

General Studies: Paper V

Total questions: 14

Maximum Marks: 250

Time: 3 hours

Section A

1. (a) In the age of social media and information explosion, what role family can play in inculcating values in children? Explain with examples. (150 words) (10 marks)

(b) Means are as important as ends in ethics. Do you agree? Elucidate. (150 words) (10 marks)

2. (a) Sometimes persuasion can be more effective than enforcement in public life. What do you think? Explain with examples. (150 words) (10 marks)

(b) Integrity is choosing your actions based on values rather than on personal gains. What is the significance of this statement in civil services? (150 words) (10 marks)

3. (a) It is important for a civil servant to form connection with people at an emotional level. Why? (150 words) (10 marks)

(b) The best way to find you is to lose yourself in the service of others. What do understand by this statement? Discuss. (150 words) (10 marks)

4. (a) "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher." Comment on this famous by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. (150 words) (10 marks)

(b) Accountability is the glue that ties commitment to results. Do you agree? Discuss by giving examples. (150 words) (10 marks)

5. (a) What do you understand by the principle of trusteeship? What significance does it hold today? (150 words) (10 marks)

(b) A healthy work culture is an asset for successful companies. What role does a healthy work culture play in the success of such companies? Discuss. (150 words) (10 marks)

6. What do you understand by 'ethics in international relations'? Do you feel ethics has eroded in contemporary world politics? Discuss. (150 words) (10 marks)

7. Proper utilization of public fund is essential for efficiency and outcome. However, it

has remained a cause of worry in Indian public life. What reasons can be attributed for the deterioration of standards in public fund utilization in India? What can be the suggestions to remedy this problem? (150 words) (10 marks)

8. What are the essential components of public service delivery in India? Discuss the 'Sevottam' model in this regard. (150 words) (10 marks)

Section B

9. The Indian middle class lacks empathy for the depressed and the downtrodden masses of the society. The economic growth that scripted the transformation story of the middle class could not uplift the marginalized section. The prevalence of disparity even after years of economic reforms is a display of the utter insensitiveness and ignorance of the middle class Indians towards these sections. Is it indicative of the erosion of fundamental Indian values? Who is to be blamed for this? Analyse. (250 words) (20 marks)

10. The day you joined a department known for its corruption, you are counseled by a group of officers about the avenues, opportunities and means to earn extra money in the system. They tell you that you need not promote illegal activities and also no one will ask you for undue favours. You just need to speed up your work and clear the files as soon as they reach your table. In lieu of this, you will get what they call it as 'speed money'. They also try to convince you that there is no illegality involved and in fact 99% of the officers are involved in this business. Moreover, in a city like your place of posting, expensive housing and lifestyle makes it almost impossible to sustain yourself and your family with the meager salary. However, you don't respond to them and ask for some time to think about it.

Discuss the ethical dimensions involved in this case. How will you approach this issue? (250 words) (20 marks)

11. You are the district magistrate in a backward district of Bihar. Open defecation is a serious and associated health hazards have plagued the villages in your district. The newly launched mission to construct toilets by the government to get Indian villages rid of open defecation is a big failure in these villages. Even after construction of toilets, people prefer to release themselves in the open. When you tried to convince them, they asked you not to intervene in their personal matters?

What problems do you perceive in the mindset of the villagers? How would you tackle it? (250 words) (20 marks)

12. You are heading the selection panel for the Hockey team of a state for participating in the upcoming national sports meet. There is only one seat left and you have two players

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to choose from. Although both of them have similar skill set and talent, one of them is the son of the local MP. The second player belongs to a family and has lost his father in a recent accident. The MP has requested you to consider his son for the final selection.

What alternatives do you have in this case? Discuss their merits and demerits. Which alternative would you choose and why? (250 words) (20 marks)

13. You are new the head of a media house running multiple new channels and publishing few news papers. You have been appointed for reviving the TRPs and profitability of the channels. You are mandated to decide the kind of news to be aired during prime time. There is a devastating flood affecting a southern state. People have been displaced and they are in distress and panic. Of course this news deserves national attention. However, this won't be profitable to your channel. Rather the coverage of a reality show that attracts the eyeballs of the youth and the old alike seems to be a better option for TRPs and profit. In fact there are suggestions to also include a post show analysis by inviting the famous personalities from the entertainment industry to spice up the content even further.

What will do in this situation? Analyze the alternatives at your disposal along with their merits and demerits. (250 words) (20 marks)

14. You have been entrusted to design a citizen charter for a department that issues certificates related to birth, marriage, divorce, death etc. Produce an outline of the charter that you will prepare. (250 words) (20 marks)