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MAINS TEST SERIES 2023

General Studies

Test - 8

TOPICS COVERED

- Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.
- Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance; Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance; Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity; Information Sharing and Transparency in Government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery, Utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption.
- Case Studies on above issues.

1. "Ethical considerations in decision making at the policy level do not receive much traction". In the light of above statement, argue role of ethics in policy formulation. 10 Marks
2. We must find positivity in the bleakest situations and live by the principle of gratitude. Comment the statement. 10 Marks
3. "The citizens' charter is an instrument which aims to make governance/organization transparent, accountable and citizen friendly". Discuss how does citizens' charter help in achieving good governance? 10 Marks
4. "The greatest virtue of bureaucracy is that it is an institutional method for applying general rules to specific cases" – Max Weber. Illustrate. 10 Marks
5. "To oppose corruption in government is the highest obligation of patriotism". Comment. 10 Marks
6. Explain Immanuel Kant's concept of 'duty for duty's sake'. Also, examine this Doctrine helps Civil Servants in performing their duties. 10 Marks
7. What is social audit? Discuss how it improves governance and accountability in social sector. 10 Marks
8. "Intellectual Property Rights should be rights with reasonable restrictions". Comment in the light of utilitarianism. 10 Marks
9. In your opinion, how e-Governance and use of technology can improve the probity in governance. 10 Marks
10. Private virtue is essential for any Civil servants to show probity. Examine. 10 Marks
11. "One laterally recruited official in a ministry of hundreds cannot alter the culture". In the light of the above statement, justify whether the lateral entrant will prove to be successful in changing the attitude of bureaucracy and administrative ethical culture or not. 10 Marks
12. Discuss the various consequences of 'politicization of bureaucracy' along with the suggestions given by Sarkaria Commission. Also, discuss whether 'Bureaucratization of Politics' is healthy for strengthening of democracy? 10 Marks
13. To what extent do ethical behaviour among Civil Servants improve economic efficiency and accelerate economic growth? Substantiate your views with examples. 10 Marks
14. When Sheena reaches to one counter of the RTO office for her driving license renewal, the lady in-charge at the counter pass-on one form to fill for the same purpose. She asked Sheena to turn the page and go through it. Back side of the paper there was organ donation consent form which stated: "Organ Donation: Upon my death I am willing to donate the following - there were then a set of boxes labelled - eyes, liver, kidney, any organ and none, together with a place for her signature. " Sheena asks the lady -"why such things are being pushed at this counter". Lady at the counter explains that this form of camping has been promoted by NGOs for the larger

interest for humanity, however it is voluntary and she can escape it if she is not finding it of any worth. Sheena was not sure about giving consent.

She was in dilemma whether to do it or not. After a brief thought she denied and moved from that counter.

On the way to back home, her friend Indrani, who was also at the counter, suddenly said, "I did not wanted to say anything inside, but no way I would never sign that card. If you get into accident and they see that you have agreed for organ donation, they will not even try to save you. There is organ shortage, and the doctors want to grab what they can get. My mom says those organ donation cards are like signing your death warrant".

Later that evening Sheena decided to talk to one of her teacher. When she explained about her anxiety, teacher replied that she should follow her heart in the matter of organ donation. Answer the following questions based on the above case study:

- (a) From a utilitarian perspective, should Sheena agree to donate her organs? Provide an analysis.
- (b) Do you think that people ought to donate their organs? Why or why not? (Make sure that the reasons you provide are ethical reasons, not merely prudent or legal). What will you advice to Sheena in case you are in place of her teacher?
15. You are a senior civil servant. One of your officer friends is hard working, completes her work on time but always demoralizes her subordinates by blaming them for one or the other thing. She keeps everyone on toes. Often she shouts in her office and want to just follow the blue book while working. She also insults junior officers if one fails to get the things done. Her only mantra to work is to "get the things done -whatever it takes." Due to this bossy attitude your friend is not liked by the subordinates and because of her uneven relation with her team members; she fails to portray a good office culture. Most of the colleagues know about this case but no one wants to discuss it because of your proximity with that lady officer. However one day one close friend happens to be your colleague briefed about the problem subordinate officers are facing. Answer the following questions based on the above case. Bring merits and demerits related to each course of action and discuss the best option.
- (a) Directly talk to subordinate and assure about correcting the things in future.
- (b) I will mentor her.
- (c) Transfer the lady officer as this case may bring sorry figure for you also in future.
- (d) Request the lady officer not to do so as this may hamper their personal relations also.
- (e) Is there any better option available to correct the things other than what mentioned above?
16. You are a no-nonsense police officer. There is a day light murder of a politician in your area. One of your senior police officer is close relative of that murdered politician. After much investigation, you come to know that Naxalites have killed him as he was involved in land grabbing case in remote area. Local people hated that politician. After few days you managed to arrest one naxalite who was involved in this case. He was involved in some other gruesome murder cases also. In an ambush more than 50 security personnels were also killed and his name was also surfaced in that case. Your senior officer is putting pressure on you to kill that criminal as often these type of cases take much time due to the lack of eyewitness, as they enjoy local support and also villagers have fear. Home Minister of your state also wants to do the same as it will send a message in the public about handling of law and order problem with iron

hands. Thus send filler through one officer that 'if you do the same, you will get the full support of ruling party in future also'. Answer the following questions:

- (a) In the above case which ethical dilemmas will you face and why will you call it ethical dilemma?
- (b) Will you follow the order of your senior officer and Home Minister? Evaluate your decision from the ethical and legal point of view.
- (c) Which factors will guide you in this case?

17. A Cabinet rank Minister has been assigned the Ministry of Petroleum and Gas. He is aware that it is both an opportunity as well as a great responsibility. Yet he is very confused regarding his priorities because of the following situations. You have to observe the situations and state whether the minister should go forward or not by giving adequate reasons. 20 Marks

- (a) His family members, relatives and party members come to him for allotment of retail outlets - a sure source of regular income. They make their point on the argument that the minister will not do any dis-service to public because whether outlets are run by minister's people or others, service will still be available to the people.
- (b) The minister has been indicated by the head of his political party that he should use his powers to mobilize funds for the party, because every 'party in power' does it and elections today are 'very expensive'. Also by doing the same, he will come in the 'good books' of the people in command of the political party he belongs to.
- (c) He should focus on implementation of the running projects and carrying out reforms needed to improve the performance of the petroleum and gas producing and marketing companies, as that is the main task mandated to him.
- (d) Since he feels that it would be difficult for him to reconcile personal, party and official interests, he should resign. Is it possible for him to reconcile all these interests?

18. A private school has dismissed a teacher after claiming that she had failed to complete her six-month probation period to a satisfactory standard. But the actual reason was that she had been suspended from the job after just three months on the grounds of her HIV status. But the school does not want to make it a formal reason for her dismissal. 20 Marks

She is friend of your wife. She is hesitating in making a formal complaint to the competent authority. Your wife discussed this issue with you as you are the District Collector. She expects something from you but fears that if the matter goes public it will hurt the sentiment of the victim as she herself didn't want to do anything.

- (a) What options you have as a district collector in this case?
- (b) Discuss course of action that you will take and justify every steps.

19. You are a research scholar in one of the most prestigious colleges. Your research guide is a much respected person in college because of his teaching capabilities and original research work. Students love and admire him for his sincerity, knowledge and hard work. One day he called all students of your batch to home to clarify their doubts as he was not keeping well to attend college. Once you reach his home, you heard a lady crying. You were not comfortable at his home. After coming back, you tried to enquire about that lady. Later, you come to know that the professor is involved in regular domestic violence. You discuss this with your friends, but they don't want to get involved in this as it may impact their relationship with the guide badly. Following are the options before you. Analyze. 20 Marks

- (a) Ignoring the issue as it is their personal matter and focusing on my research work

- (b) Talking to the guide's wife and counsel her to report about domestic violence
- (c) Report to appropriate legal authority
- (d) Suggest some alternate method





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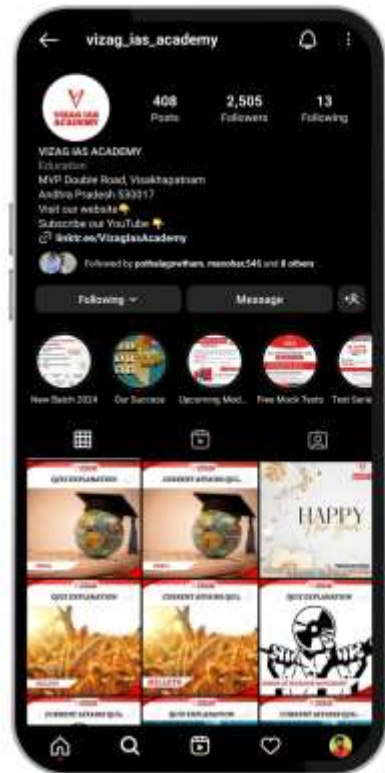
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