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# **MAINS TEST SERIES 2023**

## **General Studies**

### **Test - 4**

#### **TOPICS COVERED**

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, Determinants and Consequences of Ethics in - Human Actions; Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics - in Private and Public Relationships. Human Values - Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators; Role of Family Society and Educational Institutions in Inculcating Values.
- Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.
- Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion towards the weaker- sections.
- Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance.
- Case Studies on above issues.

1. The rationale behind limitless wealth is rooted in the primal human desire to maximize profit at the expense of other people. Do you think that ethical capitalism is a feasible alternative in this context? 10 Marks
2. If a law is unjust, a man not only has the right, but also the obligation, to disobey it. Discuss. 10 Marks
3. Absolute refusal to compromise is one of the ways to measure integrity. Explain using an actual-life example. 10 Marks
4. Public officials' moral compass and ethical behaviour influence not only the standard of governance but also their own interests and performance. Elaborate. 10 Marks
5. The ongoing debate on moon lighting poses several ethical questions. Examine. (10M) 10 Marks
6. Who are the key stakeholders in the context of Alcoholism and Prohibition? What are the guiding principles for addressing growing alcoholism? 10 Marks
7. What do you mean by COGNITIVE DISSONANCE? What are the potential causes of Cognitive Dissonance? 10 Marks
8. Are you in agreement with the theory that a person's emotional intelligence is determined by their innate characteristics rather than their environment? 10 Marks
9. The values that guide public administrators frequently compete with one another due to their relative importance to the larger public interest. Use specific examples to discuss. 10 Marks
10. Can corruption be justified as a social phenomenon? What different approaches can be used to combat administrative corruption? 10 Marks
- 11 (a) What do each of the following quotations mean to you? 'The greatest religion is to be true to your own nature. Have faith in yourselves.' Swami Vivekananda 10 Marks
- 11 (b) "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity; it is an act of justice." Nelson Mandela. 10 Marks
- 11 (c) "You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind." Mahatma Gandhi. 10 Marks
12. You are appointed as the Commissioner of Police in a major city where a visiting foreign high ranking official with high security is scheduled to attend an official function. As part of the security arrangements, it has been decided that no vehicular traffic will be permitted on the route that the foreign dignitary will take to reach the function venue in the city. A critically ill patient and his family are stranded in a private car on the way to the hospital, you are told, just 15 minutes before the dignitary is supposed to arrive. In this case, answer the following: 20 Marks
  - a) Discuss the issues involved in halting traffic for VIP movement.
  - b) List the options available to you in this situation with their merits and demerits.

c) What will be your course of action? Justify with proper reasoning. (Answer in 250 words)

13. The transgender community has been a part of India's social set up since the very beginning but never recognized as a reputable part of the society. 'Hijra' is a term traditionally used in India for transgender women who were born male. The role and value of this community in accordance with the sacred Hindu texts condenses to the performance of blessings at marriage and birth ceremonies for good fortune. With the advent of the British Raj in the 19th century, the acts of "cross-dressing" were registered as a criminal offence and if such offences were committed repeatedly, imprisonment followed. Thus, began the criminalization of hijras. Today, although legally supported and socially empowered as compared to earlier times, hijras are still subject to transphobic discrimination-associated violence, poverty, and segregation. In light of the above, answer the following:
- Identify the challenges faced by transgenders during the different stages of their life.
  - Discuss the reasons for the continuing discrimination against transgenders in India despite several initiatives for their upliftment in recent times. (Answer in 250 words)
14. You are an IPS officer posted as the Inspector General of Police in a state. The recent death of a father-son duo in one of the districts in the state, due to custodial violence allegedly in the presence of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), has sparked anger across the state. This is not an isolated incident, as there have been allegations raised by human rights groups in the past regarding custodial deaths due to physical assault by the police. The High Court of the State, taking suo moto cognizance of the recent incident, has served a notice to the state government, seeking a detailed report on the rising instances of custodial deaths. The state government has constituted a committee to probe the incident and submit a detailed report about the veracity of facts related to it. You have been asked to head the Committee. You know the Deputy Superintendent of Police of the district to be an honest, hardworking and upright officer. He has privately requested you to absolve him of any wrongdoing as he claims not to be present when the incident occurred. You know that any action against him will be detrimental to his reputation and career. On the other hand, the seniors in the department are pressurising you to put all the blame on the DSP and make him a sacrificial lamb in order to protect the overall image of the police in the state. In the given scenario, answer the following questions:
- Identify the stakeholders and the ethical issues involved in the case.
  - What steps will you take to ensure that the enquiry is seen to be fair and impartial?
  - Given the challenges that the police forces in India operate under in their day-to-day functioning, suggest some initiatives to address them. (Answer in 250 words)
15. Mr. X is a billionaire businessman who heads a conglomerate engaged in insurance, energy generation and distribution, and manufacturing. Despite being globally known as a great philanthropist, he turned down a shareholder request seeking the disclosure of the conglomerate's actions on issues related to climate change as well as diversity and inclusion. Because of increased attention to climate and diversity issues, many leading firms have committed themselves to incorporate relevant

considerations in their business strategies. Therefore, some industry-observers wonder if Mr. X is out of touch with the industry at large and have warned him that failing to address climate change issues puts his businesses under systemic risk. But, Mr. X maintained his vote against the disclosure proposal, while at the same time acknowledged the importance of both climate change and a diverse and inclusive work force. However, Mr. X believes that such ethical issues take secondary importance to maximising shareholder profit.

- a) Discuss the importance of including climate change strategies and diversity and inclusion in a business organisation?
- b) In your opinion, what matters more for a business organisation - socio-environmental concerns or shareholder profit?
- c) How can the two above-mentioned issues be reconciled? (Answer in 250 words)

16. The Indian education system suffers from many ills. One of the major issues is the focus on 'rote learning', which has been the staple of the Indian education system for many years. While many Indians have attained success despite this system, simply being able to recall information is not enough in today's world when that information is instantly available to anyone on a mobile phone. A survey of 200 Indian and foreign companies found that only 14% of Indian graduates were prepared for the workforce, largely because most graduates were unable to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems. In this context, answer the following questions: 20 Marks
- a) What are the consequences of 'rote learning' on the educational development of young students in the country?
  - b) Suggest measures that can be taken to address this issue. (Answer in 250 words)

17. You are posted as a Superintendent of Police (SP) in a district where people of different religious communities are living together peacefully. The district is also famous for its architectural heritage and is regularly visited by tourists from all around the world. However, there has been an incident in the nearby state where people of two different communities have started fighting over religious issues. This incident has a spillover effect over the whole country. In your own area of jurisdiction, you have come to know from various sources about circulation of some hate speech videos, which have the potential to destabilise the law-and-order situation. You are also aware that some outsiders with dubious intentions have started pouring in your district. In one locality, a shopkeeper who had earlier filed a complaint regarding threats he received for posting something on the internet, is found murdered in cold blood. This incident has stunned the nation. You are being informed that hundreds of people of the community to which the shopkeeper belonged are planning to stage a massive protest in your district. 20 Marks
- a) In the given situation, what are the options available to you to ensure that the law-and-order situation in the district remains stable. Provide a detailed account of your course of action.
  - b) Do you think the present legal and institutional mechanisms are sufficient to tackle the menace of hate speech in the society? (Answer in 250 words)



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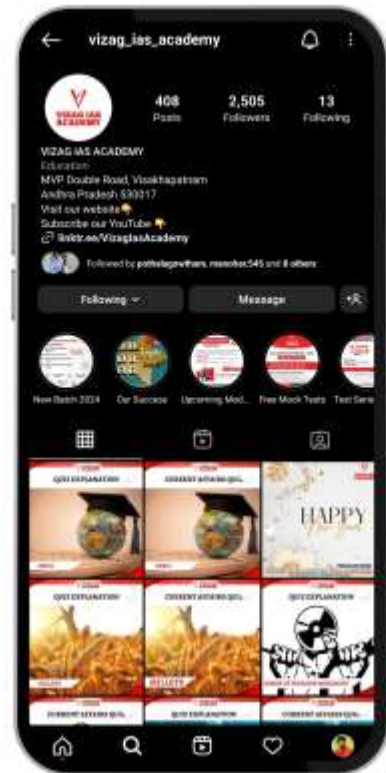
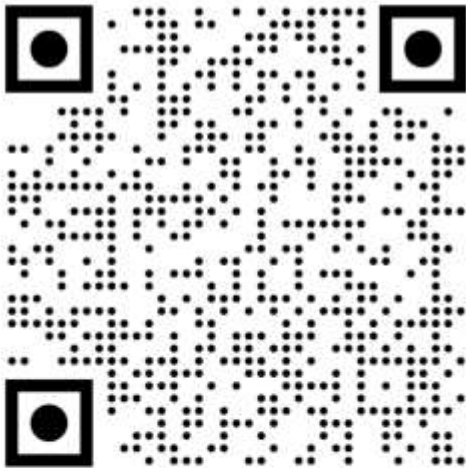
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