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SECTION A

1. (a) When people use a common resource without a coordinated plan the result is often a tragedy of the commons in which the resource is depleted. In this context, discuss the various ethical challenges arising out of the utilization of Global Commons. (150 words, 10 marks)

"The Earth has enough to satisfy everyone's need but not everyone's greed" - MK Gandhi

is good
The resources provided by earth is finite, and, hence must be ~~used~~ *used* carefully to ensure adequate ~~provisions~~ *provisions* of the ~~commons~~ *resources* for future generations. ✓
concept of commons + discussion

Ethical challenges in utilization of Global Commons/
① Lack of well coordinated plan leads to depletion of resources. *eg Nauru ran out of phosphate resources due to unplanned extraction.* ✓

② Mad competition to extract the maximum resources leads to destruction of the ~~resources~~. ✓



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environment. Peg California gold rush lead to destruction of Baja California desert.

Valid arguments and are very well justified

③ cut throat competition to extract the common resources leads to destruction of basic human slaves. Peg Mercantilism lead to Atlantic slave trade, causing barbaric torture of Africans.

④ We have ~~into~~ limited sources of the common resources. Peg Petroleum reserves will last for another 100 years. Hence, we must use it wisely.

We have received Earth from the ancestors, ~~but~~ and are liable to ensure, the future generations inherit a sustainable world, hence, we must utilise global commons with efficiency and judiciously.



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(b) What is bioethics? Why has its importance increased recently? Discuss one bioethical issue of eminence in recent times. (150 words, 10 marks)

good intro
Bioethics is concerned with the ethical dilemmas produced by biology and medicine, particularly those raised by human action in society and the environment through the use of biotechnology.

→ Bioethics examines concerns impacting all living organisms and the environment from the level of the individual creature to the biosphere in complexity.

argument and value
Importance of Bioethics in recent times

Rapid advancement in Biotechnology,
eg genome editing using CRISPR Cas9, leading to calls to create Designer babies.



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② Pandemics such as Covid 19, and, the consequent mayhem, led to issues such as vaccine nationalism, information silo or creation.

③ Advanced application & research in field of medicines. eg nanobots, cloning of human organs, robotic surgery and soon. has heightened importance of bioethics.

well explained and good to include @

Bioethical issue in recent case

* The Arundhanibang case highlighted the issue of Right Euthanasia and assisted suicide for terminally ill patients in India.

Thus, to we can say, Bioethics is of primary importance in today's rapidly evolving world order.

Conclusion
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be better if

→ scientific, political, social and cultural factors are mentioned



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2. (a) "Choice is the essence of ethics, if there were no choice there would be no ethics, no good, no evil." Illustrate the nature and essence of ethics in the context of the above statement. (150 words, 10 marks)

good info
Ethics is choosing the best course of action, by careful evaluating the alternatives. Hence, we can say, that "Choice is essence of ethics". If there is no choice / dilemma, there shan't be no ethics of choosing the ideal course of action. Peg King Shaka had to choose ethical option of abandoning war or carry on with killing his opponents.

Nature & Essence of Ethics

- diminishing are
fulfilling the questions
summed
- (1) Ethics is involved with concerns of cognitive dissonance & moral dilemma going with what is right, despite, one's own personal belief or opinion.



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Eg Lord Rama accepted 14 years exile, despite moral dilemma of what is right or wrong. *good*

② Ethics require high emotional quotient to evaluate the available options and select the best course of action available. *conceptual clarity*

Eg Lord Buddha had high emotional quotient to not fall into trap of Angulimala robber.

Thus, we can say that, choosing is the fundamental base of ethics, as, we need to evaluate the right or wrong choices. Hence, we must develop emotional aptitude to choose morally upright decisions.

Conclusion is fine

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(b) What is the doctrine of double effect? Does 'Principle of Permissible Harm' stand the test of moral laws? (150 words, 10 marks)

The "doctrine of double effect" as stated by St. Thomas

Aquinas, states that sometimes it is permissible to cause a harm as a side effect of bringing about a good result even though it would not be permissible to cause such a harm as a means to bringing about the same.

✓ eg The lockdown to end Covid19 pandemic
lead to economic devastation ✓

Features of double effect

- ① The action must be inherently good.
- ② The good should not flow from the bad rather both should flow from the action itself.
- ③ Comparatively the proportion of good should be larger than the proportion of bad.



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Principle of Permissible Harm - test of moral laws

1 → The principle states that one may harm in order to save more and only if the harm is an effect on an aspect of the greater good itself.

points are

valid

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concise

2 → Thus, if public life, property and security is at a great threat, there is a case for stern action against the radicalized and divisive forces, as harm on form of strict action, is an aspect of the greatest good itself.

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3 → There are times when permissible harm is morally permissible and even obligatory.
eg Lord Krishna's sermon to Arjuna on Mahabharata war

4 → The criteria of permissible harm are problematic and hard to meet, hence, involves complex moral dilemmas.

Thus, Principle of permissible harm requires Careful evaluation based on moral decisions and emotional quotient.

final conclusion



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3. (a) What acts as the sources of ethical guidance for a civil servant? Illustrate each with an example. (150 Words, 10 marks)

Due to various conflicting ideals, a civil servant often needs a guiding light as an ethical source. *eg* Kiran Bedi, IPS had to take difficult choice of impounding the prime minister's car when parked illegally.

Sources of ethical guidance

- ① The established laws given in the society
eg The environment protection Act, seeks to protect wildlife.
- ② The rules and regulations for civil servants.
eg Code of conduct for civil servants.
- ③ Conscience within human beings that determines the morality of human actions. *eg* AS Abhishankar's policy of zero consumption.



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- well presented argument
- ④ Guidance from seniors to resolve instances of ethical dilemmas, based on their experience and past encounters.
- ⑤ Constitution which acts as the ultimate guide in resolving case & providing ethical guidance to the civil servants.

Thus, we can say that ethical guidance for civil servants can be drawn from multiple sources.

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(b) Ethical considerations must precede the shift towards a data-driven model of governance. Examine. (150 words, 10 marks)

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② Data model based on ethics & morals must be built in for the data based governance.

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the needs of the underprivileged people.

- ④ ethical consideration within the data-driven model will ensure fair accessibility to all the people irrespective of their background and privileges.

eg Sevottam model & e-Kranti model of data based governance in India involves ethical consideration for welfare of the people.

Thus, preceding ethical considerations within the data driven model of governance will help India achieve (Samadaya) as envisioned by Pt. Deen Dayal.

Good
Conclusion





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4. (a) "Principles without virtues are impotent and traits without principles are blind."
Elaborate. (150 words, 10 marks)

Principles, virtues and traits are directly related to one another.

Virtues are the good qualities and values.

Principles are the moral values and ideals.

Traits are the various attributes and characteristics.

Principles & virtues \Rightarrow Relationship

① *Virtues support the principles and make it strong, upright and potent.*

② *Good virtues lead to ideal principles which make it perfect, firm and resilient.*

Eg. Mother Teresa had virtues of helping and empathy, which made her follow the principle of helping the poor.





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(b) "Values in an administrative system are taught as much as they are caught".
Comment. (150 words, 10 marks)

fine intro
An administrative system is based on the good value systems which lead to fulfilment of the aspirations of the people. *eg* Indian administration is based on values of welfare model.

Values in administration system — taught

arguments are fine
① Mission Karmayogi aims to teach the values of "role-based" citizen centric administration to the administrators.

brief background
② Mission Sarambh, Foundation Course, and other trainings by the government aims to fulfil and reinforce the ethical values among the bureaucrats.

③ The curriculum of civil services



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examination is so designed to teach moral values and ethics to the aspirants.

Values in administration system - Caught

(1) Through continuous interaction with the seniors, peers as well as juniors, values within the organisation is implied by default.

(2) Interacting with the citizens also helps for the administration to adopt good values to fulfil the aspirations of the common people. Various departments have adopted citizen charter based on interactions with the people at large.

Thus, values within administrative system come both taught as well as caught by the stakeholders.

improve conclusion.



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5. (a) Should humans aspire for pleasure or happiness? Justify. (150 words, 10 marks)

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Humans aspire to gain and derive maximum utility from their actions and deeds in the form of pleasure or happiness.

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Humans aspire for pleasure & happiness

① Fulfilment of one's life goals act as a motivation factor to continue to work harder and achieve goals. *eg* The happiness my parents will get when I clear UPSC CSS will make me work harder.

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Happiness & pleasure is one of the basic human traits, which, is one of the first emotions a child experiences. *eg* Happiness a child gets one parent when his mother plays with him.

③ Happiness & pleasure can also be derived from helping other ¹⁸



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people, and, getting contentment in that way.
eg Happiness & contentment that I get when helping my friend understand a complex topic.

④ Lord Buddha advocates following middle path, i.e., neither too much indulgence nor excess austerity, while, enjoying life's pleasure and happiness.

Civil servants like IAS K Gopinathan, IAS Krishna Teja get happiness in helping people, get rescued from floods.

Thus, it is important that, humans aspire for pleasure & happiness without too much indulgence or austerity.





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(b) A bribe giver is to be equally blamed as a bribe-taker. Examine this statement from an ethical perspective with examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

Bribery is the process of giving unsolicited gifts / benefits with the motive of extracting undue favour or grant.

A/c to whom?
mention name

Bribe Giver is to Blamed

(1) A bribe giver takes the first step in initiating the process of giving bribe, hence, he is responsible as much as the taker.

(2) He might normalise the culture of giving bribes to get the work done.

(3) He might do often put the receiver into cognitive dissonance of accepting bribes.

▶ Police officers in Italy were accused of giving bribes to various officers at all levels under the prime ministership of Berslusconi.



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Bribe Taker is to be blamed

- ① A bribe taker also often takes the first step in initiating the process of taking bribe by asking for a "baksheesh". Hence, he is responsible for the bribe culture.
- ② The bribe taker normalises the culture of asking bribes, which might serve as an example for peers and colleagues in the organisation.
- Amrit Patel was found asking for bribes.

organisation -

eg - IAS Sanjay Pepli was found asking for bribes

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Hence, it is important to understand that both bribe giver and bribe taker are equally responsible for this corrupt practice, which must be shunned by all the stakeholders.

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6. (a) Discuss how the knowledge of attitude can help the administrator improve the work culture of his organization? (150 words, 10 marks)

Attitude is a psychological tendency that is expressed by evaluating a particular entity with some degree of favour or disfavour.

Knowledge of attitude - helping administrator

(1) Attitude formation and reform can help improve the work culture within the organization, by setting up right attitude formation among colleagues.

Elon Musk introduced the attitude of hustle in Tesla.

(2) Improvement in work culture is observed when a manager/leader/administrator inspires people to develop right mindset towards fulfilling aspiration of the people & improve service delivery.



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of the people & improve service delivery.



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eg IAS Ashok Pandey fined himself for violating plastic norms.

③ It is of prime importance that the administrator is well aware and in sync with the implicit beliefs, notions existing inside ~~and~~ himself and ~~with~~ the other stakeholders. eg Mahatma Gandhi was in sync with the various attitudes existing within the freedom fighters, and, acted as bridge between conflicting attitudes.

Thus, an administrator can improve the work culture of the organization by stressing upon right attitude formation.

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(b) Given below is a quotation of a great moral thinker/philosopher. Bring out what it means to you in the present context.

"We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility." (150 words, 10 marks)

Rabindranath Tagore has rightly said, that, an humble person is most similar to the greatest person in existence.

A humble person is the mirror image of godly virtues, as, he understands that the world doesn't revolve around him. eg Mahatma Gandhi was a very humble person despite his many accomplishments.

The essence of wisdom is the awareness that knowledge is oceanic while what we learn is only a drop of it. great men of this world had always been humble and simple.

Humility is one of the characteristic hallmarks of the learned people.



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eg Swami Vivekananda was a very



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person, and so was, Mother Teresa

(4) It is very important for civil servants to aspire to be humile in deed and character, to ensure, they can fulfil the aspirations of the people and the society.

(5) Humility leads to attracting other virtues such as empathy, politeness, leads to development of right attitude and mindset for the bureaucrat. Veg Dr. APT Abdul Kalam was a very humile Indian scientist.

Thus, we can say that humility is next to godliness.



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7. (a) Why is utilitarianism called a consequentialist moral doctrine? Illustrate with an example. (150 words, 10 marks)

"Utilitarianism" is an ethical doctrine pioneered by Jeremy Bentham & JS Mill. It is defined as doctrine of ethics which advocates that actions are right, if they are useful for the benefit of the majority and that an action is right as far as it promotes happiness.

Utilitarianism - a consequentialist moral doctrine

Utilitarianism ideas are fundamental to modern ethical theory and remain firmly enshrined in contemporary intellectual life.

Whether an action is right or wrong is determined solely by its consequences. Hence, it leads to creation of consequentialist moral doctrine.





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② The value of the consequences of an action is assessed in terms of the amount of happiness or well-being caused.

③ In assessing the total happiness caused to a number of people, equal amounts of happiness are to have equal value, no one person's happiness having greater value than that of another's.

eg Swachh Bharat Abhiyan for maximum sanitation in society.

Thus, we can say that utilitarianism is called a consequentialist moral doctrine.

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(b) Courage is the value underlying all moral commitments. Discuss. (150 words, 10 marks)

Courage is the resilience, strength and determination in cases of danger and crisis.

Courage = value underlying all moral commitments

(1) Moral courage is an essential attribute that allows individuals to uphold their principles and standup for what is right, even in face of opposition.

(2) Courage is the willingness to do what is right, regardless of the consequences. It involves standing up for one's principles and beliefs.

(3) Courage enables confidence in one's moral values, beliefs and judgement and to act upon them even in uncomfortable situations.



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④ Courage ensures that the person has strong sense of personal integrity and is willing to take risk for standing up against injustices

⑤ Thus, courage is the value underlying all moral commitments, such as, eg

Abraham Lincoln had the courage to fight for racial equality and lead the country through a civil war to abolish slavery

Thus, courage is the underlying bedrock for all moral commitments. It is the guiding light for all the virtues of the world.

④





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SECTION B

8. Rajesh Kumar is a senior public servant, with a reputation for honesty and forthrightness, currently posted in the Finance Ministry as Head of the Budget Division. His department is presently busy organizing the budgetary support for the states, four of which are due to go to the polls within the financial year. This year's annual budget had allotted 78300 crores for the National Housing Scheme (NHS), a centrally sponsored social housing scheme for the weaker sections of society. 775 crores have been drawn for NHS till June. The Ministry of Commerce had long been pursuing a case for setting up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in a southern state to boost exports. After two years of detailed discussions between the centre and state, the Union Cabinet approved the project in August. The process was initiated to acquire the necessary land. Eighteen months ago, a leading Public Sector Unit (PSU) had projected the need for setting up a large natural gas processing plant in a northern state for the regional gas grid. The required land is already in possession of the PSU. The gas grid is an essential component of the national energy security strategy. After three rounds of global bidding, the project was allotted to an MNC, M/s XYZ Hydrocarbons. The first tranche of payment to the MNC is scheduled to be made in December. Finance Ministry was asked for a timely allocation of an additional 6000 crores for these two developmental projects. It was decided to recommend the re-appropriation of this entire amount from the NHS allocation. The file was forwarded to Budget Department for their comments and further processing. On studying the case file, Rajesh Kumar realized that this reappropriation may cause an inordinate delay in the execution of NHS, a project much publicized in the rallies of senior politicians. Correspondingly, the non-availability of finances would cause a financial loss in the SEZ and national embarrassment due to delayed payment in an international project. Rajesh Kumar discussed the matter with his seniors. He conveyed that this politically sensitive situation needs to be processed immediately. Rajesh Kumar realized that the diversion of funds from NHS could raise difficult questions for the government in the Parliament. Discuss the following concerning this case:
- (a) Ethical issues involved in the re-appropriation of funds from a welfare project to the developmental projects. (150 words, 10 marks)
- (b) Given the need for proper utilization of public funds, discuss the options available to Rajesh Kumar. Is resigning a worthy option? (250 words, 15 marks)

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(A) Ethical Issues involved in re-appropriation of funds

8) Economic development vs social justice

economic development is social justice.
 as setting up SEZ, would lead economic development
 at cost of inordinate delay in execution
 of the National Housing Scheme.

ii) Empathy vs Professional duty

as senior public servant, Rajesh Kumar's responsibility is to exhibit empathy and compassion for society's downtrodden section's upliftment & welfare. Further, his primary

Section's upliftment
as head of Budget division, his primary
responsibility is to act with an objective
analysis of demand without getting influenced
by political situation.

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(B) Possible Course of action Available

Actions	Merits	Demerits
<p>① Diversion of entire amount for re-appropriation</p>	<p>① It will help in boosting exports and help increase clean energy accessibility.</p> <p>② It will aid the govt. objective of focussing and on economic development & lead to trickle down of benefit to society</p>	<p>① It may cause inordinate delay in the execution of the NHS, having tremendous implication for the poorer.</p> <p>② Diversion of funds from welfare schemes to economic projects may become a regular practice</p>
<p>② Reject the proposal for the re-appropriation of funds</p>	<p>① It will uphold the principle of <u>social justice</u>.</p> <p>② It will save <u>Rajesh Kumar</u> from wrath of political masters.</p>	<p>① Nonavailability of finance would cause a financial loss in the SEZ and may bring national embarrassment</p> <p>② National energy security might be compromised, as the <u>gas grid</u> is an essential component of it -</p>

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Option	Merit	Demerit
③ Partial re-appropriation of funds	① It will help in balancing the twin goals of economic development and social justice.	④ Partial re-appropriation of funds will require time for calculating modalities & exact amounts, whereas, reappropriation had to be done on immediate basis.

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Resigning is not a good option, as
① It would mean avoidance of responsibility, by taking the easy way out.

② Society would suffer due to the missing expertise in the upcoming projects.

③ It would set a bad precedent, among the colleagues in the team

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9. You are a young athlete representing India at an international-level competition. During the competition, you witness a few senior athletes injecting something using a syringe, in private. When you approach them, they explain that it is a performance-enhancing drug, which is very common in such competitions and you should take the same as well. You are in fear and decide to approach the coach to discuss the event you witnessed. However, you get to know that the athletes are taking the drug at the advice of the coach himself.

(a) What would you do in this scenario? Discuss the options available to you and chart your course of action. (250 words, 15 marks)

(b) Why do you think the use of unfair means to enhance performance is common in a competitive sporting event? How can this practice be minimized? (250 words, 15 marks)

The coach represents ensuring honesty and dignity of the sporting event and, performing to the best of one's ability while representing the nation.

(a) The options available are:

Actions	Merits	Demerits
① Warn the athletes and coach against using such drugs	① Gives a choice to the fellow athletes before complaining. ② Resolution of the issue at team level.	① Warning may not be taken seriously. ② Coach may punish me on disciplinary grounds. ③ Unfair competition.



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<p>① Complain directly to the higher authorities</p>	<p>① fair competition</p> <p>② Higher authorities may appreciate the swiftness of my complaint.</p>	<p>① No chance for athletes to explain their actions</p> <p>② Innocent athletes may also suffer as entire team may be suspended</p>
<p>② Complain after competition is over</p>	<p>① Performance of the team will not be affected.</p> <p>② Provides ample time for assessment of my options.</p>	<p>① Athletes/coach may deny the wrongdoings.</p> <p>② Non resolution of my crisis of conscience during competition.</p> <p>③ Doping may get detected, tarnishing India's image.</p>

My course of action, will be based on my belief of "Be the change you wish to see in the world"

- ① I would do background work on legality of the drug.
- ② I would, then, reach out to sportmen and the coaches highlighting the issue with the drugs.
- ③ In case, the team ignores the warning, I would need to write a formal complaint with the higher authorities, keeping the Ministry of Sports in confidence, and, submitting all evidences



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② Reasons for common use of unfair means in sports

① Individual factors: desire for winning, Career longevity, economic gains.

② Legal factors: Weak implementation of anti-doping laws by authorities.

③ Systematic factors: Encouragement by higher officials.
[eg] Russian authorities encouraged athletes to use drugs for performance enhancement.

④ Socio-cultural factors: cut throat competition, etc.

Steps to minimize the practice

① Preventive step (i) spreading awareness among athletes
(ii) simplify rules, lower list of prohibited substances
(iii) Improve drug testing

② Punitive step (i) Strict enforcement of anti-doping laws
(ii) Ban countries accused of coverups.

③ Promotive step (i) Factor in ethical conduct & doping rankings in funding mechanisms.
(ii) Educating best practices & encourage countries to adopt them.

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10. There have been reports of repeat instances of mob lynching in different states of India. It has been pointed out that these presumably faceless mobs gather impromptu based on unverified information on issues that affect the collective conscience of the society such as child trafficking, sexual harassment, cow slaughter etc. Most people don't even regret their actions of violating the law and even get away with committing such a heinous crime.

(a) What are the socio-psychological factors that motivate people to join the mob and kill fellow human beings? (150 words, 10 marks)

(b) Identify the implications of increasing crime of lynching on society. (150 words, 10 marks)

(c) Examine the role of social media in recent instances of mob lynching. As a law enforcement officer, how will you prevent such incidents from happening in your district? (150 words, 10 marks)

with handwritten notes
Lynching is a type of collective violence in which a group of individuals for real or imagined crimes.

(A) Socio-psychological factors

(i) Social → stereotypes & prejudices existing within the society. eg Muslim youth often lynched for pretent of cow smuggling

(ii) General perception that justice system is slow & ineffective in India

(iii) False belief of threat to one's culture or community by the other community





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- (iv) Vulnerability to misinformation and fake news.
eg) Numerous instances of no child kidnapping fake news

Psychological

- (i) Deindividuation = participants feel released from normal constraints on their behaviour, when, they dehumanify opponents.
- (ii) Infectious sentiments of mob, which can easily arouse and stimulate emotions of an individual.
- (iii) Sense of release for a more generalized hostility

Implications of increasing crime of lynching on society

(i) Weakening of the rule of law as people may lose faith in power and authority of state.

(ii) Social injustice as many victims are poor and marginalized.

(iii) Perpetuates hatred and is against unity and cohesiveness of society.





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4) Breeds anarchy as it leads to cycle of violence and counter violence.

5) Negative impact on socio-economic growth by negatively affecting business and investment sentiments.

6) Role of Social Media in recent instances of mob lynching

Negative Role

1) Social Media ignites flame of mistrust, fake news and morphed videos.

2) It also allows mob-lynchers to assemble and communicate with one-another.

3) It also encourages people to make provocative videos, and, then post it on their platform, leading to a continuous cycle.

Positive Role

1) Social media helps government officials to reach out to the masses.



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Settle misinformation and reach out to the people.

① I would be directing social media companies that forwarded messages should be tagged with the originating number, to make it easier to crack down on misuse.

② Group administrators to be held liable for activities on their group and action they took to prevent misuse.

③ Immediate arrest of anybody involved in malefic rumour mongering.

④ Promoting awareness about sites and links that help to identify hoax, and, also reaching out to civic volunteers to monitor social media.

Mob lynching must be stopped to ensure rule of law and a peaceful & stable community.

Conclusion
is fine
but need
better
approach.

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11. A renowned and critically acclaimed producer-director has come up with a new movie based on a retelling of the freedom movement. The trailer of this project depicts prominent freedom fighters and various aspects of their personalities. It is a project that involves substantial sums of money and has taken collaborative efforts for 3 years. However, certain political and social activists have objected to what they perceived as a negative portrayal of some freedom fighters. As such, they have opposed the release of this movie and issued threats with serious consequences. This has come in the context of an increase in the number of instances involving many groups issuing threats against one or the other movie. In such a context you have been designated as the head of a special committee with the broad responsibility of reviewing the film certification process in general as well as checking the historical accuracy of the events depicted in this particular movie.

(a) Who are the key stakeholders you would involve as part of the consultation process? (150 words, 10 marks)

(b) What are the principles that you would consider while giving your recommendations to the government? Also, provide an outline of a solution that you deem appropriate in the prevailing context. (250 words, 15 marks)

five points
This case study involves the right to speech and expression without hurting the sentiment of people.

(A) The stakeholders involved are:

(i) Legal experts to understand complexities of case.

(ii) Representatives of the film industry.

(iii) Members of the Central Board of film certification.

(iv) Indian Broadcasting foundation as form spokesperson of broadcasting industry.

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(v) Civil Society representatives to gain an audience perspective.

(vi) Renowned historians to check the historical accuracy of the particular movie.

(B) The recommendations to be made to the government are:

(1) Right to artistic expression is part of the fundamental right to speech & expression under article 19.

(2) Difference between a commercial cinema and a documentary must be maintained. Artistic freedom includes right to portray fiction along with documented history.

(3) Film remains responsible and sensitive to values and standards of the society.

(4) Categorization of films should empower audiences to make informed choices.



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(1) The guidelines should ensure that the process of certification of films for public exhibition is carried out in a uniform, non-discriminatory manner within the ambit of the law. *fine*

Outcome of solution in the prevailing context

(2) A central advisory panel should be constituted with experts, such as historians to objectively assess the historical accuracy of the film in a time bound manner. *mentioned points*

(2) A restricted screening should be organized for all key stakeholders. *valid*

(3) Reports from these should be presented to CBFC in a time bound manner, following which the movie can be released, with necessary cuts & edits. *and given nicely*



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- (4) Adequate law and order arrangements should be made upon release of the movie to uphold the rule of law and freedom.

The essence of a mature democracy is freedom of speech and expression, which should be protected subject to maintaining communal peace and harmony.

fine conclusion

4½ ✓



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