



## MAINS MOCK TEST, 2022

### GS IV PAPER

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Time: 2 PM to 5 PM

Total Marks: 250 marks

Time duration: 3 hours

#### GS IV Paper Instructions.

- There are 11 questions divided into two sections and printed in ENGLISH.
- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is printed against it.
- The medium for the answers will be English.
- Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank, must be struck off clearly.
- You are directed to scan/ take photos of your answer booklet and send the same to [aptpius.mains2022.openmock@gmail.com](mailto:aptpius.mains2022.openmock@gmail.com) ONLY IN PDF FORMAT.
- Name the pdf format in the format (aspirant's full name)\_(paper).pdf. For example, if your full name is Aman Kumar and the paper is on GS IV then the file's name will be amankumar\_GSIV.pdf.
- The deadline for submitting the answer sheets is 20th August 5: 30 PM

#### Final Comments:

1. Introduction is fine in most of the questions
2. Write about the case study briefly as introduction in case study questions
3. Add more content to your answer, the content presented seems inadequate
4. Keep writing, answer all the questions, it will fetch you more marks



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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 global commons are regions or resources, which do not belong to any particular nation and thus demands international rules, regulations for their management.

Ethical challenges in Utilization:

- ① Over dominance of certain powerful groups & nations.

Eg: China's dominance & forceful occupation in the South China Sea.

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② Rights of smaller, developing nations violated.

equity & fairness (use ethics terminology)

Eg: when the pollution, global warming impacts the poor, small Island nations disproportionately.

③ No responsible utilisation - impacts all the countries equally.

collective action

Eg: outer space weaponisation  
 be it the oceanic resources or forests etc. needs to be harnessed ethically, sustainably keeping in mind the welfare of all.

the answer lacks the usage of terms necessary for a ethics answer, it more looks like a gs answer.



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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)

Bioethics is a field of study that examines ethical issues and dilemmas arising from advancements in biology, medicine, healthcare, and the life sciences.

Bio ethics refers to the ethical use and application of bio medicine, research and biotech.

Recent increase in importance:

① Ethical dilemma in medical termination of pregnancy vs. pro-life.

② ethical issues with surrogacy and Right to life, Privacy, commercialisation of unethical communi-

③ cloning, new organ creation, Bio tech and 3D Printing, Stem cell therapy and



Globalization and Cross-Cultural Perspectives: the need to understand and reconcile different cultural perspectives and values regarding health, medicine, and life sciences has become more apparent.

Emerging Ethical Dilemmas: As scientific knowledge expands, so do the ethical dilemmas that arise in healthcare and research. Issues such as genetic privacy, personalized medicine, end-of-life care, organ transplantation



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their misuse - ethical violation,

④ Compulsory licensing vs IPR protection. Eg: during Covid vaccine

⑤ Organ donation, transplantation etc. being in demand, shortage v/s compulsory legislation.

Passive Euthanasia has been allowed in India by the Supreme Court in 2018.

②

-> Ethical opposition - previously it was compared to suicide and against

Right to life. Also Sallekhana or Santhara - Jain vows not

good example of sallekhana

allowed legally.

-> Argument for: Right to life includes life with dignity and humanity.



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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)

~~Ethics is the ability to do right thing and discriminate decision making morally based on willful consent.~~

Choice is considered the essence of ethics because ethical decision-making involves making choices based on moral principles and values.

Choice is important in judging an act as ethical or unethical:

- ① Without choice and freedom to decide, think, act, the first condition gets invalidated in ethics.

Eg: In a harsh environment, for survival, if a dying person is forced to eat meat then, we cannot judge his act.

- ② Without choices there is an element of force.

Eg: If a person is not given a choice to willfully

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decide whether to steal or not and if he/she is forced to such activity, it is not unethical.

③ humans can only act ethically if they get multiple choices and freedom to ~~decide~~ right or wrong. For this, complete knowledge and information required prior to such acts.

③ Eg: When one mistakenly violates a rule of an organisation, without prior knowledge and detailed understanding his/her act cannot be judged.

provide a conclusion : (Choice is central to ethics because it acknowledges the complexity of ethical dilemmas and the diversity of human values and perspectives. Ethical decision-making requires individuals to engage in critical thinking, moral reasoning, and reflection to make choices that align with their values, promote well-being, and respect the rights and dignity of others.)



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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)

valid intro  
 Doctrine of double effect implies that an ethically right action may have some unintended wrong side-effects. Then, the action may be permissible provided the motive is to serve good.

'Principle of Permissible Harm' states that it is not ethically wrong to harm in order to cause greater good to others.

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 Eg: If public life, property is under danger, then it is not wrong to take them action by the state.



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The morality of the principle can be judged based on the motive, means and end goal or outcome of an action.

Eg: In implementing AFSPA in North-East, it is important to resort to ethical means.

- , Right intention of operations in the Naxal hit areas in LWE corridors.

- , the means should be ethical & morally right to cause minimum damage to Civilian life, restoring their rights.

provide 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)

The sources of ethical guidance for a civil servant act as a moral compass to make right choices and may be external or internal.

External source:

- ① Laws, Rules, Regulations. (LRR)
- ② Some great personality.

Internal sources:

→ Actor's own conscience.

LRR as source:

When the actor is bound by the state or organisational legal boundaries, rules, regulations etc.

Eg: When driving, we are bound to follow traffic rules. 10

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→ We must adhere to the Constitutional morality as citizens.

Great personalities like Swami Vivekanand Mahatma Gandhi acted as a moral light for many while deciding right action → source of Integrity, Faithfulness, upright moral character etc.

can cover one or two points more

Internal

→ Conscience - when one decides what is morally right even when given choice and having right to act, discretionally, he/she is bound by morality.

Eg: A Civil Servant not misusing his power in the field when laws, rules, regulations are silent.

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

A data driven model of governance implies utilisation of data in real time to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Ethical considerations are pre requisite →

- ① The data collected must respect the privacy of a ~~si~~ person.
- ② The procedure of utilisation of data must be ethical and follow due process of law.
- ③ The data must not be biased towards any particular community; it should be value neutral.

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(4) Data must not be used for profiling.

Human-Centric Approach  
informed consent and data use  
Accountability and Oversight

(5) The data used must solely be used with the motive of public service & governance and not commercialised.

Thus, ethical values must precede data driven governance for the benefit of all.

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

Principles are values which drive the ideology and hence cognition, Attitude & Behaviour of any person. It strongly controls the emotional aspects, desires etc.

Virtue refers to the moral excellence or goodness of character demonstrated by an individual. It encompasses a set of positive qualities, behaviors, and values that contribute to the overall well-being and flourishing of both individuals and society.

Non-Virtuous Principles  
a person no where. They won't be able to apply their knowledge & action for strong morality, as thus, for any principle to be beneficial for one self & to the public must be virtuous.

Eg: The virtuous principles of great personalities like Gandhiji helped him

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to ~~keep~~ remain honest, truthful  
and persevere even before the  
showy British force.

4) Traits define the character  
and Personality of a person.

Thus, strong Principles are important  
for traits to be guided morally  
~~at~~ always, thus, showing integrity.



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

Values can either be taught either  
-nally by any teacher, guide during  
any induction, training course in  
administration or can be learnt  
autonomously by observing others.

Teaching of and Value addition:

① Through an training program  
Experiential Learning: Values can also be taught through experiential learning approaches, such as community service,  
volunteering, or participating in social justice activities.

② " any enforcements under  
organizational rules, regulations.

③ Code of conduct, Service  
rules etc. for Civil Servants.

Eg: AIS Rules, 1968.

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Caught from outside:

→ The values can be learnt from the seniors, leaders around us.

Eg: V Sagarayam, IAS, taught us honesty, integrity, code of ethics and conduct.

Modeling Behavior: One of the most effective ways to teach values is through modeling.

3 → From our day-to-day experiences, we learn to discriminate ethical, unethical values.

Eg: Despite no specific rules, restrictions if we self impose certain virtues.

provide a closure, with a balanced view



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5. (a) Should humans aspire for pleasure or happiness? Justify. (150 words, 20 marks)

Human life becomes satisfaction only with self-contentment and happiness.

explain what is pleasure, what is happiness and the difference between them first

Arguments in favour:

- ① Satisfaction and happiness in life is the ultimate goal according to Aristotle.
- ② This may be achieved through various means - knowledge, self-discipline, helping others etc;
- ③ An unhappy life may spread unhappiness in the entire society.

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Arguments against:

① Sole purpose of life should not be to attain hedonic pleasure at the cost of others, surroundings.

Eg: Eat to live and not live to eat

② One's cause of happiness should not harm others.

Eg: Smoking in public

u have to say what humans should aspire for, pleasure or happiness.

and justify what you choose

③ Happiness and pleasure in one's life may be highly subjective sometimes.

Eg: Eating non-veg food; Religious restrictions.



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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)

Bribe is the main mode of corruption and needs a source and destination for its survival. explain the negative impacts of bribe briefly in the intro injustice, poor quality of services, a crisis of credibility about government and administration, crony capitalism

Ethically wrong for both the giver and taker:

① Both of them are part of the corrupt system, one creates the demand for such practice.

② The action of one person impacts the entire system and makes it corrupt.

Eg: When one gets favour individually, others are also affected.

write a more detailed answer. Can mention 2nd ARC

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3 → The bypassing of norms, rules, regulations ~~and~~ creates total anarchy in the system.



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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 the pre disposition to act in a particular manner, based on one's perception towards an object.

For an administrator, attitude plays an important role:

① Administrator can judge a situation in an unbiased manner.

② He/she may handle difficult situation if positive attitude is kept even under pressure.

③ The work culture can be improved by having a courageous attitude and taking risks.

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(4) Attitude of a leader in an organisation is crucial for guiding other employees by setting right examples.

(5) Attitude acts as a feedback loop for changing our cognition, Behaviour. Thus, a right attitude is essential for progress in professional life.

can inspire officers to take individual responsibility for matters and not pass the buck to another officer



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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)

quote given by R. Tagore

Humility is the state of personality, being modest and lessen one's ego, pride.

Ordinary people feel at ease in approaching a humble person

The above quote shows how the value is important in building a great personality.

arrogant person will try to cover up his deeds rather than accepting the mistake

① Being humble lets one to be compassionate towards others.

He / She may sympathise and appreciate his surrounding people's contribution and importance.

② It helps us to gain more knowledge and expand our learnings every day.

explain what happens if there is no humility



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③ Humility brings us close to learned people, as we reject our ego and fake pride.

④ Humility is the key virtue for any great personality.

Eg: Gandhiji during freedom struggle, lived a very minimal life, which helped him gain access to the masses.

humility acts as an equalizer for humankind, especially in a democracy

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

explain consequentialism

Utilitarianism principle Judges any actions ~~ethicality~~ morality by the outcome and thus, the consequence. According to this, ethical actions are those, which produce greatest good to the greatest number.

Eg: When AFSPA is enforced in disturbed areas or when strict action is taken to eliminate Maoists from the Left wing extremist areas, then, it may disturb civilian life but in the long run it will bring peace and solve the



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terror problems.

thus, not in the means or procedures but in the final end / outcome that Utilitarianism focuses on to decide its morality i.e. all depends on the consequences and not on the means.

It is therefore a Teleological approach.

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

define courage first

Courage is the foundational bedrock that precedes all other moral commitments as, it is essential to continue our values with integrity even under difficult situations and every circumstances.

Reasons:

- ① Courage is tested under difficult situations to persevere.
- ② Courage is important to prove one's honesty and genuine personality.

Eg: The true test of honesty of a civil servant is not while taking oath but in the practical field postings.

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③ Courage and Commitment goes hand in hand.

④ Courage becomes essential for all moral commitments as, it is the backbone of integrity.

Eg: A soldier dedicating his life for his/her nation in the battlefield shows his courage to adhere to all the moral commitments he took during induction training.

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### SECTION B

2. 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 6500 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 re-appropriation 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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The above case shows a concern of ethical dilemmas for Rajesh Kumar as a senior public servant.

Ethical issues involved:

- ① Approval for Welfare project  
 vs Developmental project.
- ② Empathy and concern for the weaker section of the society, the beneficiary of the NHS vs Rajesh's duty as a professional.

u need to explain the ethical issues briefly



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③ Following the rules in letter only and thus carrying out the seniors orders or apply his own conscience.

Other ethical issues:

① The project of SEZ & natural gas processing plant may be delayed a bit by discussing & convincing the parties involved.

- Give the housing needs of the poor people should draw an ~~strong~~ empathy from all the stakeholders.



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Options available to Rajesh  
Kumar:

① Adhere strictly to the official  
rules & norms and avert  
any legal action by following  
the senior orders.

you have to write the merits and demerits of  
each option briefly

also the course of action  
to be taken finally has  
to be written

② Try to convince the project  
stakeholders and higher authorities  
involved; by expressing his  
genuine concern for weaker  
sections.

③ Resignation is not a good  
idea in this case and  
he should be a part of  
the system to bring any  
change within the ethical and  
legal boundaries.

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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 above case shows a strong unethical practice which is biased against fair play and international sports norms.

Options available in this case, along with course of action:

- ① Report the matter to the concerned authority and prevent such illegal, unethical practices.

This may ensure such acts are prevented in future.

write merits and demerits briefly for each option

complaining after the competition is over can also be an option

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② Try to convince senior athletes about the wrong, immoral impacts of such harmful steps.

③ Myself remaining upright and adhering strictly to the moral, ethical practices, may set right examples for the other candidates and also the coach may realise the fault.

Reason for such unfair means and preventive measures:

① Deterioration of ethical values and lack of integrity, professionalism and spirit of competition.

Try to educate the players and rekindle the moral principles involved.



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② Unreelness and sole focus on the end without equally giving importance to the means of

action

the desire for winning, improvement, pain management, recovery, career longevity and economic gains.

weak implementation of anti-doping laws/rules

social background and experiences, team/club/sport culture, perceived efficacy of anti-doping system

Players should strictly follow both right means with right end in mind.

Deontological & Teleological both aspects are equally valuable and thus, Players must commit to right course of action.

more steps could be written

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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)

Spread of mob lynching and  
 false news have been a cause  
 of great concern especially in  
 Indian society with the  
 criminals going unpunished.

Socio-psychological factors motiva-  
 -ting people to join the mob:

- ① Hatred towards others customs,  
 religions and culture.
- ② Lack of tolerance towards  
 different community 37



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Vulnerability to misinformation

a sense of belongingness to a group

A sense of excitement and novelty due to a break from routine

③ Rising inequality and social crimes lead to biased assumption.

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④ - Lack of personal identity and blindly following unethical orders without evaluation.

Implication of increasing crimes of lynching:

① Threat to the constitutional morality and legal provisions.

② Rising intolerance towards some sections of the society.

Perpetuates hatred and is against unity and cohesiveness of society.

③ Against humanity, may lead to chaos in the society.

Instigates a cycle of violence and counter-violence.

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Leading to social disharmony & destroy peace.

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- ① Spread of unverified fake news at lightning speed.
- ② Huge - number of user base from remote areas, creating problem in law enforcement.
- ③ Risk of violation of privacy and Rt. to freedom in case social media is regulated.
- ④ Difficult to regulate social media as the original poster of the news or posters may go anonymous.

anonymous individuals with vested interests get away repeatedly after spreading such lies



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### Steps to prevent such event:

- ① Sensitise the mass regarding the ill-effects such acts may bring in disturbing social harmony.
- ② Take strict action against any violators as a precautionary step under legal provisions.
- ③ Use technology and form small civilian groups - well versed in detecting such fake news, thereby restrict spread.
- ④ Educate the political groups, engage NGOs, to promote peace & communal harmony.

Immediate arrest of anybody involved in rumoured rumour-mongering.

A clear message should be sent that charges of 'murder' will be framed against all those who participate in lynchings



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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)

explain the above case study briefly first

The above case shows the importance of authentic information for making art and also the need of tolerance in society for the development of humanity.

### Key Stakeholders:

- ① Movie producer-director
- ② Political & Social activists.
- ③ Head of a Special Committee

Consultation process:

① As the head of a special comm. I would first consult the film makers and the concerned authorities in the field of history, art & culture to seek reports and documents on which the film has been produced and to verify its authenticity.

② In case the film contains no malicious information, no distorted data, I would consult the political & social activists, and would<sup>42</sup>

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like to know the reasons of such protests.

In case, their reason is not found sound, I would take the legal paths and complete my professional duties.

u have to write the principles that you would consider while giving your recommendations to the government

question not understood properly

### Recommendations and Solutions:

- ① Verify in great details the facts, figures and data that is used in producing the film, ~~is~~ taking the help of a technical team.
- ② Regulate such organisations which promote hatred, enmity between communities, try to destroy social harmony, national integrity.

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Solutions:

① Try to educate the stakeholders about the importance of social harmony and sensitise them about the precautionary measures before producing such films.

Also, the protestors must be cautioned for promoting any communal disharmony & violence.

② History should always be presented in its original form and thus its <sup>presentation</sup> ~~facts~~ should

not defame any great person-  
-ality. Instead, the aim of

historical performance art should be to ignite more knowledge & interest in the common public.