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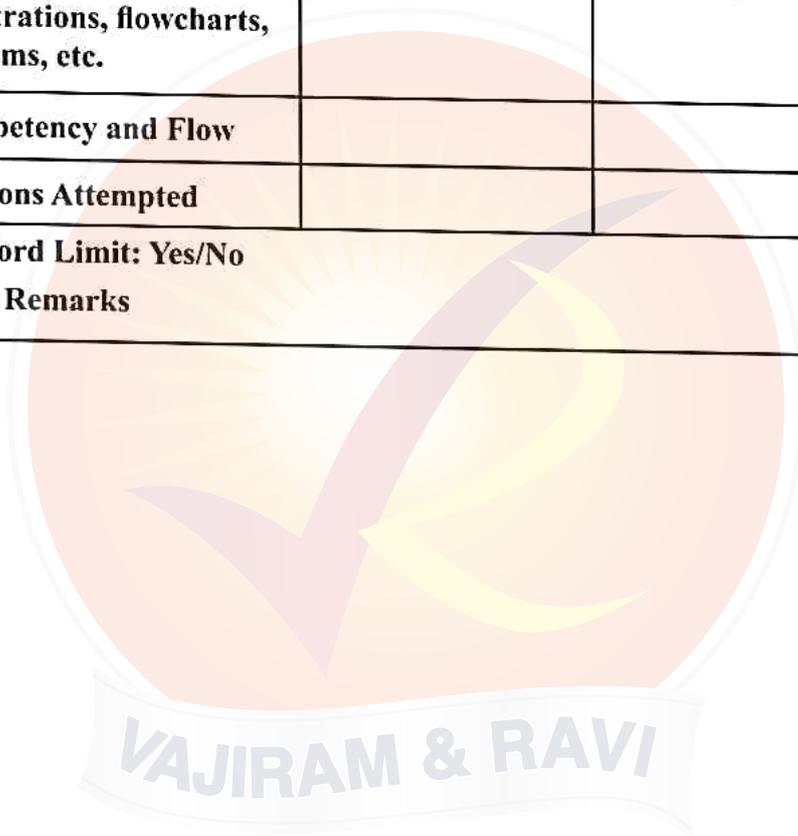
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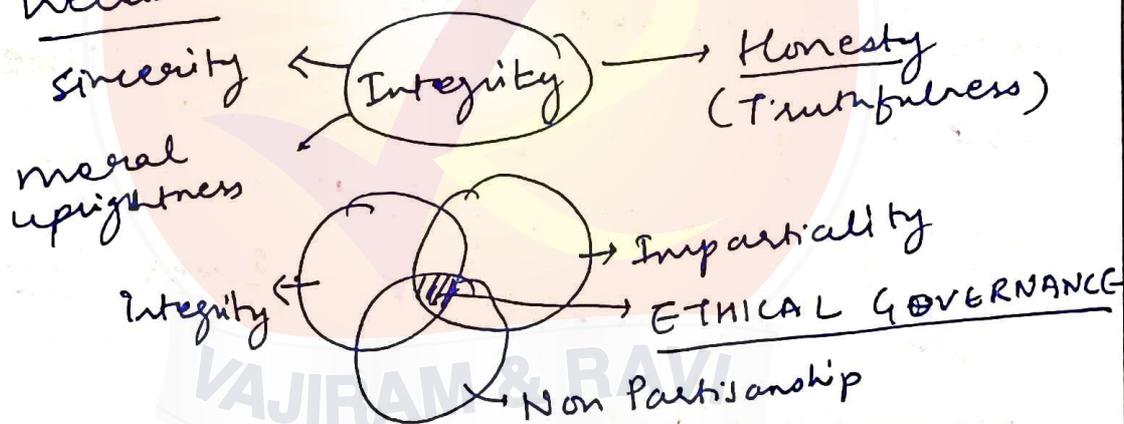
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Q1(a)

Integrity means being honest and having strong moral principles unwilling to change. While impartiality is unbiasedness towards others and non-partisanship is being politically neutral.



Interdependence of these values for ethical governance →

- (1) It ensure public centric decision making based on Compassion, empathy.
- (2) Adheres to constitutional values of justice, rights and liberty

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- (3) Upholds rule of law and  
Citizen centric governance.  
(Eg) RTI, Social audits.
- (4) Political attitude and non-committed  
bureaucracy
- (5) Unbiased and inclusive policy making  
(Eg) Start up India, Standup India  
schemes for vulnerable section.

However, there can be challenges →

- (1) Integrity ensures honesty leading  
to good governance. But impartiality  
and non-partisanship needed for  
ethical governance
- (2) Yes man ship culture of Bureaucracy
- (3) Corruption and liberty  
(Eg) Dhiman Chakra IAS in Odisha
- (4) Decreased trust of people in  
institutions.

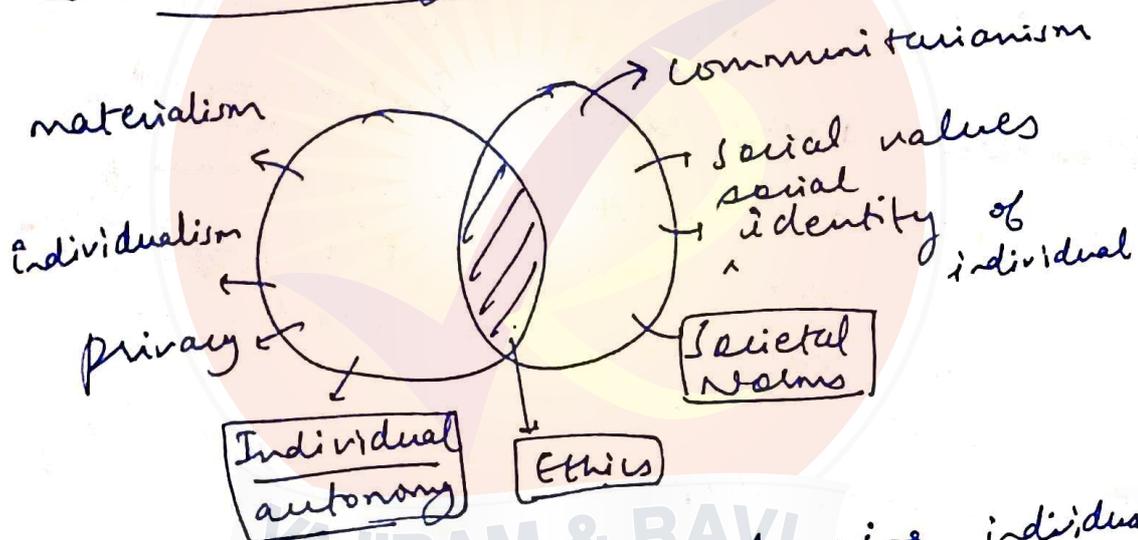
However, through trust and  
humane based governance (Amartya Sen),  
ethical governance can be achieved.

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Q1(b)

Essence of ethics in human actions tells the rightness and wrongness of an action and what a human ought to do (Plato).



Thus, ethics is balancing individual autonomy and societal norms, where individual not only ensures liberty and privacy while also adhere to societal welfare.

For instance, social liberals like Jean Dreyze, Amartya Sen promotes this.

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## Ethical Frameworks reconciling personal freedom with social responsibility →

- (1) Corporate Social Responsibility by Companies  
(eg) Tata Steel CSR initiatives
- (2) Individual's drives for sustainable environment  
(eg) Clean India - Swachh Bharat mission
- (3) community teaching, community policing
- (4) Ethical work culture of strict 9 to 5 and rest time for personal growth
- (5) However, there are situations when both conflict →
  - (1) Right to privacy and personal space of an individual
  - (2) Forceful participation in social initiatives
  - (3) Social customs & traditions can be obscure.

Thus, a balance needed for the overall personality development of individual as well as adhering to social norms.

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Q2(a)

Conscience is an inner voice which guides the thought, behaviour and action of an individual towards rightness and wrongness of it.

Conscience as a universal moral compass →

- (1) Universal moral and ethics of empathy and compassion.  
(eg) Towards vulnerable, downtrodden people.
- (2) International ethics based on idealism and upholding human rights  
(eg) Gaza conflict → innocents died
- (3) Environmental ethics of sustainability  
(eg) Paris Agreement → Nationally Determined contribution
- (4) Moral relativism and moral absolutism (eg) Acceptance of LGBTQ+ community in west.

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Conscience shaped by society and upbringing →

- (1) Moral and value education by parents, schools etc.  
(Eg) Stealing, lying as a sin
- (2) Social influence and persuasion  
(Eg) Art of living courses for meditation
- (3) Religion shaping morality  
(Eg) Ten commandments of Bible
- (4) Value pluralism → Asian values of solidarity and community.  
(Eg) Conscience towards Global South

Thus, conscience is shaped by both universal moral compass and society and upbringing. As it leads to a MORAL MAN as said by Emmanuel Kant.

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Q2(b)

Ancient Indian philosophy is based on sustainability through integrated approach like balancing development and environment.

Ethical principles in ancient Indian philosophy guiding policymakers

- (1) The concept of prakṛti and puruṣa (Dualism) and need to protect both.
- (2) Sabhas and Samitis during Vedic age for citizen participation
- (3) The idea of subsistence agriculture and self sufficiency
- (4) Buddhist ideal of following madhyama marga (middle path)
- (5) Jain philosophy of environmental conservation and even everything

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have soul including plants.

(6) The Kanada philosophy i.e everything comes from atom.

It guides in balancing development with ecological sustainability as

- (1) Sustainable agricultural practices like Natural farming & traditional farming
- (2) the Organic and Sattwik food which protects environment.
- (3) Natural cooling systems like in ancient houses.
- (4) Green economy for sustainable development.

thus it adheres to policy of LiFe (Life style for environment) and Vasudhaiva kutumbakam (world is one big family).

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Q7  
3(a)

Dr BR Ambedkar emphasized on education and scientific enquiry to come out of social evils and establish an egalitarian society.

When he says cultivation of mind, he means right knowledge, guidance and ethics to guide humans. Coming out from social evils of patriarchy, casteism, women subjugation needs mental rewiring.

He says that the ultimate aim of human existence lies in being humane and developing rationality and curiosity through

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Wisdom, education and cultivation  
of mind.

For instance, despite in high poverty and staying in remote areas, Dr ~~AJ~~ APJ Abdul Kalam focused on learning and scientific development. He went on to become 'Missile man of India'

Even in present times, we see rise of 'attention economy' through reels, shorts which lowers the concentration and attention span of mind leading to decultivation of mind.

Hence, his timeless ideas guide us to be a questioning rational active human being than a passive subject.

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3(b)

Aristotle in his theories have emphasized on golden mean and power of common sense and a rational mind.

When he says Cowards calls the brave man rash, it means people who themselves lack in values and are weak and submissive they often call the other courageous people as impulsive.

While the people who are impulsive they call the Cowards as coward for not putting up for oneself and standing up for themselves.

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For instance, people are often  
scared and fearful of life as  
said by <sup>Thomas</sup> Hobbes. This makes them  
coward. Hence he suggests an  
absolute leviathan state to  
protect the people.

In the contemporary times,  
we see terrorist attacks like  
Pahalgam where the people  
were targetted based on religion.  
This shows the radicalization  
and cowardness.

In response, thus Aristotle's  
ideas shifts, towards the <sup>adopting</sup> brave  
nature and courageous attitude.

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Q3(c)

Immanuel Kant in his  
Categorical Imperatives have said  
that do not do to others  
what you do not want to  
happen to you.

He emphasizes on benevolence  
and beneficence as a duty to  
treat humans as end in  
themselves and not means to  
an end.

He upholds the ideals  
of humanism and through benevolence  
we can really love the person  
for whom we have done good.

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For example, Gandhiji in his Talisman said to make policies which are better for weak and vulnerable sections standing fast in the snow.

At the individual level, through Compassion and empathy, one can ensure overall human development.

For instance, helping the old crossing the roads or helping in lifting their bags in busy railway station.

At the societal level, it promotes social cohesion and unity and reduces racism, casteism.

At the nation's level, it promotes humanity and human rights like for instance India's vaccine maitri for Covid vaccines.

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Q4(a)

European countries have come up with 'Ethics in AI' framework to handle ethical challenges in AI.

Technology is ethically neutral

as

- Based on deep learning algorithms
- Language level modelling
- Data ~~primary~~ <sup>centers</sup> and <sup>Big</sup> data analytics.

But it turns not neutral when →

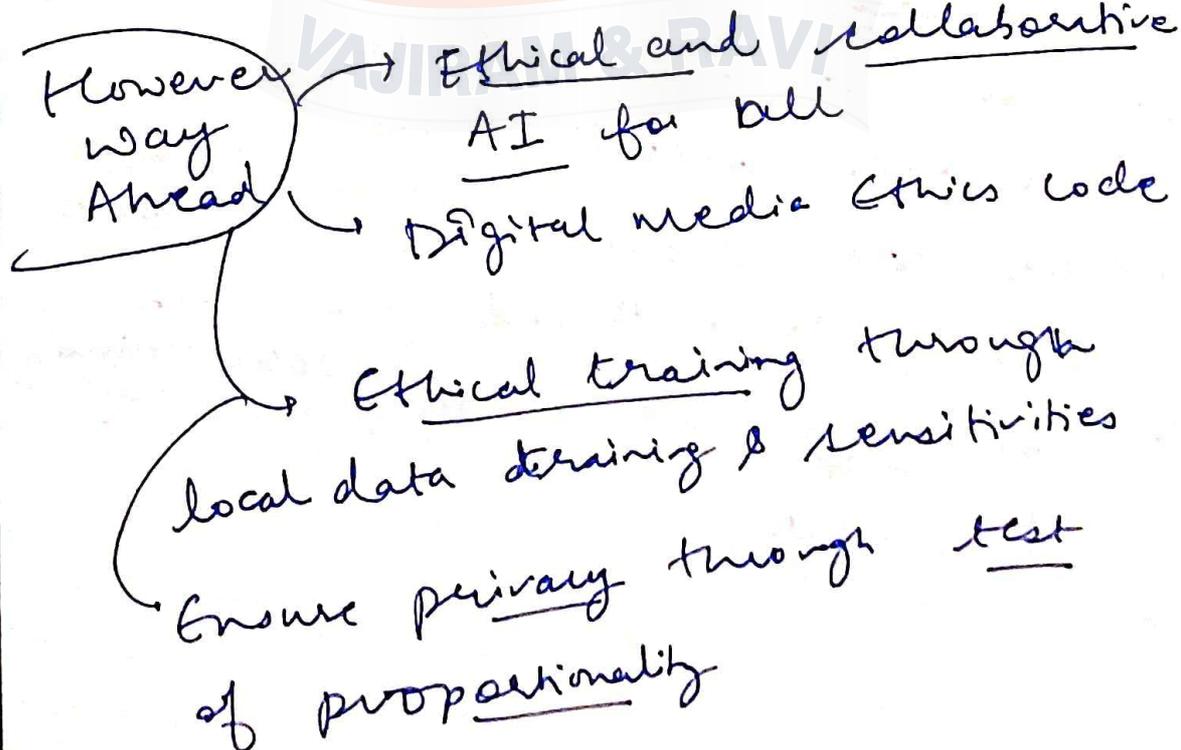
- Biased data training Eg- AI in face recognition → doing racism in USA.
- Promotes social ills and echo-chambers, filter bubbles  
(Eg) Twitter's Quok
- Human interference for profit motive → excluding beneficiaries.

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## Ethical challenges posed by AI

- (1) Issue of privacy and coercive interference in personal matters  
(Eg) morphed videos and images of women, child pornography
- (2) Biased and algorithmic filter  
AI → (Eg) Repetead Ads
- (3) Not politically neutral → may propagate one ideological view.
- (4) Lack of human touch and human intelligence
- (5) Devilish use of AI. for personal motives.



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Q4(b)

Ethical leadership is one where ethics, morals and values of an action and its impact on the people guides the moral behaviour of individual.

Rules and procedures are essential for institutional functioning as →

- (1) Adherence to legality and rule of law.
- (2) laws are wisdom of ages and reflects collective wisdom.
- (3) Reduced delays and <sup>ensure</sup> data centric and evidence based governance.
- (4) Objectivity and political <sup>socio-economic</sup> upliftment of people.

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However, they are not substitute for ethical leadership and value based discussion as →

(1) Role of compassion and empathy for public welfare.

(Eg) Old person not having required documents but legally a beneficiary of scheme.

(2) Conscience as source of ethical decision making

(Eg) Compassionate kothikode by Pansath Nain IAS

(3) Ethical and moral duty towards tribals, vulnerable.

(Eg) IAS Visakha Yadav DIKAKSHA initiative in Anuranchal Pradesh

(4) Thus, a democratic attitude along with role based bureaucracy than rule based democracy is need for democratic governance. Mission Karmayogi

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Q5(a)

According to Gandhiji's seven  
sins, politics without principles or  
ethics is a sin. However being  
apolitical is ignorance as said by  
Plato:

Truth to remain apolitical in a  
democracy → if politics determines  
moral fabric of society

(A) Should remain apolitical →

(1) Ethical egoism and perpetual  
self-safeguard.

(2) Ignorance and self indulgence

(3) Political issues wont affect  
them

↳ Politicisation of caste

↳ Criminalization of politics.

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However, an active citizenry demands active participation of people in electoral democracy (Aristotle).

(They should not be apolitical as)

- (1) Stand for social justice and rights of vulnerable sections
  - (E) LGBTQ+ community
- (2) vote for themselves
- (3) Represent large population
  - (E) >50% of India is working age.
- (4) Raise concerns and ignored issues
  - (E) Youth Parliament in Rajasthan raising voice against Supreme Court decision on stray dogs in Delhi.

The moral fabric is thus shaped by youth and their political rights awareness.

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Q5(b)

Ethical <sup>moral</sup> dilemma is a situation to choose <sup>one</sup> among the most competing options which may be ethically right or wrong.

Three moral dilemmas faced by civil servants →

① Personal duty vs. Professional duty →

↳ Since civil services is a 24\*7 job, might hamper personal life.

Ethical framework → Balancing them best but prioritizing duty over other things

② Personal values vs. Professional duty or obligations

↳ Being compassionate but still

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fig:- ethical dilemma framework for decision

unable to give benefits to a beneficiary for some reasons.

ethical framework → conscience acting as guide for moral decisions.

③ Personal benefits vs. ethical leadership  
(bribery, corruption)  
→ offers of benefits for passing projects etc.

ethical framework → zero tolerance attitude towards bribery, corruption.

Thus, ethical moral dilemmas should be resolved while mapping the morals and values for benefits of people at large.

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Q6(a)

Gender is an all ~~en~~ encompassing  
social construct which ~~at~~ include all  
genders like transgender, queer etc.

However gender inclusivity, <sup>and sporting fairness</sup> are often  
on a collision course as →

- (1) Sports have ~~traditionally~~ traditionally  
been binary → men & women.
- (2) Gender as a discourse have  
come up in 21st century.  
(eg) Pride parades of LGBTQ+  
community.
- (3) Sporting fairness is just and  
equal opportunities to all  
to ensure fair competition.

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Ethical issue is allowing transgender athletes to participate in women's sports →

- (1) Physical prowess and fitness as they can be more stronger than women
- (2) But they might be weak in comparison to men.
- (3) It creates ambiguity as whether they should play with men or women or separate category.

Fairness outweighs inclusion

Adopting a middle path or a golden mean while allowing them to participate as well as making global standards for fair sports for all.

It ensures fair and just opportunities to all (welfare state).

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Q6(b)

Buddhist principles have guided Ashoka to become Chakravartin Samrat based on just and ethical governance.

It can guide public servants in maintaining balance between personal wellbeing and professional responsibilities

As →

(1) Buddhist madhyama marga of avoiding any extremity. (middle path).

(Eg) Balancing personal and professional life

(2) Ideas of kusala and Akusala Kamma (Good and bad work)

(Eg). Ethical policies for people welfare.

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(3) ideas of peace and non-violence and treating humans as end in themselves.

(4) Asoka's change of heart after Kalinga war

(5) 8 Fold path of right action, right duty, right faith, right conduct - - - and so on.

(6) Buddha's ideals of calmness and meditation to deal with high pressure governance environment.

(7) Building strength mental fertitude and

(8) Avoiding extreme decision making and ensure people centric governance.

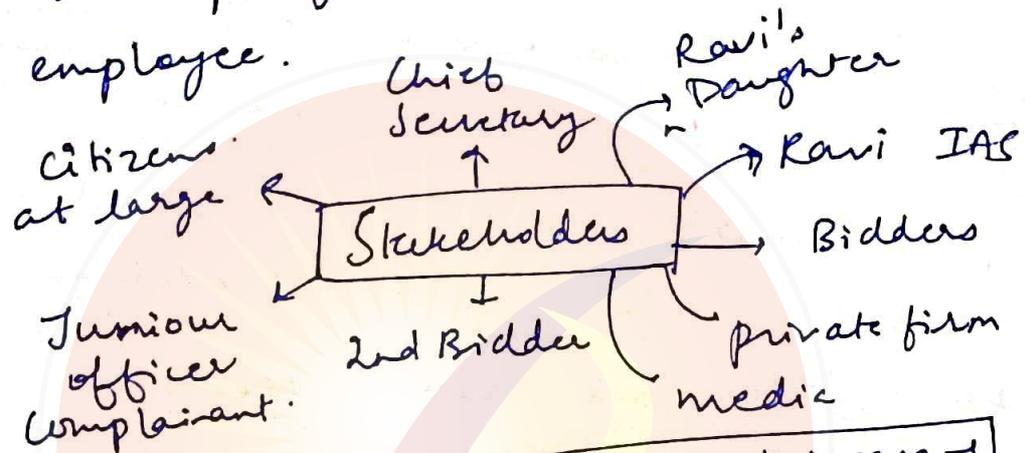
Buddhist ideals even guide countries like Japan, China, South East Asia for trust based governance.

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This is a case of conflict of interest of Ravi <sup>whether</sup> giving the contract to a company where his daughter is an employee.



(a) Ethical issues involved in this case →

- (1) Conflict of interest and favoritism of giving contract to company where daughter is a member
- (2) Personal integrity of whether to go for recusal or not.
- (3) Bribery, corruption and post retirement benefits offered
- (4) media trial on the transparency and impartiality of procurement process.

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## b) Options available to Ravi

(1) Give the contract to the private firm (where his daughter is employed)

Merits → Ensures objectivity as based on merit of bid.  
→ Technically sound & competitively priced proposal → professional duty ensured

Demerits → media and public allegations of non transparency  
→ less of professional integrity and non-reusal.

(2) Give the contract to 2nd Bidder

Merits → ensures non-favoritism  
→ lucrative post retirement consultancy role

Demerits → substandard delivery and cost overruns of past projects  
→ Not accountable  
→ moral dereliction of duties of not providing quality services.

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## (3) Recusal from situation

Merits → Ensures accountability and transparency  
avoiding even appearance of impropriety (Conduct Rules)

Demerits → Delayed in decision making  
Reduced objectivity  
Fair chance not given to private firm.

(C) Best Course of action ⇒ Recusal from situation

(1) Upholds procedural propriety as the <sup>next</sup> competent authority can decide based on merit.

(2) Ensures public trust as reduce scope of <sup>non</sup> transparency and partiality.

(3) Upholds principles of All India Services ~~from~~ Conduct Rules.

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(4) Ensures both personal and professional integrity

(5) Avoiding situation of illicit favours and lucrative offers.

d) To manage pressure →

(1) Personal Relationships →  
→ ethical decision making  
→ Keeping public welfare as priority  
→ Persuasion through right messages.

(2) Political influence →  
→ Refusal from such situations  
→ Take guidance from the seniors and colleagues  
→ Positive dialogue of not taking bribery & favours

(3) Institutional norms →  
→ Follow rules, laws, procedures  
→ Follow code of conduct  
→ Ensure fairness and transparency

Thus, a fair decision is a legal decision in such case.

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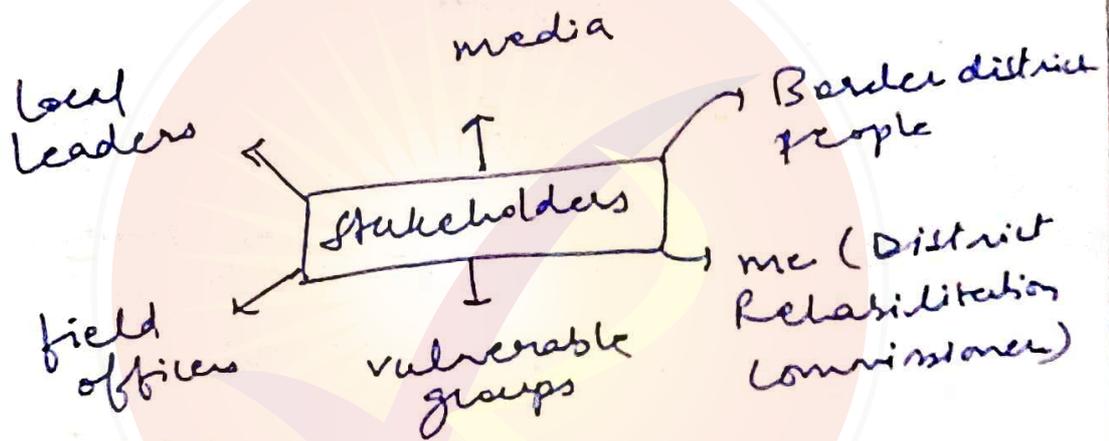
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Q8

Above is a case of corruption,  
discrimination and bureaucratic  
apathy in handling crisis situations  
like India-Pakistan border conflicts.



(a) Core ethical issues

- (1) International and border conflicts  
negatively impacting people.
- (2) Emmanuel Kant's categorical imperative of  
treating humans as an end in themselves
- (3) Bribery, corruption and bureaucratic  
red tapism, Not politically neutral.

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- (4) Caste based discrimination and violation of human rights
- (5) Justice to people living in border areas
- (6) political vote bank politics

## (b) Immediate course of action

- (1) Internal review and <sup>legal</sup> measures to address
  - ↳ Siphoning off of funds
  - ↳ Diversion of aid to private godowns
  - ↳ Inclusion of marginalised communities
- (2) Taking actions against complicit officers → enquiry on them
- (3) Social persuasion to political leaders for inclusive relief efforts
- (4) Ensures fair and transparent relief distribution
  - ↳ Technology app based or Aadhar linked distribution
  - ↳ Checks on private godowns
  - ↳ Auditing of financial funds.

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(C) To manage political interference

(1) Upholding neutrality →

Community engagement and  
stakeholders engagement while  
talks with leaders  
persuasive appeal for inclusive  
allocation  
Taking vote banks as well as  
others into confident by ensuring  
equitable relief to all.

(2) Inclusivity

Data based policy and relief  
measure  
visibilisation of landless labours,  
orphans, elderly & differently  
abled to politicians  
Objectivity and transparency  
in relief measures.

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(d) To manage emotional balance and  
Compassion without compromising  
Institutional discipline -

- (1) Laws, Rules, Regulations as well as conscience as source of ethical decision making
- (2) people-centric policies and keeping welfare of people as topmost priority
- (3) Bhagawad Gita's Nishkama Karma (duty without expecting returns)
- (4) Follow Buddha's madhyama marg for avoiding any extremes.
- (5) Gandhi's ideals of performing duty with principles.

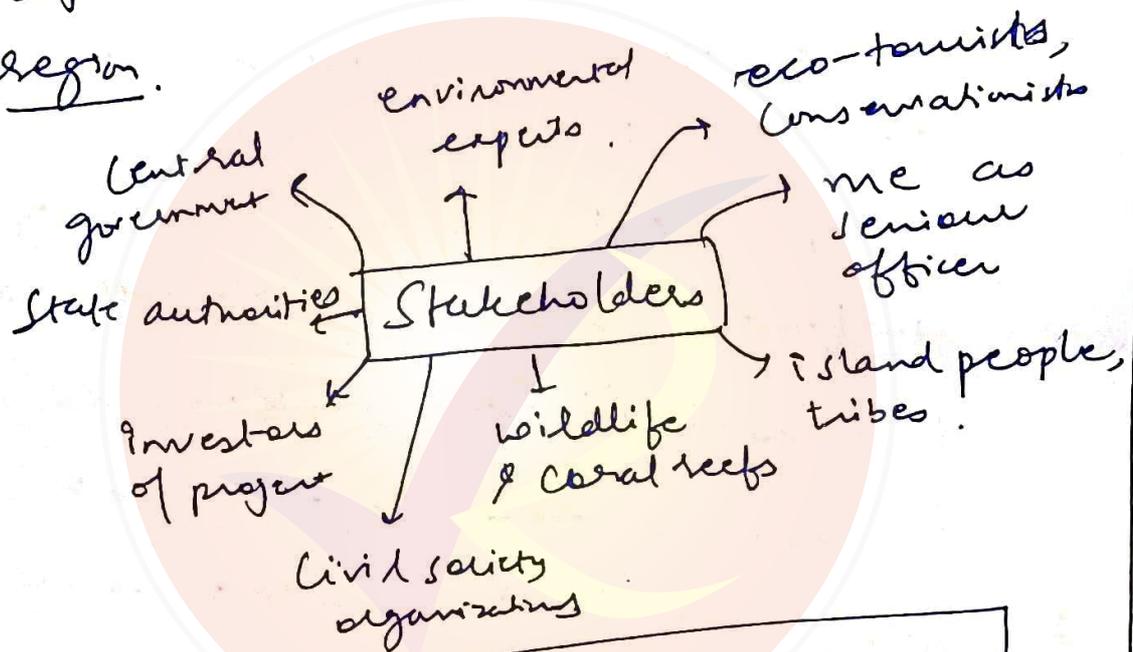
Thus, it upholds constitutional  
morality and people centric  
policies (Article 15, 37).

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Q9.

Above case is concerning an  
major infrastructural development  
project in a biodiversity hotspot  
region.



(a) Core ethical dilemmas in case

- (1) Development vs. Environmental sustainability  $\Rightarrow$  protection of BD Hotspot.
- (2) Development vs. Rights of indigenous tribals
- (3) Environmental ethics vs. corp. Corporate ethics.

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(4) Upholding national interest of security vs. public interest of tribal rights.

(5) Professional value vs personal value in fast tracking approvals, Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)

(6) Options Available

Options	merit	Demerit
① Pass the project with fast track approvals	(1) Employment generation (2) National security (3) maritime infrastructure (4) Trade investment	(1) Permanent irreversible ecological damage (2) loss of indigenous tribal communities, birds, coral reefs
② <u>Do not pass the project</u>	① Environmental protection (2) Tribal rights (3) Protect birds, coral reefs	④ National and maritime insecurity ② Economic growth

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	→ Sustainable governance	(3) low trade and investment
(3) Delay the project	(1) Ensure proper EIA (2) Stakeholder consultation (3) Policy review of possible irreversible ecological damage	(1) Bureaucratic red tapism (2) Delay in decision making (3) Political pressure (4) Investors fly out

(C) Steps I would take to ensure ethical and evidence based governance

(1) Comprehensive EIA and stakeholder engagement to highlight merits and demerits.

(2) Avail laws protecting rights of indigenous tribal communities  
 (eg) Forest Rights Act 2006

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- (3) Sustainable development and protection of wildlife.  
(Eg) → wildlife protection Act 1972  
includes coral reefs  
Biodiversity Act 2002.
- (4) Evidence based data collection and policy review.
- (5) maritime security through defense.
- (d) Long term policy and institutional reforms →
- (1) Sustainable development act with evolved EIA.
  - (2) Specific policies for such ecologically fragile and national security areas.
  - (3) Sustainable governance and institutional strengthening of strict EIA.
  - (4) Laws, Rules and Regulations strengthening for tribal development.

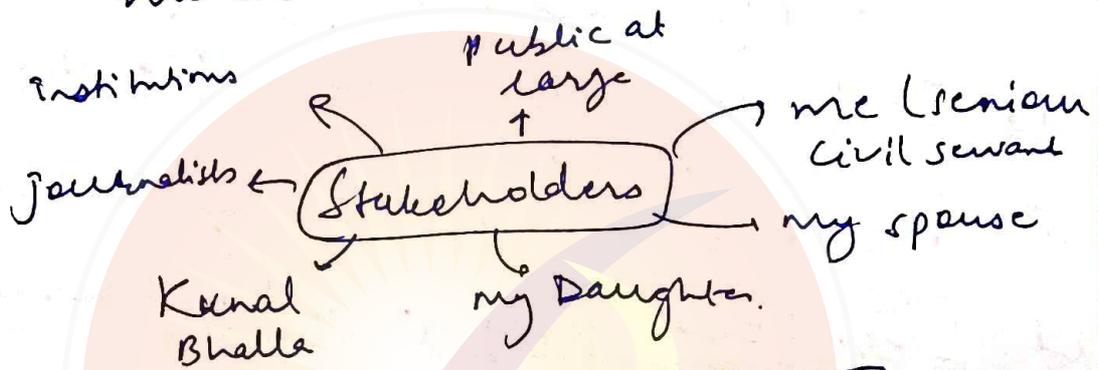
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Q10

Above is a case of freedom of thought (free thinking) and its moral and ethical implications.



(a) Key ethical issues involved →

(1) Freedom of thought but without the reasonable restrictions of public morality, health and decency.

(2) Decreasing respect and legality of social and political institutions  
(eg) School, family, politics, civil service

(3) Shallow intellectualism idolized without having moral and ethical depth

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(4) Irrelevance of school.

(4) Negative impact of new age  
social influencers → click bait,  
echo chambers and filter bubble

(5) 'Manosphere' or incel culture  
promoting masculinity Eg Andrew Tate

(6) Regressive hustle culture that  
emphasis on smart work & perseverance

(7) Quick fame, materialism, and  
decreased rationality of youth.

(8) 30 seconds reels → Decreased  
attention span

(8) Generational changes of ethics, morals.

(9) Freedom of thinking without barriers  
(Hannah Arendt)

(10) Role of public figures in preventing  
misuse of influential platforms →

(1) Right ethical guidance and  
moral values.

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- (2) Free expression but with reasonable restrictions of preventing hate speech, defamation, incivility
- (3) Preservation of traditional ethical norms of respect, reverence.  
(Eg) Respect towards elders, schools, institutions.
- (4) Regulating their platforms in case of negative thoughts promoted  
(Eg) Turning off comments, 'Blocking Bots'.
- (5) Responsible and ethical influencing keeping public interest at large.  
(Eg) Not promoting lip fillers, botox etc.
- (6) Compassionate and empathetic Rolemodelling  
(Eg) Raj Shamani podcast.

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(C) Policy framework or guidelines  
for responsible influencer content

(1) Blocking certain words, phrases  
in social media

(Eg) Abusive terms, etc.

(2) Regulating fake accounts, Bots,  
and illicit groups, channels.

(Eg) Telegram bots

(3) Freedom of thought but with  
reasonable restrictions (Article 19(2))

(4) Digital media ethics and Ethical  
Code of Conduct and Ethics for  
social media influencers

(5) Public condemnation of negative  
ideology through creating  
awareness

(Eg) Strengthening institutions.

(6) Negate media trials.

Thus, an overhaul strategy  
is needed.

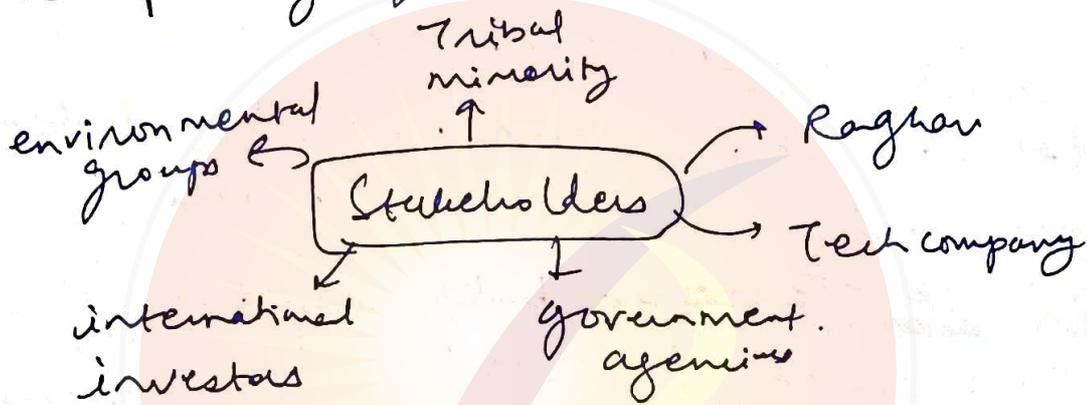
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Above is a case of technological prowess and its negative fallouts hampering growth with technology.



(a) Ethical issues involved

(1) Technological issue of non-inclusion, biased and not adequately trained on local data.

(2) Algorithmic bias hampering security and privacy of individual

(3) Exclusion and discrimination of actual beneficiaries.

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- (4) Increased carbon footprint of data centres hampering ecological conservation and environmental ethics
- (5) Lacks support for vernacular languages and rights of minorities and tribals as given in constitution
- (6) Civil servants adherence to citizen-centric governance.

(b) Options Available to Rajhar

Options	merit	Demerit.
① Pursue with the <u>government contract</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <u>AI</u> in governance</li> <li>② <u>Company interests</u> and <u>momentum</u></li> <li>③ Facial recognition and predictive analysis for better implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <u>Exclusion</u> of beneficiaries</li> <li>② <u>Discrimination</u> based on neurodivergent users.</li> <li>③ Lacks human touch</li> <li>④ Biasness, Primary issues.</li> </ul>

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② No to go  
with the  
Project and  
go with other  
Company

- ① Better policy making for inclusion
- ② Support for vernacular language & neurodivergent users
- ③ Environmental protection

- ① Decreased use of AI in governance
- ② Delays in project

③ Delay the  
project

- ① Create Environment Impact Assessment
- ② Language modelling
- ③ Wide data training
- ④ Resolve the concerns

- ① Bureaucratic red tapism
- ② Internal friction between government agencies and private companies.

(C) Raghav should delay the project  
as →

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(1) Pause and resolve these concerns

- ↳ Train the AI on local data
- ↳ Inclusion of real beneficiaries from tribal and minority groups
- ↳ Behavioural training of AI
- ↳ Support for vernacular language and neuro divergent users.

(2) Environmental sustainability →

- ↳ Sustainable data centres.
- ↳ Decrease emissions.

This ensures

- ↳ Ethical principles → Environmental ethics
- ↳ Sustainable use of Artificial Intelligence
- ↳ Citizen centric governance

Professional Responsibility

- ↳ AI in <sup>ethical</sup> decision making
- ↳ Including beneficiaries & Reduce Discrimination
- ↳ Uphold Constitutional Principles.

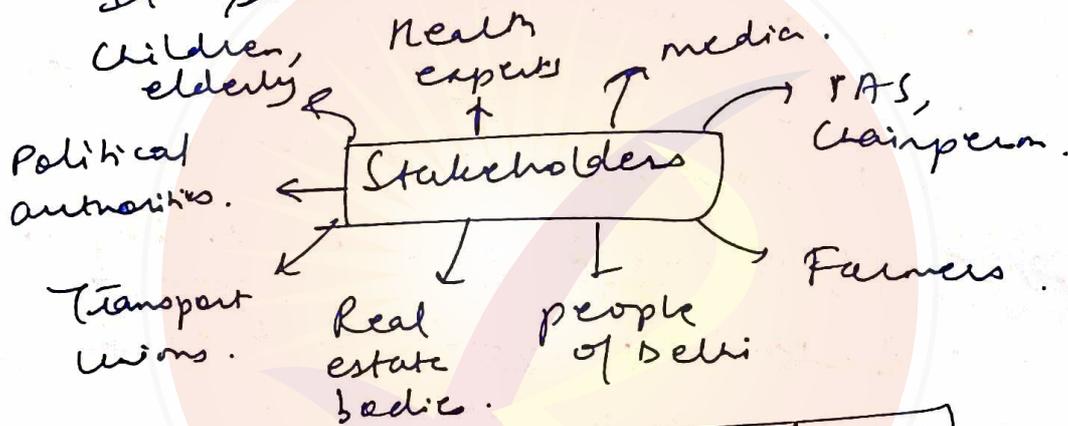
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Above is a case study of protection of environment versus the development and employment of people.

It shows the human vs nature conflict



(a) Options available to Officers →

Option 1 → Do not impose restrictions

merits

- ensures farmer's lack of ~~alt~~ alternative issue.
- prevent job losses & strikes.
- NO impact on international investment event

Demerits

- worsen AQI
- Cause health related issues to children & elderly
- Public health crisis.

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## Option 2 → Impose the restrictions

### merits

- ① Ensures healthy air and decrease health crisis
- ② Limits the vehicular industrial pollution
- ③ media concern addressed

### De-merits

- ① Issue of industrial strikes
- ② National image due to the international event
- ③ Job losses

## Option 3 → Delay the restrictions imposed

### merits

- ① Can consult the stakeholders and take their inputs
- ② International event can happen successfully
- ③ Prevent the job losses.

### Demerits

- ① Health crisis can lead to polycrisis.
- ② Bureaucratic red tapism and hurdles
- ③ Risking lives of people

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(b)

Core values and principles guiding  
decision making

- (1) Civil servant oath of keeping  
the public interest as topmost  
criteria.
- (2) Empathy and compassion towards  
children, elderly, farmers.
- (3) Maintain political neutrality  
and non-partisanship.
- (4) Health crisis and duty of  
serving underprivileged.
- (5) Utilitarian principle of greatest  
happiness of greatest number.
- (6) Gandhiji's talisman and 7  
sins i.e. commerce without morality
- (7) Environmental ethics of  
pro-planet policy.

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(C)

Long term institutional reforms

- (1) Advanced Environment Impact Assessment  
and social impact Assessment  
for high risk projects.
- (2) Dedicated District Authorities  
for developmental projects.
- (3) Inclusion of Gram Sabha,  
Tribes Advisory Council (5<sup>th</sup> schedule)  
and Regional Councils for decision  
on development projects.
- (4) Green city  
Smart Cities mission initiatives like

The polluter pays and  
precautionary principle (Vellore  
Citizen Forum case) to be upheld  
to balance environment and  
development.