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- 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.
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Dear Candidate,

You have the potential to do much better. Work on the following areas:

Section A: Intro and conclusion should both reflect your deep understanding of the question. Dont give generalised intro and conclusion. Sequence your content in a proper manner. dont deviate from the demand of the question

Section B: dont just emunerate but elaborate points. Conclusion should be better.



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SECTION A 52.5

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 refer to areas that on the planet that should be equally accessible for all countries, and all countries are eligible to use resources from it. Some examples include Antarctica and the High Seas. good intro

Challenges of utilization of Global Commons

- i) Equity and fairness: Since they are a shared resource, ensuring equity and fairness is a significant challenge e.g. access to Antarctica for underdeveloped nations.
- ii) Sustainable use: Overexploitation of Global Commons may lead to environmental degradation; hence it is necessary to ensure sustainable use.
- iii) Intergenerational responsibilities: It is necessary for the upcoming generation to be as involved in upholding



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the global commons, as it would lead to degradation otherwise.

iv) Accountability : It is difficult to ensure accountability for the Global Commons. International Cooperation (e.g. Antarctic Treaty) is required for the same.

v) Intellectual Property Rights : The IPR that comes from research in Global Commons must be available to all; however this has often not been the case.

The ethical challenges arising out of the utilization of Global Commons must be tackled by global cooperation by involving all countries and multiple stakeholders.

You can add that It not only needs facilitation and accommodation of the self-governance of local commons but also requires safeguards at different levels to avoid exploitation and manage risks.

Also mention about environmental ethics.

• **Environmental ethics:** Over-exploitation of the resources may lead to their degradation which is detrimental to all whether they are utilised from global commons or not. For example, Climate change due to over-exploitation of resources has been causing adverse impacts on all, especially for the island nations

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Good attempt.



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Bioethics is a field of applied ethics which involves ethical issues related to living beings and concerns three broad areas namely medical ethics (health care, health science, and health policy), animal ethics, and environmental ethics.

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

general intro Bioethics concerns issues of biological facts, and issues of morality involved with research in biology and biotechnology. It concerns almost any sentient being.

Its importance has increased recently as:

- i) Research in biotechnology has led to ethical concerns e.g. designer babies.
- ii) The coronavirus pandemic also led to accusations of improper research and accountability.
- iii) Export of spurious medicines is also becoming a noteworthy incident in recent times.
- iv) Intellectual Property Rights also have begun to be challenged to ensure access to medicines.
- v) Equitable access to medicines and vaccines is also a major reason for the importance of bioethics.



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Issue of eminence

In the backdrop of the rollback of Roe v Wade in the US, abortion rights have become important.

Give indian context as well: Mention about Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971

For

- i) Women should have the right to have control over their own bodies.
- ii) Possibility for the child born to be neglected or even abandoned.
- iii) May lead to forced or illegal abortions which may cause medical complications for the mothers.

Against

- i) Rights of the fetus should also be considered before abortion.
- ii) The child born can also be put up for adoption.
- iii) Psychological consequences can be a possibility for women.

Marks: 4/10

The issue of abortion is a contentious issue and needs to be looked at with an open mind and involvement of multiple stakeholders.

general conclusion

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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)

a better intro would be link the given statement to the definition of ethics

Choice of a person is what defines his freedom, and ability to grow. A major characteristic of a functioning democracy is the availability of free choice to an individual.

Choice and ethics

Ethics is defined as the set of principles about the rightfulness and wrongfulness of human actions that are decided and enforced by society and government.

The true nature of ethics is there is always a wrong action to hint at what is right.

i) A person has the choice to be good or bad. It is his morality and ethical standards which helps him to be good.

ii) Without choice to do something different

there would not be any need for rules and regulations

b) A person would not choose to do something different than what society mandates

c) The freedom of the person would be curtailed and he would be unable to grow.



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Examples

i) A person who is hungry has a choice to either steal food, or work hard for it. It is his ethical standards which defines what course of action he would take.

ii) Being a prince, Gautam Buddha had the choice to either be a king and live in luxury, or go through hardships to bring enlightenment to people. Due to his ethical values of compassion, he chose the latter option.

iii) When he came to the throne, Louis XV had the choice to follow up on the good work done by his father, Louis XIV. But he chose to live a life of luxury, and ultimately was responsible for the French Revolution.

Marks: 4.5/10

Choice is the essence of human life. Without choice, a man would live a robotic life, without any deviations or ambitions. Hence, it is choice which gives rise to ethics.



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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 is an ethical principle that is invoked in cases where an action may have both a good and bad effect.

Doctrine of double effect

given too much weightage to first half of the question

i) Development often leads to deforestation. Hence, while it benefits people and brings them out of poverty, it also threatens the future generations by climate change.

ii) In such cases of decision-making, the intention and foreseen consequences play an important role:

a) Intention: A person can be condoned if his intention in taking a decision was pure.

b) Foreseen consequences: Certain consequences of decisions cannot be foreseen. In such instances, the decision can be seen to be correct. E.g. earlier waves of development did not foresee the effects of climate change.⁸



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Principle of Permissible Harm

The principle of permissible harm is - a principle which lays down certain instances in which causing harm to others by certain decisions becomes permissible. There are certain values which must be considered:

- i) Lesser evil: If an action would cause harm regardless of whatever action is taken, it would be necessary to take the path of least harm.
- ii) Moral justification: There should be a moral justification for the action being taken. Simply causing harm for personal gain would violate this idea.
- iii) Transparency: It is necessary to maintain transparency in decision-making.

Marks: 3.5/10

Hence, the principle of permissible harm becomes important in cases where all courses of action would cause

Answer has deviated from the demand of the question. Mention it is against the concept of moral absolutism i.e.; each action is either right or wrong only. The decisions and actions have to be taken according to the need of the situation. Hence, the ends become critically important and hence a justification for wrong means. This is against the Kantian injunction of the categorical imperative.



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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)

A civil servant ✓ is the standard-bearer of the integrity of the administration, and for this, if it is necessary for them to uphold the highest ✓ standards of ethical ^{values} standards.

The sources are:

constitution of India should be the first point

- i) Rules of Conduct : Civil Service Conduct Rules are the main rules and regulations that a civil servant seeks to follow for ethical guidance ✓
- ii) Morality : Civil servants also follow their own conscience and morality for ✓ ethics. Eg. S.S. Sambasiva showed compassion in setting up the Udayam charitable society.
- iii) Following plan of previous civil servants is also an important eg. the grandwon ✓ laid by T.N. Seshan was followed by several later election Commissioners.



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iv) Culture : The culture and environment in which the civil servant functions, and ✓ in which he has been born also affects ethical decision making e.g. It is highly possible for a civil servant to take a bribe in an administrative culture which condones it.

v) Constitutional Provisions : It is the duty of the civil servant to uphold all the provisions of the constitution e.g. maintenance of law and order.

vi) Responsiveness to society : ✓ If an action being taken is benefitting the society, that would also act as a source for ethical guidance.

Hence, sources of ✓ ethical guidance for a civil servant are multiple and varied. It is necessary for them to take the right call and act accordingly.

The sequence of the points could have been better.

Marks: 4/10



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

The Industrial Revolution 4.0 has created a massive demand for data, and growth of data-driven governance. Ethical considerations must also be kept in mind with the shift towards data.

don't repeat the question statement in the answer

Data ethics

- i) Need to maintain privacy in collection and utilization of data is paramount. Issues like Cambridge Analytica have threatened issues of privacy of data.
- ii) Proper usage of data is also important. Sensitive data should not be used for promotional purposes e.g. sales on calls by getting data from companies.
- iii) National security becomes an issue when critical infrastructure and data is considered. Sensitive data on





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National security must be protected while ensuring transparency of other data. ✓

iv) Accountability and Transparency is required by the data-driven model of governance. ✓ E.g., the RTI Act ensures data can be accessed by the public.

v) Data prioritization is a necessity, as certain types of data (on poverty, hunger, etc), needs to be prioritized over other types of data while collection. ✓

vi) People-centric The data collected must be people-centric, and must aim to highlight the areas where the government can work. ✓

Since data is the new oil, it is necessary to ensure that the usage of such data does not hamper the ethical standards of governance.

you can also add how Big data can help transform the governance at the grass-root level and can help in improving the lives of marginalized sections of the population.



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

Principles are certain values or beliefs that a person always seeks to uphold, regardless of the circumstances before him. Traits are a distinguishing quality or characteristic of a person.

A principle is a value that is a guide for behaviour or evaluation.
Virtue is thinking and doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong. It is behaviour showing high moral standards.

Principles without virtues

- i) A person with principles but no virtues is looked down upon, and loses respect in society.
- ii) His principles would drive him to actions without basic virtues like empathy and compassion e.g. a businessman whose principle is to make maximum profit may do it by unscrupulous means.
- iii) It also causes harm to society, as such principles often come at the cost of other people in society.

elaborate the example

E.g. Hitler had a principle of restoring the honour of Germany, but a lack of virtue led to the holocaust.¹⁴



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Traits without principles

- i) A person can be brave, honest, compassionate, but all of these values are not visible to society if a person does not have valid "principle" of life.
- ii) A ~~compassionate~~ ^{helpful and kind} person may choose to help everyone, ~~but~~ ~~a man~~ even if the person is doing something wrong, but a person with principles will help only the needy.
- iii) A person with traits but no principles will use those traits for all purposes.

E.g. It takes courage to rob a bank as well, but a man with principles would never do it.

Hence, it is true that principles without virtues are impotent and traits without principles are blind.

the content mentioned in the question lacks clarity. conclusion could be better.

Marks: 3/10



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

Administrative values are certain moral and ethical standards which need to be upheld by an administrator to ensure uprightiness and justice. These values are taught, as well as experienced.

do not repeat ques statement

This statement emphasizes the fact that an administrative system does not function in a vacuum. It is influenced by elements within its structure as much as by its interactions with agencies that it interacts with. Both sets of influences have an impact on the values within the administrative system.

Administrative

i) Values taught

a) Certain values like integrity, ~~emph~~ non-partisanship etc. are learnt by the civil servant through years of school and training.

b) These values are learnt by them ^{gradually} by the ~~to~~ in the by multiple sources like their family, teachers, friends and even seniors.

this point is incorrect. from these institutions a civil servant will catch values.

Values are learnt from recruitment procedures, training programs, performance appraisals etc.

c) Humility is a necessary ^{aspect} of learning these values which are taught to them -



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The civil servant must be willing to learn new things.

ii) values caught

a) These values are learnt by exigencies of the situation, or comes with experience of handling issues.

b) A civil servant must be emotionally intelligent and have a keen sharpness of mind to properly appreciate these values.

E.g. In the Mahabharata, Arjun was taught the value of heroism, sacrifice and integrity by his teachers and family. But he caught the value of duty due to his devotion to Lord Krishna.

a better example could be given

Hence, an administrator must keep the windows to his mind open, to learn new values while ensuring the values he was taught are upheld.

general conclusion

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

define both the terms The quest conundrum of pleasure or happiness has been a question that several philosophers have tried to resolve, from James Mill to John Stuart Mill. The utilitarian school of thought deals with pleasure and happiness, and states that maximising the happiness of many is necessary.

Pleasure or happiness

i) Pleasure

a) Pleasure comes from the satisfaction of basic human needs like hunger or thirst.

b) It is a short-term sensation, which brings temporary satisfaction for a short period of time.

c) Pleasure can also come by indulging oneself in leisure or luxury items e.g. smoking and drinking brings pleasure for a limited period of time.

d) It is also necessary for human beings to relieve themselves of the stress of everyday life.



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ii) Happiness

- a) Happiness comes from the satisfaction of desires, or dreams and ambitions.
- b) Happiness is a social concept, while pleasure is an individual concept. e.g. a person can be happy by looking at the happy joy of others, but he cannot draw pleasure from another person's pleasure.
- c) Happiness is a long-lasting sensation, which brings mental peace and joy over an extended period of time.

E.g. in 'The Selfish Giant', the Giant prevented children from playing in his garden. It gave him pleasure to see his garden in full bloom. But the happiness he got when he allowed everyone to play there was unmatched.

Hence if humans should more for happiness, while ensuring adequate avenues for pleasure are also there.

Leo Tolstoy said, "happiness is pleasure without repentance".

Marks: 1.5/10

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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)

A bribe is money or some other inducement that is provided to dishonestly persuade someone to act in one's favour. In the instance of bribing, the giver should be equally blamed as the receiver.

avoid repeating the question statement in the real exam

Faults of the giver

bring terms such as collusive corruption and coercive corruption into play

- i) The bribe giver effectively asks someone to prioritise them over another. This violates impartiality and non-partisanship.
- ii) People will eventually stop asking for bribes if others stop offering it. ~~It is~~ The act of offering bribes generally becomes normalized by the acts of the giver.
- iii) People who have given bribes in the past generally tend to demand bribes when they are in a position of power themselves.



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i) ~~The bribe giver needs to be looked at as the similar to a person who~~

ii) Even an honest officer would be offered bribes, ^{as} and the bribe-giver has [✓] gradually given a culture of bribe-giving and receiving.

E.g. Panameshwaran Iyer, IAS, notes in his autobiography how people in his district [✓] where he was at the district magistrate would give him 'gifts', in spite of him periodically [✓] fanning them down.

The bribe giver needs to be looked at as similar to the person who is [✓] party to a crime, and needs to be punished on a similar footing, as the taker.

The second ARC has also recommended that coercive and collusive corruption should be differentiated.

Marks: 3/10



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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 state of mind, a set of views or thoughts regarding a topic which have an evaluative feature. It creates a tendency, ✓ to act in a way with regard to that topic.

Role of the administrator ✗

- i) Social facilitation : The administrator can work to increase work efficiency by ensuring social facilitation e.g. working towards group projects or fostering healthy competition.
- ii) Able leadership : A knowledge of his attitude can also help the administrator to lead in trying circumstances.
- iii) Changing behaviour of the employees towards their work also becomes ✓ possible by a proper knowledge of attitude.
- iv) Moral attitudes : An administrator can cultivate moral



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attitudes like reverence, truthfulness etc. by having a proper knowledge of his organization.

~~v) Negative social~~

v) Groupthink and polarisation can be prevented to ensure different groups in the organization can work openly and easily together without much issue.

vi) Acceptance can be cultivated in the organization of other forms of work on efficient ways of doing something by having a knowledge of attitude.

E.g. Napoleon was able to bring discipline into his army by having a knowledge of the attitude of his soldiers.

A person's attitude is the defining characteristic, and having knowledge of that would help an administrator to bring efficiency in his organization.

conclusion could be better

Marks: 4/10



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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)

define humility

Humility is one of the most valuable attributes that enables a person to learn and grow. It ensures they keep an open mind, are gracious in defeat and humble in victory.

Humility means that one should not feel that he/she is above others for possessing higher power, resources, talent, achievements etc., it promotes the feeling of equality for all.

Role of humility

- i) Learning: A person can learn only when he accepts that his own learning is incomplete. By being humble, a person accepts his lack of knowledge, and is able to learn.
- ii) Social standing: A humble person is generally admired by society, whereas an arrogant person will be avoided by others.
- iii) Accessible: A humble person is generally accessible to others who may approach them for help.



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E.g. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam remained accessible to the public even as the president of the country. It was this humility which endeared him to the public.

ii) Gratitude : A humble man will be grateful for all the lessons he learnt in life, would be gracious in every defeat. This would enable them to be more endeavouring as compared to others.

iii) Acceptance : By being humble, a person can be open to change and accept values and cultures which may be alien or new to them.

Hence, by being humble, a person can become loved and admired, like Dr. Abdul Kalam. It is rightly said that humility brings a person closer to great.

It is humility which acts as an equalizer for humankind, especially in a democracy.

Marks: 4/10



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

Consequentialism is a moral doctrine that defines the rightness or wrongness of an action by the consequences of it. An action is right if the consequences are good; it is wrong if consequences are wrong.

The Utilitarian doctrine is called consequentialist as:

- i) It stands for the greatest good of the greatest number. Hence, like consequentialism, it considers an action to be right if it brings happiness to maximum people.
- ii) Utilitarianism is a larger approach to consequentialism - it can be applied to a larger population.
- iii) If an action is taken which causes pain to certain people, but pleasure to a greater number of people, that action is deemed to be correct. While consequentialism defines an action is correct if the consequences



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are correct, utilitarianism states that an action is correct if it maximises the good.

Examples

1) The East India Company followed utilitarian doctrines when they introduced Western learning and laws into India, as they believed it would bring benefits to a greater number of people than it would cause problems.

Hence, for the above reason, utilitarianism is called a consequentialist moral doctrine. **poor conclusion**

Marks: 4.5/10



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

Courage is the value which enables a person to face fear, to fight adversity and stand up for one's principles and virtues. It is the main pillar on which integrity stands.

Moral commitments by their nature are hard to keep up with due to the difficulty and hardship that surround all the moral acts — the pressure to yield to social demands and public opinion, the loss of money and fame, the exile and alienation one endures for one's moral principles

Role of courage

i) Integrity : To uphold integrity, it is necessary for a person to be courageous, so they can face adversity and maintain their principles.

E.g. a person being offered a bribe ~~can~~ only refuse it if they have the courage to do so.

ii) Empathy : A person who wants to help another must have the courage to go against society and do so, if need be. E.g. It took courage for barristers like Sardar Patel and C.R. Das to give up their practice to ^{supp.} fight for independence.



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(i) Non-partisanship : It is A ~~non~~-courageous person would be able to remain impartial and non-partisan in the face of political pressure to do otherwise.

E.g. T.N. Seshan remained impartial as the Chief Election Commissioner, in spite of immense political pressure.

(ii) Justice : Courage enables a person to deliver justice, uphold human rights and fight for others rights in the midst of adversity. E.g. Sabrigna Lal fought for justice for her sister Jessical Lal as she had the courage to do so.

(v) Truthfulness : It takes courage to tell the truth, even in the midst of immense pressure. E.g. Gandhiji: ~~along~~ ^{told} the truth to his father about him stealing, even though it caused him pain.

Hence, courage is the value which is the chief pillar of other ethical and moral commitments. conclusion could be better

Marks: 4/10



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SECTION B 48

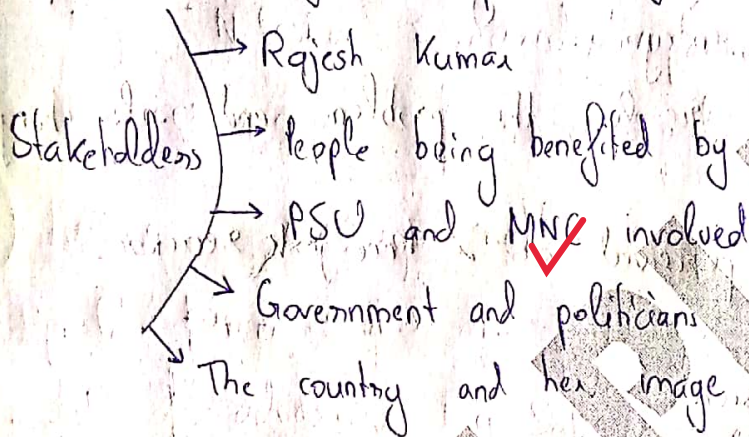
8. Rajesh Kumar is a senior public servant, with a reputation for honesty and forthrightness, currently posted in the Finance Ministry as Head of the Budget Division. His department is presently busy organizing the budgetary support for the states, four of which are due to go to the polls within the 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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The given case study involves issues of prioritizing social infrastructure or physical infrastructure, as well as moral issues of upholding the promises given.



Ethical issues involved

- Prioritizing physical infrastructure over social infrastructure
- Utilitarianism versus helping the last man
- Inability to keep the promises given to the people during the elections
- Upholding and protecting the image of the country.
- Basic necessities being overlooked for economic growth by energy security.



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ii) Options available to Rajesh Kumar

A) Resignation

Pros: ~~i) Relieves him from having to~~ Enables him to uphold his moral integrity. ✓

Cons: i) Does not resolve the problem, and only changes hands. ✓

ii) May be perceived as a knee-jerk reaction. ✓

B) Accepting the decision

Pros: i) Easiest approach as it upholds the decision of the government. ✓

dont just emunerate
elaborate

ii) ~~It~~ prevents national embarrassment. ✓

Cons: i) Would be unethical as it diverts funds away from basic needs. ✓

ii) Raises difficult questions for the government in Parliament. ✓

Among the above two options, resignation is not an option as it does not resolve the deadlock. The plan of



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action would be as follows:

i) Rakesh Kumar should meet his seniors in the Finance Ministry and discuss ✓ the matter with them.

avoid too much cutting

a) If necessary, he could approach the Finance Minister as well.

ii) Being the head of the budget department, he can recommend alternate avenues for ✓ ~~income~~ ^{diversion} as well.

iii) He should make the consequences of the decision to divert funds clear to the ministers as well as his seniors.

a) He should make them aware of the issues the government would face in the ✓ parliament.

iv) If the government still recommends to divert funds, Rakesh Kumar should accept the decision and work accordingly.

In the given ✓ scenario, it is necessary to establish a clear communication with seniors and higher ups, instead of resigning.

answer could have been presented in a better manner

Marks: 12/25

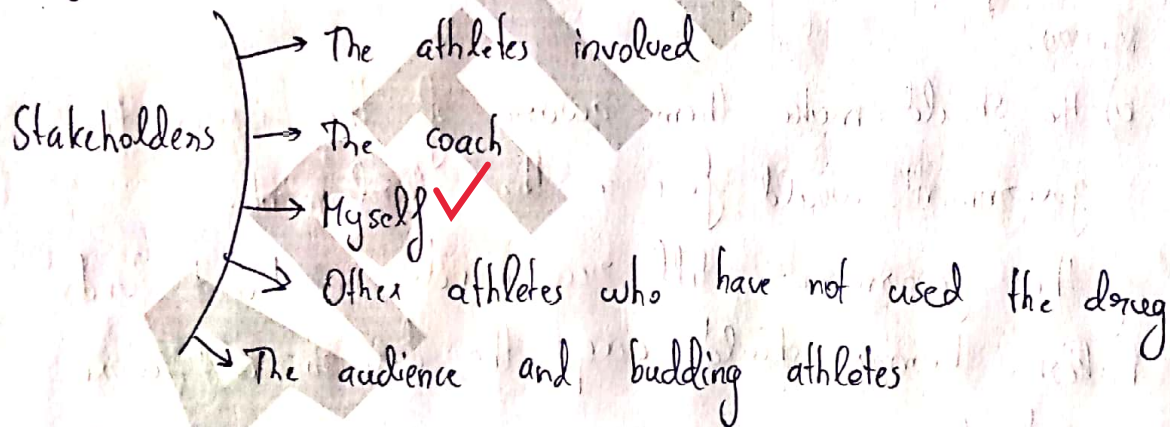
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9. You are a young athlete representing India at an international-level competition. During the competition, you witness a few senior athletes injecting something using a syringe, in private. When you approach them, they explain that it is a performance-enhancing 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 issue of performance enhancing drugs in sports are becoming widespread with even well-known athletes being caught using it.



A) There are 3 courses of action available:

i) Accept the coach's advice of using the drug

Pros: a) Prevents threats from the coach and other athletes

b) Probability of success becomes higher



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Cons: a) Against my conscience and spirit of fair play.

ii) Keep silent without using the drug

Pros: Prevents confrontation with the coach and athletes

don't just enumerate

elaborate

Cons: a) The incident would keep occurring

b) Remaining silent without reporting it would also implicate me in the future.

iii) Report the incident to authorities

a) Pros: Upholds spirit of fair play and my conscience

b) Cons: Ensures a confrontation with the coach who can take steps against me.

• My final course of action would be guided by my belief in Gandhian ethics i.e.,

"Be the change you wish to see in the world". Bring such lines in your answers

Course of action

i) I would report the incident to either WADA or NADA and ensure my identity remains anonymous.

The sequence of the points could have been better

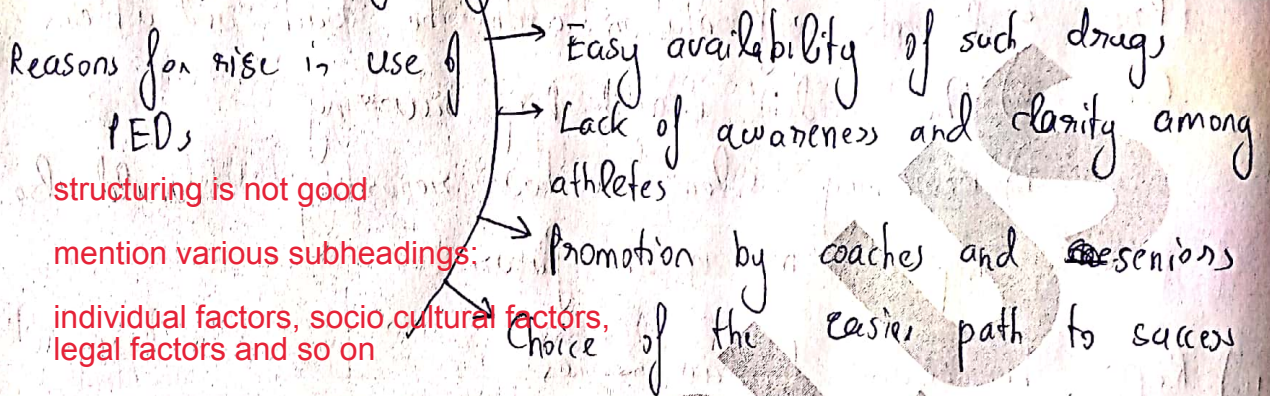
ii) I would also request the authorities for a change in coaches, so I could continue my practise

iii) In case of any threats by the coach or athletes, I would request the authorities for protection.



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In such a scenario, it's necessary for me to accept the consequences of my decision.



Steps to be taken

mention in different subheadings:

1. preventive
2. Punitive
3. promotive

- i) Taking steps against the sources of the drugs, especially coaches and sellers.
- ii) Spreading awareness about each and every drug that is banned in the market.
- iii) Ensuring proper safety and security for informants, to prevent harassment.
- iv) Providing avenues for rehabilitation.

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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.
- What are the socio-psychological factors that motivate people to join the mob and kill fellow human beings? (150 words, 10 marks)
 - Identify the implications of increasing crime of lynching on society. (150 words, 10 marks)
 - 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)

Mob lynching is an instance where a group of people take the law into their own hands and seek to deliver extra-judicial justice.

A) Socio-psychological factors

i) Social factors:

a) Discrimination of the marginalized sections of society.

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b) Delayed judicial processes and police action

c) Rapid spread of disinformation through social media

d) Economic factors may also create an environment of frustration and anger

e) Breakdown in community relations and loss³⁷ of trust.



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B) ii) Psychological factors:

- a) Rising frustration and anger due to economic, social and political issues.
- b) Tendency to bow to group dynamics
- c) Feeling of relative deprivation.

B) Implications of rising mob lynching

i) Breakdown of law and order, which causes disharmony in society. ✓

ii) Causes ^{to instances} of national embarrassment. (A)

iii) Often, innocents are lynched on trumped up charges, which causes miscarriage of justice ✓

iv) Large scale violence may lead to reprisals, and has the potential to cause riots and loss of life.

v) May cause an environment of fear and psychological trauma within communities ✓



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vi) Marginalized communities are greatly affected, with ethnic violence becoming frequent.

c) Role of Social media

Social media has both positive and negative effects on mob lynching :

i) Negative impacts

a) Causes spread of false information which promotes mob violence.

give example

b) Media trials also promote public outrage.

c) Provides anonymity to the source which enables them to peddle more disinformation.

d) Live streaming of events promote frustration and angst.

ii) Positive impacts

give example

a) Can also be used to promote the failings of mob lynching.



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d) often used to identify the perpetrators by photos or videos.

Roles as law enforcement officer

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Steps to be taken in this instance would be:

- a) Conducting periodic flag marches to ensure peace and harmony in society.
- b) Identifying the source of misinformation and bringing them to justice.
- c) Keeping a tab on social media trends and hashtags by a definite cyber-team.
- d) Coordinating with civil administration to conduct awareness campaigns and counter-narratives.

It is necessary to tackle the issue of mob-lynching on multiple fronts to ensure peace in society.

"Mobocracy" as called by Supreme Court while providing guidelines to the government against lynching mobs, is a threat to democratic and social stability. It is an attack on constitutional values and must be dealt with firmness by all stakeholders including all tiers and branches of government, media, social media companies and citizens.



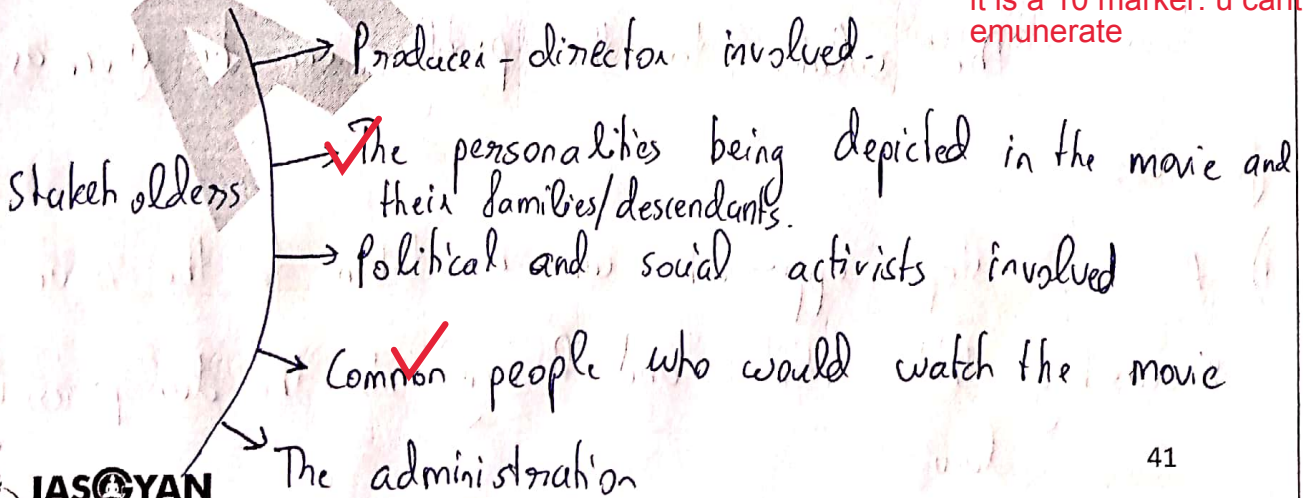
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11. A renowned and critically acclaimed producer-director has come up with a new movie based on a retelling of the freedom movement. The trailer of this project depicts prominent freedom fighters and various aspects of their personalities. It is a 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)

The frequent issuance of threats and demands to withdraw or cancel ✓ movies have resulted in several films and documentaries being withdrawn or cancelled. The given case study is an instance of the same. ✓

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b) Principles involved in forming recommendations

- i) Principle of neutrality and non-partisanship to ensure a fair decision is taken.
- ii) Principle of fair assessment of all options and the merits.
- iii) Principle of proper research to ensure that the information given in the memo is accurate.
- iv) Principle of listening to all stakeholders involved.
- v) Principle of following the due process of law while giving recommendations.

Outline of solution

The solution to the problem can be given as follows:

- i) A two step approach can be taken to the issue: researching the content, and looking into the due process of law.



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ii) Researching the content ✓

- a) It is necessary to properly research the claims and events being described in the movie.
- b) For this, the help of renowned historians can be taken, including help ✓ from the Archaeological Survey of India and Ministry of Art and Culture.
- c) The director's research can also be studied to ensure there are no shortcomings there.

iii) Due process of law

- a) The procedure to be taken by the Central Board of Film Certification can ✓ be looked into.
- b) Members of the legal fraternity can be consulted to look into aspects ✓ of freedom of speech and expression.
- c) Options to change the certification of the film from the given ✓ one to a restricted one 43



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can also be considered.

Based on the research and appropriate consultations, the recommendations would be made to the government which can then either change, maintain or remove the film's certification.

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The essence of a mature democracy is freedom of speech and expression. Organizations and pressure groups should not be allowed to dictate policies or hurt the creative expression of artists. A robust certification process is essential to ensure the creative freedom of filmmakers as well as empower the audience to make informed choices.