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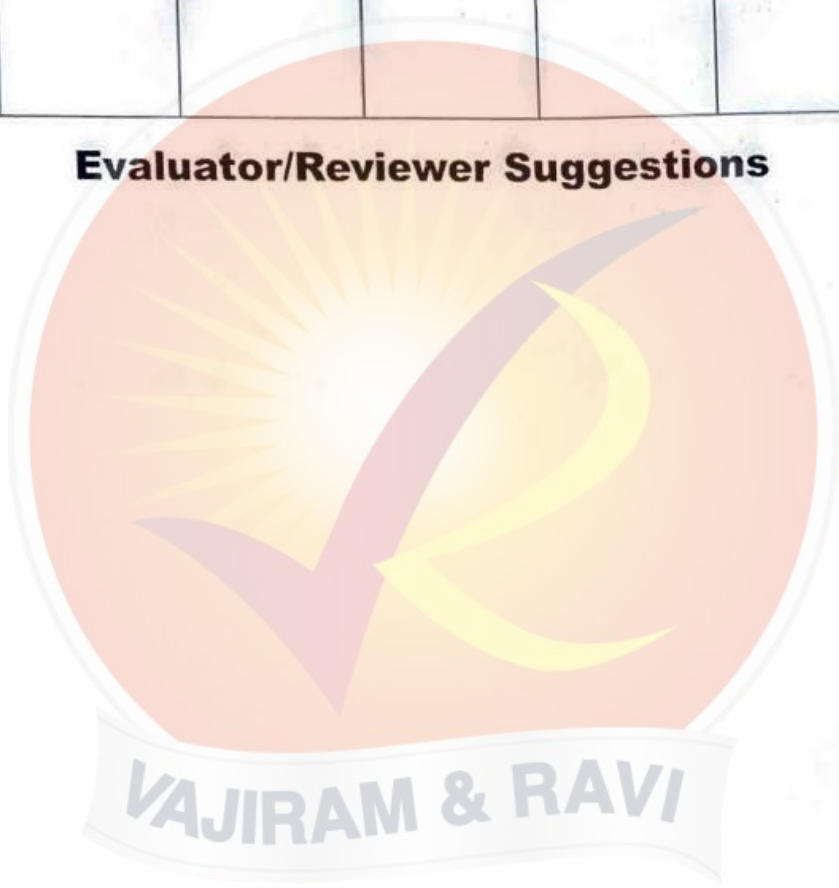
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Section - A

Answer the following in not more than 150 words each: Each Question carries 10 marks (10marks x 13 = 130 marks)

1. a) Educational institutions are pivotal in instilling ethical values in students by integrating moral education with academic learning. Discuss. (10 marks, 150 words)

It is said that education is what remains after one has forgot what one has learnt in schools.

Role of educational institutions →
instilling ethical values →

1) Ability to nurture the evolving mind and heart at tender stage.

(2) Teaching values of compassion & care.

(3) The value of means over ends may be imparted.

(4) Institutions have diversity. Thus

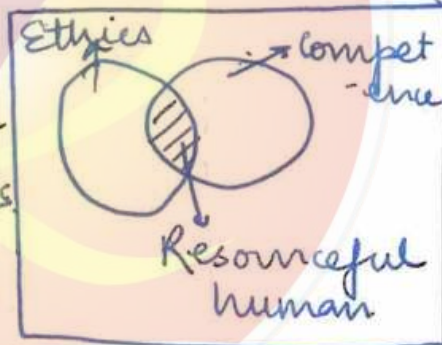
Tolerance should be professed.

(5) Moral value of team spirit and thus Societarian ethics could be professed.



Way forward -

- ① Enforce NEP's value educational provisions.
 - ② Teacher training to ~~change~~ change mindset.
 - ③ Rewards & punishments for ^{ethical} unethical acts.
- The future of the country is built in schools. It's vital to impart ethics at schools.



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b) Differentiate 'Consequentialism' from 'Deontological Ethics' with suitable examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

Consequentialism of Bentham & Mill focusses on ends whereas deontology of Kant relies on means.

Differences

Parameter	Consequentialism	Deontology
① Definition	An act is ethical if it creates maximum happiness of maximum number of people.	An act is ethical if the act was done with respect to <u>duty</u> . Your duty is to let others do their duty.
② Genesis/Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End results • Ep. <u>lockdown</u> ethical because it helped check Covid spread. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationality. • Ep. <u>whistle blowing</u> ↓ duty towards the society.

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③ Possible downside.

- Post-mortem exercise. (Ethics of action can't be judged during course of action).
- Eg ethicality of constructing roads in by deforestation.

- No scope for care or compassion.
- Eg: strict probity in public office may hurt vulnerables.

④ Application

- ① Economic domain majorly
- Eg. ~~so~~ long term benefits of buying new machinery/technology

- ① Public service as well as society.
- Treating humans as end in themselves.

The application of these theories depends on context of action.

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2. a) Discuss the importance of quality of service delivery in public hospitals. In your opinion, what measures can be taken to improve the service quality in public institutions? (10 marks, 150 words)

The trust of people on government relies heavily on quality of service delivery at all institutions, especially hospitals.

Importance of quality of service delivery → public hospitals →

- ① Care and well being of citizens
- ② Checking poverty trap due to out of pocket health expenditure
- ③ Enhancing trust and participation of people.
- ④ Providing people their due rights. → Right to Health is a fundamental right as per Supreme Court.
- ⑤ Economic benefits → No loss of work hours

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Challenges in public institutions -

- ① Poor accountability mechanisms.
Ep. no accountability set in train accidents.
- ② Lack of information about service quality
- ③ Untrained staff. ④ Corruption

Desirable measures -

- ① Enforce Sevottam Model of 2nd ARC
- ② Enhance citizen participation through social audits.
- ③ Use technology and innovation.
*Ep. real time monitoring of quality.
- ④ Provide effective grievance redressal mechanisms.
- ⑤ Train & sensitise the staff. ³ Mission Karmayogi



The proper quality will serve the trusteeship of government towards citizens

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b) Ethical principles are the integration of discrete individual moral values. Illustrate with suitable examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

Ethical principles are the baselines which define morality of our actions based on widely accepted social norms.

Discrete individual moral values	Ethical principals with illustrations
① Honesty and integrity	① The principle of <u>probity</u> in <u>governance</u> . Eg. maintaining account of every penny spent.
② Peace and tolerance	① <u>Building social cohesion</u> (Secularism). Eg. interfaith dialogues
③ Truthfulness	① The Buddhist principle of 8 fold -> truthfulness at all levels -> thought, actions, view etc.

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④ Love and empathy

- Societal principle of helping the needy.
- Eg. Langars

⑤ Respect and dignity.

- Kant's categorical imperative - humans as end in themselves.
- Eg (human trials) - unethical of drugs - ical

⑥ Self improvement

- Gandhiji's principle on changing the world through self.
- Eg. Swachh Bharat Mission

Thus, over a span of time, individual's moral compass builds the societal general will.

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3. What does each of the following quotations mean to you in the present context?

a) A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members- Mahatma Gandhi
(10 marks, 150 words)

The quote by Gandhiji signifies the chain principle of Rawls where greatness depends on weakest link.

Significance-

- ① focus on Antodaya.
 - Last mile service delivery.
- ② Compassionate governance.
 - Eg. PVTG Mission
- ③ ~~Loss~~ Reduction of inequalities and thus creation of harmony.
- ④ Sarvodaya → Trust
 - Eg. Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

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Challenges -

- ① Rising inequalities
Eg. Top 10% → 77% wealth (Oxfam).
- ② Crimes against vulnerable - rising trend
Eg. SCs, STs, women.
- ③ Non-inclusivity of social minorities.

Way forward -

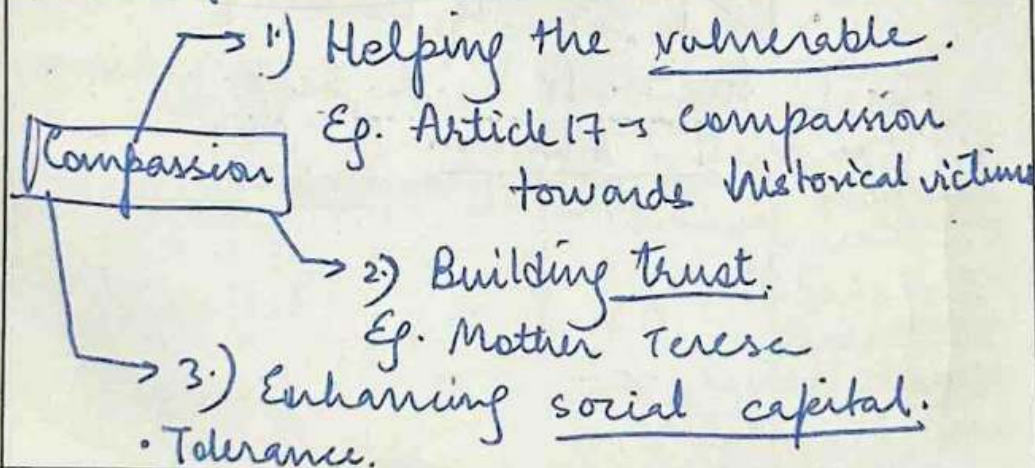
- ① Decentralisation of p governa - use.
• Bottom up approach.
 - ② Justice & equity as central themes. - Eg. effective implementation of Rights to Disabled Act.
 - ③ livelihood & basic amenities
• Food security, housing etc.
- These methods will help achieve Gandhiji's Talisman.

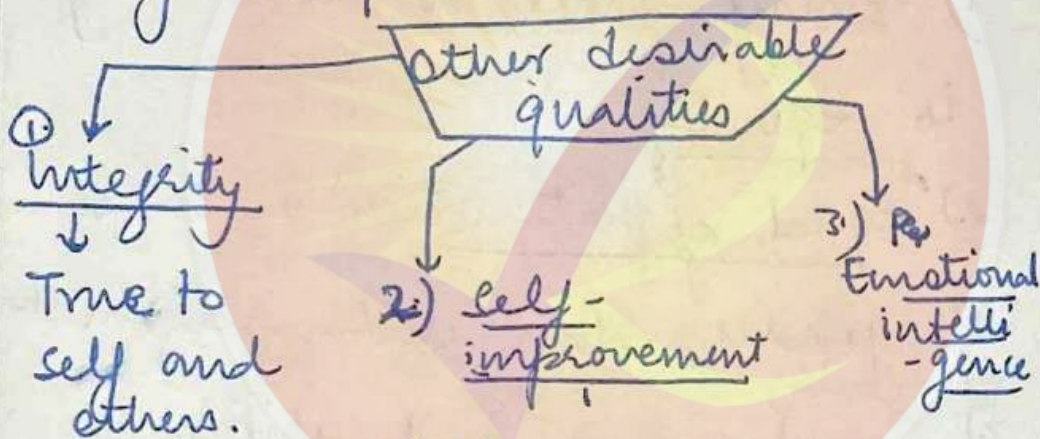
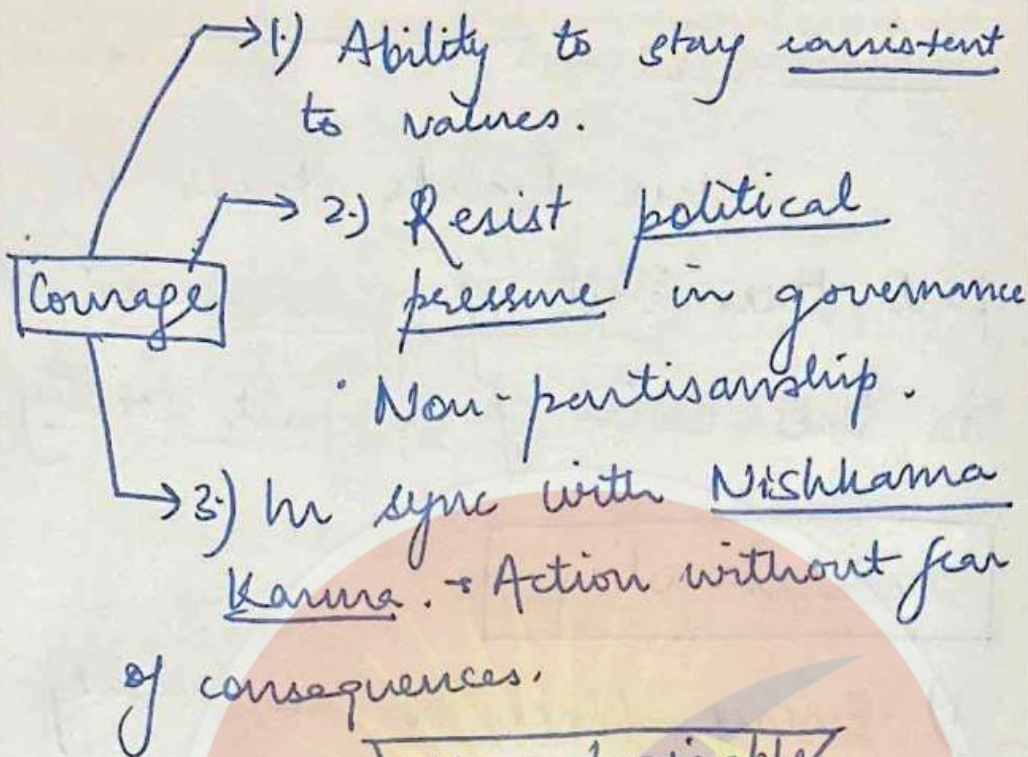
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b) Wisdom, compassion, and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men - Confucius (10 marks, 150 words)

Confucius emphasises on the universality of 3 qualities as supreme virtues that lead to a moral living.





These ^{set of} values will help an individual lead a life in sync with Socratic principle of ideal man

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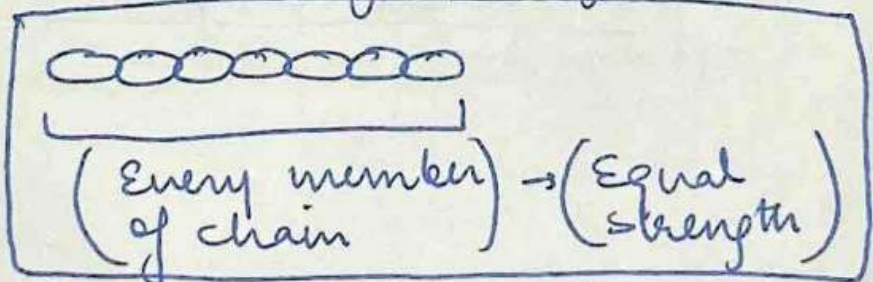
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- c) A just society is a society that if you knew everything about it, you'd be willing to enter it in a random place - John Rawls (10 marks, 150 words)

John Rawls tries to put the "veil of ignorance" as the basis of a just society.

Understanding -

- 1) Every place in the society is equality.
- 2) Equal opportunities in terms of gender, colour, caste, religion etc.
- 3) Equal access and ability to assert choices.
- 4) No one feels left behind.



- 5) Thus substantive equality exists →

no constraints on entering any random place in society.

Challenges persist -

① No society in the world is able to live up this standards of justice.

Ep. USA - Black lives matter

② Rising trends of resource concentration worldwide.

③ Climate change - hurting vulnerable the most.

Rawls suggested effective government intervention and affirmative actions to create justice, and thus must be undertaken.

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4. a) In the context of public administration, discuss the importance of effective persuasion to achieve the goals of administration? (10 marks, 150 words)

Attitudes in society may become deep rooted and challenge effective justice as well as service delivery, thus persuasion is vital. Ep. patriarchy → Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

Importance of persuasion to achieve goals of administration -

① Renders effectiveness to laws.
• It is said, laws are ineffective if society believes otherwise.

② Brings bottom up changes.

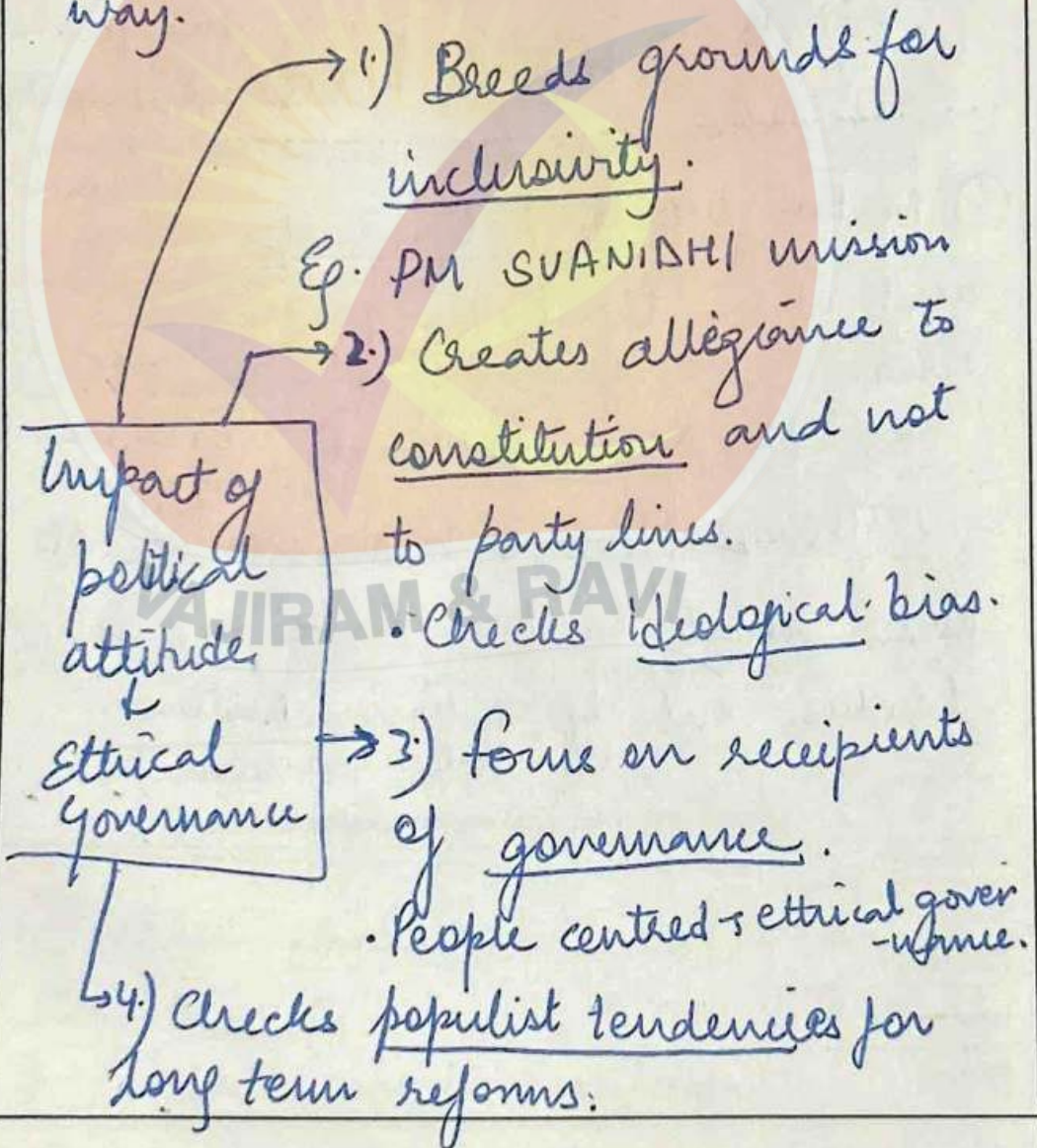
Ep. (Swachh Bharat Mission) → (focus on cleanliness)

③ Helps sensitise the society.

Ep. (individual's role emphasised)
Ep. Damru Band campaign.

b) Examine the impact of political attitude on ethical governance. How can a balanced political attitude ensure good governance? (10 marks, 150 words)

Political attitude implies understanding of the political context of policies and actions and behaving in the desirable way.



In absence of right political attitude, challenges may occur like-

- 1) Biasedness
- 2) Secrecy in actions
- 3) Partisan behaviour = favouring political bosses. ^{Eg.}
- 4) Conflict of interest
Eg. Alleged in SEBI chief case.

Building ~~po~~ Positive political attitude ensures good governance

- 1) Openness and transparency
Eg. RTI Act.
- 2) Checks malafide actions = Accountability
- 3) Effective utilisation of public funds.
Eg. outcome monitoring = Gatishakti Mission.
- 4) Citizen participation = Democratic political attitude. Eg. social audit.

Thus due ethical training for public servants is vital for correct political attitude

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5. a) Global power politics makes it difficult for nations to strictly adhere to values they profess. Critically discuss. (10 marks, 150 words)

As per Kantilya, the ethics for a state depends on not the right actions, but the national interests.

Global power politics → Difficult to adhere to values they profess →

① Democratic global platforms are biased towards donors:

Ep. WHO favouring China.

② Use of power for regime changes

Ep. US → professes liberty → but wages war for oil.

③ Double standards

Ep. Russia → war on Ukraine
↳ but criticises Israel-Hamas war.

④ favour and disfavour based on political allegiance.

Ex. US → favours Israel's brutal actions.

However, adherence to values could be practised -

① focus on "Vasudhaiva Kutumbham".
Ex. India → inclusion of African Union in G20.

② Equality of status to all states.
Ex. BRICS' ~~NB~~ NDB → all members equal vote.

③ Humanity first approach
Ex. Angela Merkel → effective refugee acceptance.

④ Gandhiji's reliance on politics with principles. → India stayed non-aligned.

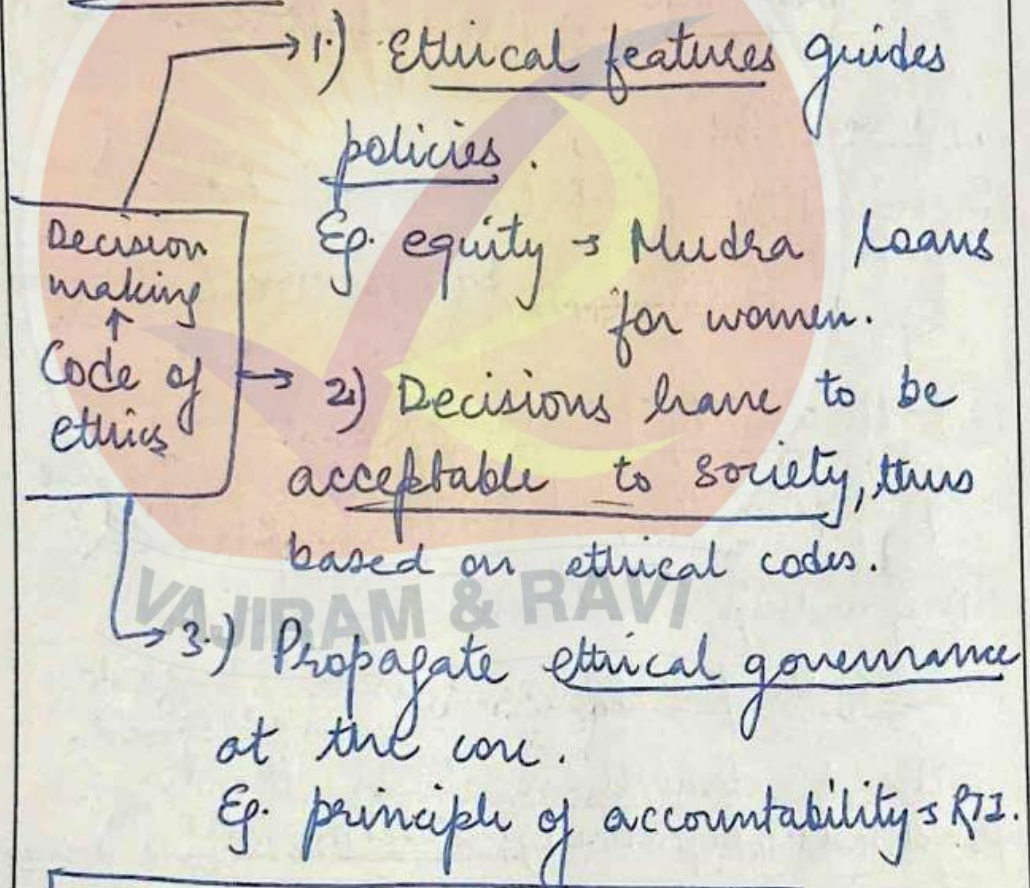
The Machiavellian ethics, though practised ubiquitously, is detrimental to world peace.

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b) A Code of Ethics governs decision-making, and a Code of Conduct governs actions. Discuss. (10 marks, 150 words)

Code of ethics are general, and acceptable values in governance, whereas ^{Code} of conduct are well laid out provisions, which are binding in nature.



Code of conduct -> Actions

- ① Actions under hierarchical setup:
- Code of conduct says follow hierarchy.

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② Probity in actions needs to be ensured. Eg. PFMS for expense management.

③ Sets parameters for basic minimum deliverables.

Eg. citizen charter

Issues with:-

Decision-making

1) Biasedness → Eg. crony capitalism.

2) Ethical dilemmas
Eg. environment vs economics.

Actions

1) Personal interests
Eg. corruption.

2) Loopholes in code of conduct

3) Weak enforcement

Way forward:-

4) Media + watch
Eg.

1) ethical training

2) Citizen engagement

3) Proper enforcement of Coc.

These principles will help in achieving Gandhi's Talisman
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Suggestions:

6. a) The Right to Information transforms the veil of government secrecy into a window of transparency. Examine. (10 marks, 150 words)

RTI Act, 2005 ~~was~~ is regarded as 'Sunshine Act' and has the motto of "Transparency & Accountability" under its preamble.

RTI: Secrecy → Transparency →

- 1) Proactive disclosure by departments
- 2) Information and awareness based regime.
 - Informed democratic participation.
- 3) Checking arbitrariness, setting accountability.
 - Eg. gaps in 2G spectrum unearthed.
- 4) Citizen-centric democracy
 - Easy access → e-filing
- 5) Timeline based approach
 - 48 hours → life & liberty
 - 30 days → other cases.

Challenges with RTI -

- 1) Ambiguity & Clashing with Official Secrets Act.
- 2) Lack of awareness among citizens
 - Survey by Indian Express → only 16.7% people know about RTI.
- 3) Ineffectiveness and delays.
 - Pending cases with SICs & CIC.
- 4) Security issues to RTI activists

Way Forward -

- 1) Enhance ambit → Bring political parties into RTI regime.
- 2) Skill & training to PIOs.
- 3) Strengthen whistleblowers & RTI Act.

Thus, the RTI ~~is~~ can reach a notch higher in enhancing democracy through these measures

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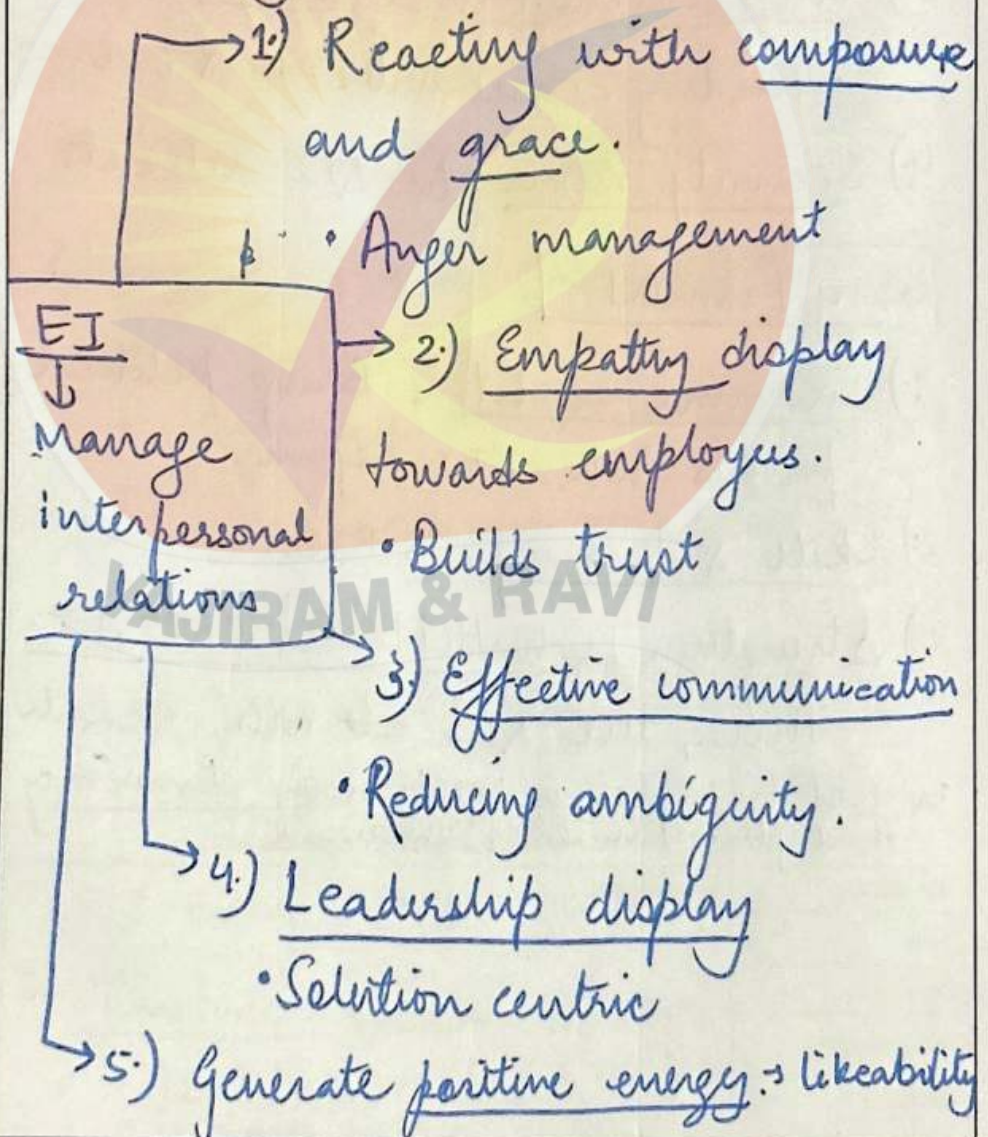
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b) Emotional intelligence empowers public servants to skillfully manage interpersonal dynamics, hence fostering a cohesive work culture. Discuss. (10 marks, 150 words)

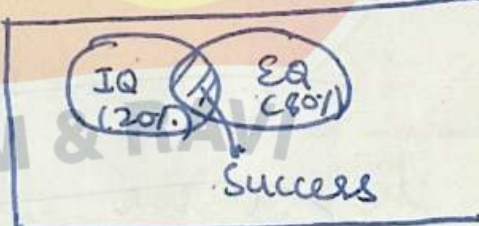
EI engages emotional ability to understand, identify and manage self and emotions and react positively to others' emotions.



Building cohesive work culture through same-

- 1) Reducing trust deficit and ~~supor~~ creating team environment.
- 2) Understanding context of actions rather than blame-game.
- 3) Inclusivity to be fostered.
Eg. ~~F~~ Ira Singhal recruited 2 transgenders.
- 4) Cultural sensitivity is displayed.
Eg. Sundar Pichai
- 5) Generate results as it ~~is~~ ^{enforces} calm mindedness.

This training to public servants for EI will create leaders out of bosses.



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Section - B

Answer the following in not more than 250 words each: Each Question carries 20 marks (20marks x 06 = 120 marks)

7. You are an employee of an MNC. Your finances are in precarious condition with your mother admitted in a hospital and two school going children. One day, you read media reports that your friend Ramesh, cleared the Civil services and was allotted IAS service.

You remembered that many years back when you were at work, Ramesh called in distress to meet you. Upon meeting he told you that his attempts at UPSC Civil services preparation were over and he was tense because of that.

Being amazed by the news, you tried to figure out how Ramesh was able to clear the exam despite exhausting his attempts. For this, you investigated at your own level. After some research you came to know that he forged his identity papers, address proofs and other documents to take OBC reservation and made a false PwBD certificate from a doctor known to him.

You, being close to Ramesh, also know that he is neither an OBC nor a disabled person. You called Ramesh and asked him to be truthful and declare his wrongdoings. On this Ramesh offered you a well furnished flat in one of the reputed colonies of Pune along with the hospital bills of your mother being covered, if you do not disclose the case to any one.

- Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- Evaluate the options available to you in the above situation.
- Which of the above will be most appropriate for you to take and why?

(20 marks, 250 words)

Ms. Puja Khedkar's case showed the vulnerabilities in implementation of reservation provisions and similar issue has been mirrored here.

(b)

Options	Pros & Merits	Demerits
<p>① <u>Maintain Secrecy</u> and accept the flat/bill payment</p>	<p>① <u>Personal & family responsibilities</u> are met. ② <u>Loyalty to the friend.</u></p>	<p>① <u>Against personal conscience.</u> ② <u>The corrosion of system will perpetuate.</u></p>
<p>② <u>Don't disclose</u> but don't accept any rewards. Break ties with Ramesh.</p>	<p>① <u>Personal non-engagement</u> in ethical crisis. ② <u>Self improvement</u> as my goal may be served.</p>	<p>① <u>Evasion of social responsibility.</u> ② <u>The lack of courage displayed may dent my confidence.</u> ③ <u>Injustice will continue</u></p>
<p>③ <u>Report to concerned authorities (DOPT) and seek review.</u></p>	<p>① <u>Meets the demand of duty.</u> ② <u>Truth will prevail.</u> ③ <u>Contentment of doing right actions</u></p>	<p>① <u>Family responsibilities may not be met.</u> ② <u>He may bribe at further stage and still evade.</u></p>

(c) The option of being truthful to self and reporting to the concerned authorities will be the best.

This is so because-

(1) In consonance with personal virtue ethics.

- Conviction of strong moral character.

(2) Deontology towards the society is served.

(3) In sync with Rousseau's General Will principle.

- Truth \rightarrow General will.

(4) Principle of justice towards the students is served.

(5) ~~will~~ ^{may} result in long term systemic improvements. \rightarrow Utilitarianism.

(6) Upholds the principle of Nishkam Karma as per Gita.

To foster equity and social justice substantively, the

corrosion in the system must be duly removed, for ^{social} trust to be enhanced.

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8. Passionate about the social service, you recently joined a Charity as a supply chain manager. The Charity is undertaking the distribution of Cervical cancer vaccines. It has also started media campaigns and enrolled celebrities, for raising awareness about the disease. The government also promoted the vaccines in a national campaign. You felt proud for joining the national cause.

One day, Ravi, from the research department of ABC Corp, the company which produces the vaccines, comes to you and tells you that there are many irregularities in human trials of the vaccines. There is inclusion of poor and vulnerable tribal people in the trials, and in many cases there is a lack of the consent of the patients. Due to many side effects in vaccines, there have been instances of deaths of some patients. To your surprise he tells you that even the media houses and celebrities involved are aware of such malpractices who are choosing to turn blind-eye to the whole issue as they are paid handsomely by the ABC Corp.

You raised the matter to the head of the Charity. He asked you to be silent on the matter as the Charity is being funded by a prestigious NGO which has a global appeal and also holds stakes in the ABC Corp. Besides losing your job, any negative news can hamper the national campaign also. He also said that if you remain silent then you will be transferred to a prestigious position in the ABC Corp along with a hefty appraisal.

- Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- Evaluate the options available to you in the given scenario.
- In the light of the above case, suggest some measures to carry out the human clinical trials in an ethical manner.

(20 marks, 250 words)

The case pertains to clinical trials of drug on humans, mostly belonging to vulnerable sections.

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(a)

Stakeholder	Ethical issues
① I. as employee in charity	① <u>Societarian</u> commitment ② <u>Ethics of consent</u> to be upheld.
② ABC Corp	① <u>Business</u> without <u>morality</u> → Gandhi's sin ② Exploitation of vulnerable.
③ Charity	① Dilemma of short term gains vs long term interests ② Diffusion of ideology of charity → based on corruption.
④ Celebrities, media	① <u>Professional</u> deception ② <u>Corruption</u> of <u>soul</u>
⑤ Society in general	① <u>Healthy</u> life. ② Dignity and autonomy ③ <u>Transparency</u>

(b)

Options	Merits	Demerits
① Comply with the head's suggestions and stay silent.	① Personal <u>career gains</u> . ② May lead to success of the government initiative	① <u>Snowballing effect</u> ② Failing the <u>major test</u> . ③ <u>Against conscience</u>
② Resign from the charity organisation	① Evades the dilemma's <u>Mental peace</u> . ② Chance to do good work at other <u>non-corrupt organisation</u>	① Diffusion of <u>responsibility</u> . ② Will still be <u>unethical</u> & <u>face remorse</u>
③ Ask the ABC corp to comply. If they don't, report to the government or PIL in court.	① <u>Societarian ethics</u> is upheld ② Well-being & dignity of citizens is <u>restored</u> ③ In sync with <u>duty</u> .	① Personal <u>repercussions</u> (financial opportunity lost). ② <u>Threat</u> from powerful ABC Corp.

(c) Carrying human clinical trials in ethical manner-

① Technology usage-

• Comprehensive simulation before human trials.

② Transparency at all stages.

• Simulation reports, content of drugs, efficacy & results - open data.

③ Practising veracity.

• Complete disclosure of risks involved.

④ Doctrine of consent.

• Treating humans as end in themselves.

⑤ Proper proactive measures for human health recovery, if trials

misfire.

⑥ Engagement of experts

• Civil societies, peer review, legal etc.

⑦ Suitable compensation.

⑧ Government watch at all times.

The ethics of human trials is widely debated and Kant's Categorical imperative which focuses on dignity of humans shall guide our actions.

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9. You have recently been appointed as an Additional Director of the Public Health Department. The Department is implementing a scheme of providing piped drinking water in mission mode.

One day a man approaches you with a complaint that his house has not received the drinking water connection, despite work in his village being 100% completed on the papers.

You called the village secretary to investigate the case and report to you. He reported that the work has really not been completed. You then investigated the other works of the same contractor and found out many discrepancies such as use of fake bills, supplying of stolen goods and fake completion letters of the works. You were amazed by the fact that even the experience letter of the contractor was fake and the clearances for his every work were only from the same two Engineers of your department.

You prepared a detailed report and presented it to the Director. He advised you not to put the report on record as the contractor is a close aide of the Health Minister. If you withdraw the report, then after his retirement you will be promoted to the post of Director, otherwise you may be transferred to a remote place.

- Under the given conditions, what are the options available to you?
- Evaluate each of the options listed by you.
- What are the Ethical dilemmas faced by you while exercising your options?
- What mechanisms would you suggest for early detection and prevention of corruption in the public offices?

(20 marks, 250 words)

The case pertains to collusive corruption and rule based public service, where work is done on merely papers.

(a)
&
(b)

Options available and their analysis -

Option	Merit	Demerits
① Comply with director's advise and overlook the issue.	1) Personal prospect of <u>promotion</u> . 2) <u>Smooth</u> functioning of system.	1) <u>Perpetuation</u> of corruption. 2) <u>Against</u> <u>trusteeship</u> of <u>democratic</u> <u>governance</u> .
② Call the contractor and ask him to do the work <u>informally</u> . <u>No action on paper.</u>	① May help to achieve the <u>outcomes</u> . ② Doesn't hampers the relations with <u>seniors</u> .	① <u>Short term</u> <u>unsustainable</u> measure. ② <u>Systemic</u> <u>flaws</u> will <u>still</u> <u>remain</u> . ③ <u>Accountability</u> is not set.
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③ Take legal stand, against contractor & engineers, and revoke work completion certificate

① Creates demonstration effect.

② Generates trust of people:

③ Quality of service is ensured.

① May be transferred to Political influence.

② Deep rooted corruption may not be solved.

(c)

Ethical dilemmas faced -

- 1) Courage v/s self preservation
- 2) Personal interests and prospects v/s social responsibilities.
- 3) Short term solution v/s long term systemic improvements.
- 4) Justice for the villagers.
- 5) Oath of allegiance to constitution

to be fulfilled.

6.) Personal conscience to be satisfied.

7.) facing publicity test of actions.

(c)

Early detection & prevention mechanisms.

1.) Innovation :-

- Use sensor based automated mechanisms to display progress.

2.) Citizen participation

- Eg. drop box at all offices for complaints.

- App to report corruptions.

3.) Setting positive demonstrations.

- Eg. strict punishments for corrupt engineers.

4.) Regular inspections rather than charmed chambers.

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5.) Engaging civil societies as a feedback mechanism.

The menace of illusive corruption could be tackled effectively, through people's empowerment and actions of public servants driven by Nishkama Karma.

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10. You are the Superintendent of Police (SP) of a district. Recently an incident of rape and murder of a doctor occurred in your district leading to huge public outrage. There were protests organised by the doctors' fraternity in order to demand justice for the victim. You were trying to ensure the law and order remain intact in the district.

In the meantime media reports mentioned the perpetrator of the crime to be a civil volunteer of your department. This led to social media allegations against your department accusing the Police of favouring the accused.

Also, there were other rumours on social media like involvement of trainee doctors in the crime, renovation of the hospital to remove the evidence etc. To add fuel to the entire scenario, reports of circulation of the pictures of the victim also came. All this led to mob violence in the city. The mob disrupted the peaceful protest of doctors and also broke the hospital equipment and beds etc.

You received a call from the Commissioner of Police to take necessary action as the progress in resolving the case is being reported to the Chief Minister directly.

- Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- What course of action would you take to maintain law and order?
- What steps have been taken by the government to ensure safety of women at the workplace? Suggest some additional steps that can be taken.

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The recent events at RG Kae hospital have led to demand for safety and justice for female doctors, and the same has been embodied here.

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(a)

Stakeholders	Ethical issues
① I, SP	① Public order maintenance & <u>Peace</u> ② <u>Justice</u> for the victim. ③ <u>Reputation</u> of the department.
② Doctor community	① <u>Safety</u> at workplace ② <u>Right</u> to protest
③ Government and seniors	① <u>Management</u> of peaceful environment. ② <u>Prompt justice</u> delivery
④ Women	① <u>Dignity</u> ② <u>Freedom</u> to work and venture out.
⑤ Society	① <u>Trust</u> in governance ② Public <u>perception</u> of <u>neutrality</u> is violated here.

Course of action -

- (b)
- ① Reach the protest site and ~~to~~ communicate assuredness to the doctors.
 - ② If mob violence is persisting, enhance security presence at the site.
 - ③ No tolerance to violence
 - Strict ~~of~~ action against culprits.
 - ④ Communication to the people in general.
 - Assurance about fair investigation.
 - ⑤ ~~At~~ Asking social media companies to remove the images of the victims, and urging people not to circulate.

⑥ Suspending the accused to generate trust, till the investigation continues.

⑦ Constant monitoring of all the aspects.

(c)

Government steps -

① Post Act

• Reporting ~~or~~ through internal channels.

② Helpline numbers to report the incidences immediately.

③ Women friendly laws.

• Presumption of guilt under BNS.

④ Enhanced women recruitment and promoting the same in private sector.

• Community strength building.

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Other desirable measures-

- ① Fast track courts for women grievance redressals.
- ② Security provisions like Post for women in 'unorganised sectors'.
- ③ Sensitisation programs for citizenry at large, similar to 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'.

~~The~~ As Dr. Ambedkar had said that "I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress its women have achieved", the same must be propagated.

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11. You are the District Magistrate (DM) of a district in the state of Uttarakhand. Ganga river flows through that district. Though the river is considered sacred by millions, it has started facing some ecological challenges. For example, in your district, the pollution of the river by dumping of untreated sewage, industrial and domestic waste etc. is rampant, leading to turning the river's colour black. The banks of the river are used by the people of districts for idol immersion and last rites of the departed, which add to the pollution load in the river. Many environmentalists have raised the concerns that its biodiversity has reduced considerably due to high pollution.

Meanwhile, the banks have been encroached on by the poor people of the district as well as migrants. This has led to building of domestic establishments on the river floodplains. Migrant workers demand lower salaries, so the factories with high labour demand have also relocated near the floodplains of the river.

Recently the High court of the state has declared the river as a living entity and given it legal rights. It has also ordered you to clear all the encroachments on the bank of the river in your district. Also, the environmental degradation taking place along the river is gaining national attention due to widespread coverage in the media.

- What are the Ethical dilemmas faced by you while following the court order?
- What course of action will you take to follow the order?
- What steps can be taken in the long run to maintain ecological sustainability of this river ecosystem by the district administration?

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The case pertains to environmental degradation of Ganges along cities like Haridwar, Kanpur etc. complicated by cultural and social factors.

(a)

Ethical dilemmas-

- ① livelihood v/s ecological sustainability.
- ② long term river cleaning v/s. short term ~~pros~~ prospective protests that may arise.
- ③ Rule of law v/s compassion for the weak.
- ④ Responsibility towards socialist principles.
- ⑤ Environmental trusteeship
- ⑥ Cultural sensitivity of people v/s rights of the river ecosystem.
- ⑦ Proactivity v/s reactivity

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Course of action

Reason

(1) Build temporary shelters away from floodplains.

• Proactive

(2) ~~At~~ Rehabilitate people to those shelters.

• Short term relief.

(3) As per PM Awas Yojana, provide for long term shelters for poor.

• Compassion in governance

(4) As per Namami Gange, ~~ask~~ factories to comply to wastewater treatment and thermal moderation

• Stewardship principles

(5) Awareness among people about ill effects of idol submergence, ashes' dipping in river.

• Sync with modernity

• Attitudinal change

Campaigns \downarrow Mann ki Baat \downarrow Involving leaders.

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Long term prospects -

① EIA compliance

- Proper data based environment management.

② Engagement of community

- Eg. Akola district → cleaning of river.

③ Learning global best practises and its localised adoption.

- Eg. Seine River → clean for Olympics

④ Proper monitoring systems.

- Eg. app to report non-compliance by people.

- ~~Sensor~~ GIS based monitoring.

⑤ Technological solutions → Innovation

- Eg. GM algae → reduces oil spills etc.
- Waste treatment at source.

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⑥ Proactively, not allowing encroachments to occur at 1st instance.

Thus, these steps will serve the General will of the society and truly establish that Ganga is our mother.

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12. You are the principal of a school located in a tier 2 city. One day the parents of a child approached you complaining that their 4 year old girl has been sexually assaulted by one of the attendants in the school washroom. Considering it a very serious matter, you promptly raised the issue to the management. However they paid no heed to it considering it as a fabricated case to destroy the reputation of the school.

Two days later, the parents of another girl along with a local politician came with a similar complaint. While you were trying to get details of the matter, the news of the assault spread throughout the city. This led to widespread protests by the locals. To add fire to the scenario, the political parties also declared a bandh throughout the state.

You decided to raise the matter again to the management, but again they asked you to remain silent as the reputation of the school was at stake. You requested them to constitute a committee to carry out a detailed enquiry into the whole matter, but to your surprise they straightaway denied it and instead asked to cover up the whole issue. They also offered to promote you to the management board and raise your salary, provided you handle the matter effectively.

- What are the Ethical dilemmas faced by you in the above scenario?
- Evaluate the options available to you in the given scenario.
- What are the measures taken by the Government to prevent sexual offences against children? What additional steps can be taken to make the school environment safer for children?

(20 marks, 250 words)

Child sexual offenses have risen by 12% in last 5 years as per POCSO's data and schools have done little to provide due safety.

(a) Ethical dilemmas faced -

- ① Justice to the victims vs reputation of the school.
- ② Compliance to conscience vs compliance to superior's orders.
- ③ Academic integrity vs self preservation.
- ④ Nishkama karma to be displayed.
- ⑤ Commerce ~~is~~ without morality.
- ⑥ facing mirror test for the self.
- ⑦ Responsibility of the safety of children..

(b)

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(b)

Options	Merits	Demerits
<p>① Keep <u>denying</u> the accusations and let things cool down.</p>	<p>① <u>Reputation</u> may be saved.</p> <p>② Personal prospects of <u>promotion</u></p>	<p>① <u>Lost opportunity</u> of <u>long term</u> <u>improvement</u>.</p> <p>② <u>Child rights</u> violation.</p> <p>③ <u>Crisis of conscience</u></p>
<p>② Step down from the post.</p>	<p>① Serves <u>self morality</u> of non-indulgence.</p> <p>② May <u>serve justice</u> as people will raise more voice now.</p>	<p>① <u>Diffusion</u> of responsibility.</p> <p>② <u>Poor courage display</u>.</p> <p>③ <u>Failing</u> the test of <u>publicity</u>.</p>
<p>③ Start the internal enquiry and based on recommendations act on culprits.</p>	<p>① May <u>serve justice</u>.</p> <p>② <u>Reinstate trust</u>.</p> <p>③ In sync with <u>Mishkama Karma</u>.</p>	<p>① May be <u>fired</u> from <u>office</u>.</p> <p>② <u>Reputation</u> of school may get <u>damaged</u>.</p>

(C) Government measures-

① POCSO Act, 2012

- Fast track child friendly courts.

② ~~Advocacy~~ Promotion of NGOs

dealing with the same.

Eg. CRY (Child Rights & You).

3) Government instituted legal, financial, psychological support to victims.

Desirable measures-

① Inclusion of "appropriate behaviour" in curriculum.

- Sex education

② Reducing pendency on cases under POCSO Act.

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- More infra for courts.
- More personnel.

③ Reintegration programs for victims.

Thus, the akusala karnam of child sexual abuse needs stakeholders of government, parents, education system, police to act with due responsibility.

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