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**MAINS TEST SERIES 2023**

**General Studies**

**Test - 15**

**GS-IV Grand Test**

1. "An individual with conscience is the fundamental building block for a society that is compassionate". comment. 10 Marks
2. "Situational ethics occupy the central place in policy implementation and would help in realizing the goal and aims of the policy better." Discuss. 10 Marks
3. "The tranquility of an individual reflects in the list of his wants." Comment 10 Marks
4. With digital platforms like YouTube/Twitter etc. becoming the main stream of media being watched; it is often heard of government authorities intervening in the and the availability of content. In view of the above, discuss the responsible role of the individual and authorities in nurturing and safeguarding a healthy democracy. 10 Marks
5. The sinking of Joshimath reminds of the high time where environmental ethics should overtake economic consideration as the first priority. Discuss the environment versus development debate in view of the above. 10 Marks
6. Corporate frauds are not isolated scandals, but the culmination of individual greed. Principles in public life should be the adhering dictums either for an individual or a corporate entity. Discuss 10 Marks
7. Politicization of bureaucracy is an inevitable devil in the institution of democracy. Suggest measures for the strengthening of bureaucracy at the individual and institutional level. 10 Marks
8. Write short notes on the following with an example of personal relevance to you:
  1. Empathy 5 Marks
  2. Contentment 5 Marks
9. The success of the citizen charter lies more with the citizen than with the charter. In view of the above, discuss the ethics in public relations. 10 Marks
10. "If you want to improve the world, we cannot do it with scientific knowledge but with ideals. Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Gandhi have done more for humanity than science. Religion and science go together. They are interdependent and have a common goal: search for truth." What is your understanding of truth and would you pursue it? 10 Marks
11. "Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but it is indeed the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay - the small acts of love and kindness." Comment. 10 Marks
12. Define Emotional intelligence. Discuss its components and importance in administration. 10 Marks
13. The greatest battle one has to fight in the lifetime, is the battle with oneself. The victorious would become the beacons to mankind. Comment 10 Marks
14. You are the officer in charge of a refugee settlement team in a multilateral humanitarian organization. There is an ethnic conflict in the nearby border area and as a result, many people are affected and displaced. The economically better-off neighbouring countries have accommodated the streams of migrants with financial 20 Marks

support from your organization. The violence in the region has increased recently and the influx of people seeking refuge has grown exponentially. With countries following protectionist policies the refugees are left in a vulnerable situation. You are asked to represent the organization for the settlement of refugees with neighbouring countries, who also happen to be a powerful economic bloc. However, they refuse any more accommodation on the following grounds:

1. Drainage of resources in face of subdued economic conditions.
2. Domestic political repercussions.
3. Rehabilitation will encourage more influx.
4. Permanency of settlement in face of better prospects than at home.

What are the counter-arguments that can be cited to convince the countries for an immediate solution? Suggest some long term measures as well that could be followed to address the problem.

15. You are a District Collector of a city which is scheduled to go to polls in a week. The responsibility to conduct fair elections has been given to you. However, suddenly your mother suffers a heart attack and has to be admitted to a hospital in your home district, which is at a distance of 250 kms from the district of your posting. Doctor informs you that she needs to be shifted in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and her chances of survival are bleak. You are the only child and want to be with her and your family at this moment. Your plea for an emergency leave has been rejected by the Election Commission. What would you do under such circumstances? 20 Marks
16. An apparel manufacturing company having large number of women employees was losing sales due to various factors. The company hired a reputed marketing executive, who increased the volume of sales within a short span of time. However, some unconfirmed reports came up regarding his indulgence in sexual harassment at the work place. 20 Marks  
After sometime, a woman employee lodged a formal complaint to the management against the marketing executive about sexually harassing her. Faced with the company's indifference in not taking cognizance of her grievance, she lodged an FIR with the Police.  
Realizing the sensitivity and gravity of the situation, the company called the woman employee to negotiate. In that she was offered a hefty sum of money to withdraw the complaint and the FIR and also give in writing that the marketing executive is not involved in the case.  
Identify the ethical issues involved in this case. What options are available to the woman employee?
17. You are a struggling reporter of a news channel and have been under severe pressure from your Editor-in-Chief to bring some sensational news to boost Television Rating Points (TRPs). 20 Marks  
You have interviewed a famous religious leader of a minority faction on the recent Ayodhya verdict of the Supreme Court. In the interview, the religious leader used a provocative statement and urged the Members of the community to rebel against the court ruling. If the interview is aired, it might spark communal tensions and law and order problem in society. You are very well aware that if the interview is presented to the Editor-in-Chief, he will definitely air it to boost TRPs. The interview may lead to the exponential growth of your career.  
In such circumstances, would it be right to present the interview to Editor-in-Chief?  
(a) Identify the moral dilemma faced by you.  
(b) Analyse your role and duties as a responsible reporter, also suggest your course of

action.

18. The Government has planned the strategic disinvestment of State Road Transportation Corporation in a phased manner by allowing some private companies to ferry buses on marked routes. The outraged workers have called for a strike against the move. You are the head of the workers union of the transport corporation. In a meeting with State officials, they have informed you about the circumstances of inefficiency, corruption and deteriorating quality of service to commuters. You have also presented the worker's viewpoint and their complaints of low payscale and non-payment of salaries from the past few months. A deadlock has occurred between the two parties where no side is willing to lose. To break the deadlock, the officials offer you a bribe and other perks to comply with the decision of privatisation in a phased manner. State transport services are in a state of peril and there is a huge outcry among the common masses.
- (a) Identify the moral dilemma faced by you.  
(b) Analyse your role and duties, also suggest your course of action.
19. Pawan is pursuing MBA and shares a room with you in the private hostel. He desperately needs a job after completing his course because of educational loan and weak economic background. In his last two semesters, he couldn't secure good grades due to serious illness. In current semester he has to secure good marks at any cost to satisfy minimum criteria for placements. Few days before the final semester exam, he comes to you and asks for money. He is stressed and nervous. He tells you about his plan to purchase semester papers to clear the exam and convinces you for the same by giving reference to his bad health, family status and his education loan. In such circumstances, would it be right to lend money to him?
- (a) Identify the moral dilemma faced by you.  
(b) Analyse your role and duties as a friend, also suggest your course of action.



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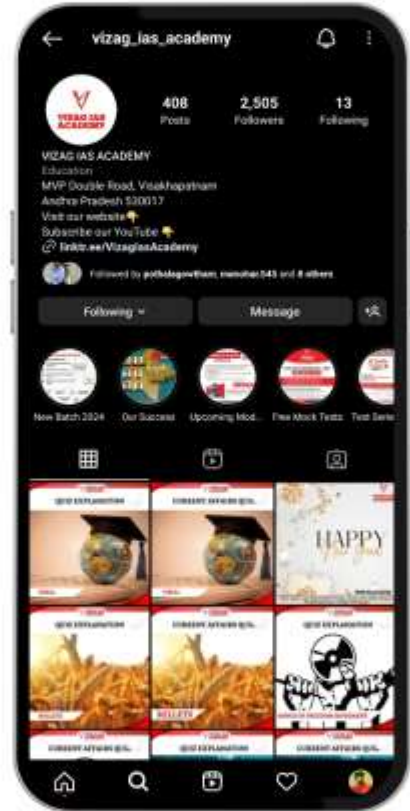
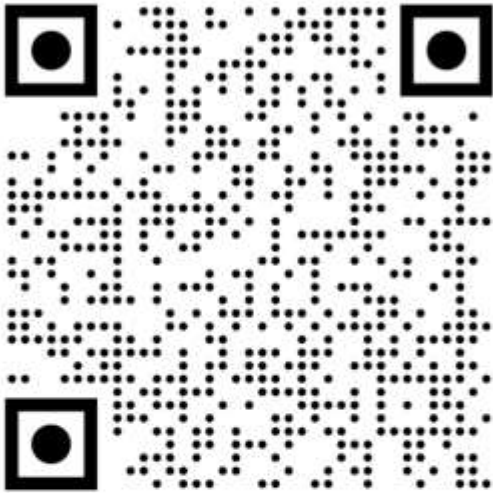
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