure development

Demerits

- ✓ reliability of other people affect
- ✓ environmental damage

② Not giving Approval to the project

Merits

- political ramifications
- endanger national security

Demerits

- save environment
- No major displacement
- Gandhian philosophy (upheld)

③ proper environmental impact Assessment before Approval with consultation of all stakeholders

Merits

- adherence to rule of law
- Concensus building
- Utilitarian principle
- Gandhian principle of Antodaya upheld

Demerits

- slow down the Approval delay in project
- No concensus can come out

Step for evidence based governance

- ① Early consultation with all stakeholders involved in ~~the~~ project for better success
- ② Environmental Impact Assessment should be there to know impact on project on communities & environment
- ③ Adherence to rule of law before approval
- ④ Ensure Rehabilitation and Resettlement of communities if project approved
- ⑤ Compensation to be provided to the affected people
- ⑥ Monitoring of project and regular audit to maintain transparency & Accountability
- ⑦ Timely completion of project should be priority

Policy and Institutional Reforms

- ① Institutional: EIA for major project

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- ② Audit Institute for major project affecting development / environment
 - ③ Case of doing business by single window clearances for speedy and timely approval
 - ④ policy should balance development & environment to sustainable develop
 - ⑤ Ensure climate mitigation & adaptation provisions in policies
 - ⑥ ethical rehabilitation & resettlement of affected people
- As Gandhiji said earth has enough for everyone need but not for greed of everyone, so, natural resources for development should use sustainably & ethically.

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10. You are a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Your 17-year-old daughter, an intelligent and sensitive student of Class 12, has been an avid follower of popular influencers and motivational speakers. Recently, she became deeply interested in a popular podcast show hosted by a well-known social media figure, Kunal Bhalla. The show claims to champion "free thinking" and covers topics like hustle culture, masculinity, personal transformation, and anti-institutional narratives.

Over time, your daughter's behaviour begins to change. She withdraws from academic interests, begins idolising internet influencers, and adopts rigid opinions about success, failure, and mental health. She starts rejecting family advice, refuses to appear for her board preparatory exams, and argues that "school is irrelevant in the age of free minds." Concerned, you and your spouse try to reason with her, but she accuses you of being "closed-minded."

Matters come to head when you are alerted by your ministry's media monitoring cell about a viral video clip where your daughter is seen giving an interview on a fringe podcast platform, endorsing radical views on education, politics, and civil services. The clip drew public attention because of your designation, and journalists began speculating about a "generational rebellion" within the bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, the influencer, Kunal Bhalla, publicly praises your daughter as "the new voice of youth dissent," but refuses to take accountability for his platform's role in shaping her worldview. Social media is split, some defend her right to free thought, while others accuse such influencers of normalising disrespect for institutions and romanticizing shallow intellectualism. Your colleagues advice silence, but your daughter now wants to drop out of school and intern with a podcast network.

- What are the key ethical issues involved in the way "free thinking" is promoted by influencers on social media, especially for impressionable youth?
- What should be the role of public figures in responding to the misuse or distortion of influential platforms in the name of free expression?
- Suggest a policy framework or guidelines for responsible influencer content aimed at youth without curbing intellectual freedom.

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Recently "India Got Talent" show was banned due to vulgar content shown by them and was affecting teen youth, their values & ideas. Above case also social media influence on "young youth" eroding the value culture and adopting the unethical means using shield of freedom of speech & expression.

~~Wish:~~

Guiding principle

: social media should adhere to principle of objectivity, impartiality and values, culture of country.

Ethical issues of free thinking

- ① dilemma of freedom of speech vs human development i.e. values are getting eroded
- ② Radicalization of youth by various ideology not relevant to their age
- ③ Mental health issue due to addiction to social media by youth
- ④ dilemma to public interest over public interest vs family interest (i.e. maintaining public discourse by not violating norms by family men)
- ⑤ Against principle of Gandhi i.e. science/tech without humanity
- ⑥ pantheon principle: Human used as mean

- ⑦ Regulatory dilemma of stifling innovation and free speech
- ⑧ promoting mindless consumption & Psychological manipulation
- ⑨ Adherence to rule of law and institution by people will be less

Role of public figures

- ① Ethical leadership by promoting ethical principle in social media
(eg) Accountability toward own taken
- ② counter - Radicalisation by promoting moral values to youth
(eg) Podcast showing significance of education to youth
- ③ Leading the talk by work by public figure
(eg) PM of India following sustainable life for promoting 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'
- ④ Franchisee generation via social media platform by institutional level
(eg) police over Radical msg

① consultation with youth regarding positive use of social media platform for idea exchange

② Involvement with school and colleges to promote mass education about social media

③ Policy for Responsible Influencers

① Code of conduct should be prescribed for influencer while maintaining intellectual freedom

② Self-regulatory mechanism to be promoted for social media

③ Adherence to rules & laws of land

④ Coordination & cooperation with influential leader for counter-view on social media

⑤ Involvement in Radicalisation should be punishable by law

- ⑥ Guideline for journal media platform for radio/online company
- ⑦ Sop to deal with emergency situation rule is above code
- ⑧ ensure freedom of speech and expression with reasonable restriction
- ⑨ Involvement of NAO, civil society and ethos to promote ethical use of media

Social media is transformational in every sphere of life but it misuse can bring havoc to journey, so ethical management of journal media by government, public figures and parent is need of hour

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11. Raghav is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of a fast-growing tech company in South Asia that designs and deploys AI systems for public services like education and policing. Recently, the company secured a large government contract to implement facial recognition and predictive analytics systems in public schools and police departments.

The project is significant for the company's growth and is being closely monitored by international investors and government agencies. However, two major concerns have emerged.

First, internal audits show that the AI systems are not adequately trained on local data. They frequently misidentify individuals from tribal and minority backgrounds and unfairly flag behavioral issues among students from these communities. The software also lacks support for vernacular languages and neurodivergent users, raising concerns about exclusion and discrimination.

Second, environmental groups have raised objections to the company's rising carbon footprint due to the expansion of energy-intensive data centers. There has been a 42% increase in emissions over the last two years.

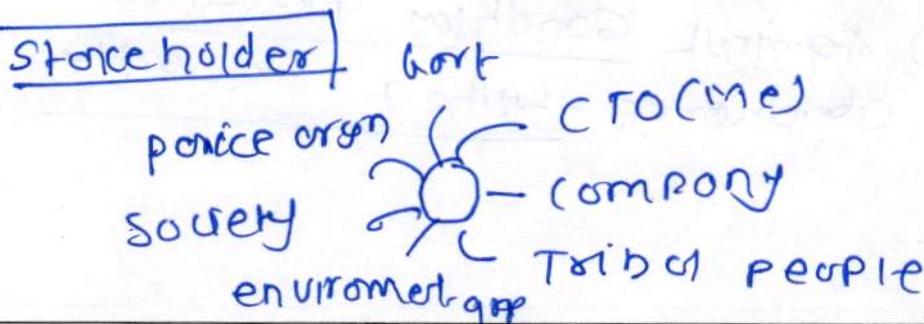
Raghav now faces a serious ethical dilemma: whether to push ahead with deployment to maintain momentum and company interests, or pause and resolve these concerns, knowing it may slow down progress and create internal friction.

- (a) Identify and discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- (b) Critically examine the options available to Raghav in this situation.
- (c) Which of the above options should Raghav adopt and why? Justify your answer using principles of ethics and professional responsibility.

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Above case clearly show the rise of technology like AI and their impact on society or benefit but conflicting values also arise due to it

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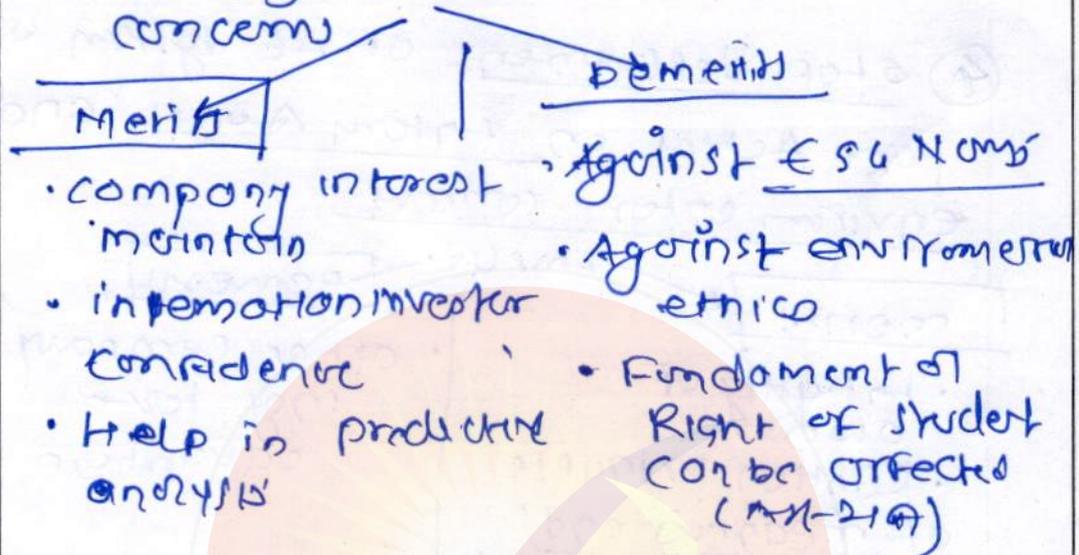


Ethical issues in case

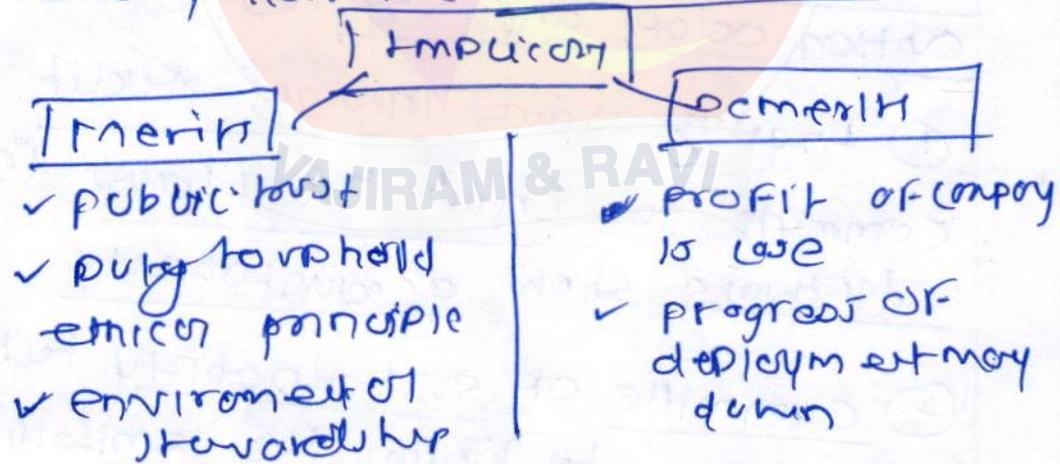
- ① Exclusion and discrimination against tribal student due to biases in AI System.
- ② Accountability and transparency issue regarding Audit.
- ③ Profit vs environmental ethics:
Company profit can be reduced by more environmental norms but environmental harm is also less.
- ④ Linguistic accessibility affects the education of tribal people.
- ⑤ ESG Norms to be followed by company.
- ⑥ Against corporate governance i.e. principle of sustainability, transparency not with held.
- ⑦ Against Gandhian principle of commerce without morality.

Option Available to Reghav

① Continue with deployment of AI
ingoring Audit and environmental
concerns



② Do not implement the AI system
and follow the Audit Report



③ Consultation with environment group
to rectify their concerns

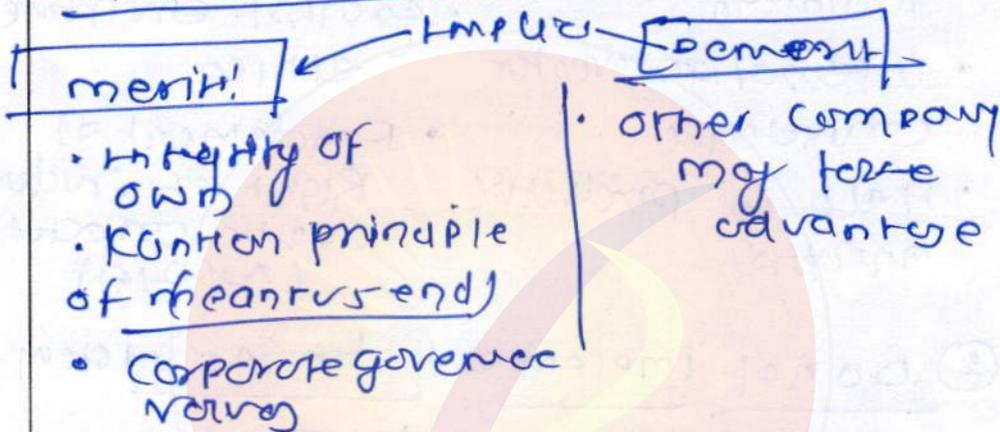
merits:

- Concensus building
- Greater good for greater people

Demerit

- Slowing of processes
- Group may not listen

④ Stop deployment of AI system while force Act on Internal Audit and environmental concern



Option adopt and why ③ & ④

① Inquiry about internal audit by committee to know the flaws in software show accountability

② Committee of sustainability to be appointed to know the emission of company and display to people shows corporate governance and transparency

③ Meaning work on software issue and more sure the concern are resolved along with consultation with environmental group show
'Concerned decision making'

④ Full transparent report of both issue to government and public to increase public trust

⑤ Long term: ① sustainable use of resources for AI system

② Green transition towards data center

③ open and transparent platform for public & govern

Thus technology deployment can be perceived for society, but its sustainability & bias should be taken into account

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12. A senior IAS officer, recently appointed as chairperson of the NCR Clean Air Mission, is tasked with addressing the escalating air pollution crisis in Delhi and neighboring regions, where the Air Quality Index has reached hazardous levels. Scientific assessments point to multiple contributors, i.e., stubble burning in nearby states, construction-related dust, industrial emissions, and diesel vehicle traffic.

The officer proposes strict, time-bound restrictions, including suspending construction activities, limiting vehicular movement, and enforcing crop-residue burning bans. However, these measures attract strong opposition from various stakeholders. Farmers cite a lack of alternatives, real estate bodies warn of large-scale job losses, transport unions threaten strikes, and political authorities express concerns over the potential impact on upcoming international investment events.

Meanwhile, health experts caution that delays will result in severe public health consequences, especially for children and the elderly. The media criticizes the measures as elitist and anti-poor. Caught between conflicting imperatives, i.e., environmental protection, economic livelihood, public health, and political viability, the officer must now make a decision.

- (a) What are the options available to the officer to tackle the situation effectively?
- (b) What core values and principles should guide decision-making in this scenario?
- (c) In such situations, what long-term institutional reforms would you suggest to reconcile environmental protection with developmental imperatives?

(20 marks, 250 words)

As per World Air Quality Index 910 cities are severely polluted in India. This shows permanent problem of air pollution in India and challenges to deal with air pollution as they affect economic livelihood of people.

My vision : One Health Approach
should be basic principle

① Options available to officer

- ① Continue with the ban on activities earlier provided to ensure Air pollution is controlled
- ② Discontinue of some of activities like construction, crop residue burning to avoid smog of people
- ③ Alternate banning of activities to ensure that continuation of good & services of alternate day
eg - vehicles chugging
- ④ Ensuring the health of people to involve medical experts in policy for measures to provide for it
eg - priority of elderly, children
- ⑤ Resign from post as it's conflicting situation & cannot be managed

Core values & principles

- ① Wellbeing of people should be affected to Justice approach
- ② Rights of individual like Health to be upheld
- ③ Utilitarianism : for greatest good for greatest no.
- ④ virtue ethics : principles like objectivity, impartiality, integrity to be followed
- ⑤ Gandhian Swadaya Approach
- ⑥ Environmental Stewardship to ensure environment Justice
- ⑦ Administrative efficiency & effectiveness to ensure the ethical outcome to the pollution
- ⑧ public consultation / multi-stakeholder approach
- ⑨ participation of people in governance

Long term institutional Reform

- ① Green energy transition in vehicle from fuel (Petrol) to electric vehicles (e) FAME
- ② Strict legal & compliance Norm for polluting industries in city
(eg) ESG Norms
- ③ Environmental Impact Assessment should be done to ensure pollution in permit
- ④ pollution index to be processed weekly in order to understand the pollution level
- ⑤ Multi-stakeholder approach to deal with air pollution
- ⑥ Alternative to stubble burning to be provided
(eg) PWA decomposer
happy seeder

⑦ Institutionalize public participation & awareness of public about vehicle use (exm)

⑧ odd-even policy

⑧ Improve public transport to ensure less traffic on Road
⑨ metro

⑨ Institutional norms All India Pollution certificate should be mandatory.

Air pollution is human crisis should be handled collaboratively for survival & health of people.

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