

# IASbaba Full Length Mock



## GENERAL STUDIES Paper - IV

***Time Allowed: Three Hours***

***Maximum Marks: 250***

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### QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

***Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :***

*There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH.*

*All the questions are compulsory.*

*The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.*

*Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly.*

*on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.*

*Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.*

*Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.*

## SECTION-A

Q1. (a) The first step in the evolution of ethics is a sense of solidarity with other human beings. Elucidate. **(150 words) (10)**

(b) Differentiate between the following: **(200 words) (10)**

- (1) Respect and Obedience
- (2) Ego and Self respect
- (3) Easy going and Casual
- (4) Knowledge and education

Q2. Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these, bring out what it means to you in the present context:

(a) "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

**(150 words) (10)**

(b) "From the solemn gloom of the temple children run out to sit in the dust, God watches them play and forgets the priest." **(150 words) (10)**

Q3. (a) "Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment". Does the given statement hold any significance for public servants? Examine. **(150 words) (10)**

(b) How do the virtues of emotional intelligence and empathy get manifested in public service? Explain with example. **(150 words) (10)**

Q4. (a) What should be given more priority- personal ethics or organizational ethics? Substantiate with the help of a suitable example. **(150 words) (10)**

(b) In more ways than we often realize, information is becoming the lifeblood of our society. Information has immeasurable value and it can be used to one person's advantage or another's cost. Analyse. **(150 words) (10)**

Q5. Given are two statements on attitude. Bring out their significance for civil services. **(150 words) (10)**

(a) "People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude."

(b) "Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character."

Q6. Chanakya, one of the most intelligent political strategists of all time offered his advice in the Arthashastra. Here are two Chanakya quotes from this seminal book. Discuss the relevance of the quotes in the present context by taking suitable examples. **(150 words) (10)**

(a) A man is great by deeds, not by birth.

(b) He shall despise none, but hear the opinions of all. A wise man shall make use of even a child's sensible utterance.

Q7. Powerful countries of the world have often taken recourse to sanctions and unilateral war against other countries. Recently, the former UK Prime Minister apologized for some of the mistakes that were committed by his administration in the assessment of intelligence and also the way things shaped up after the war in Iraq. However, there hardly seems any possibility of an international platform condemning such blunders or holding the powerful countries accountable for the war crimes. In a global order like this, how far principles of ethics in international relations hold importance? Analyse. **(150 words) (10)**

Q8. 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)**

## SECTION – B

Q9. The ongoing demonetization drive is receiving varied responses from different sections of the society. You are the branch manager of a reputed bank. There is a long queue of people who are waiting for their turn to exchange their old notes with the new ones. Suddenly a local body of traders raid your bank and start hitting your employees who are serving the customers at the counters. They ask you to close the branch as a protest against demonetization.

(a) What would you do to diffuse the volatile situation with the violent mob threatening to create ruckus in your branch?

(b) What would you tell your employees?

(c) Every solution/action that you suggest might have some negatives and positive outcomes. Analyse the consequences of each of your suggested actions.

**(250 Words) (20)**

Q10. Democratic polity has its own merits and drawbacks. It can throw surprises sometimes. Not always leaders of our own liking are awarded with the ultimate prize of leading the country. In a situation where an election has been contested and eventually won on the sentiments of fear, hatred and xenophobia, its natural for the masses to be insecure and scared.

How do you perceive this phenomenon. How can one ensure the normal continuance of his/ her personal and political life in a situation like this?

Suppose, you have to address a scared and apprehensive lot of people fearing backlash and violence. What will be your message to them? **(250 Words) (20)**

Q11. A junior member of staff has just returned to work after taking special leave to care for her elderly mother. For financial reasons she needs to work full-time. She has been having difficulties with her mother's home care arrangements, causing her to miss a number of team meetings (which usually take place at the

beginning of each day) and to leave work early. She is very competent in her work but her absences are putting pressure on her and her overworked colleagues. You are her manager, and you are aware that the flow of work through the practice is coming under pressure. One of her male colleagues is beginning to make comments such as “a woman’s place is in the home”, and is undermining her at every opportunity, putting her under even greater stress.

(a) How would you deal with this situation?

(b) Do you think the mentality of the male colleague is not surprising keeping in mind the current social structure? Critically examine. **(250 words) (20)**

Q12. You are one of three partners in a firm of accountants. Five years ago the firm was appointed as external accountants to a young, successful and fast-growing company, engaged to prepare year end accounts and tax returns. The business had started trading with a handful of employees but now has a workforce of 200, while still remaining below the size of company requiring a statutory audit. Due to your close relationship with the directors of the company (who are its owners) and several of its staff, you become aware that staff purchases of goods manufactured by the company are authorised by production managers, and then processed outside the accounting system. The proceeds from these sales are used to fund the firm’s Christmas party.

Do you think there is a compromise on professional ethics in this case? Examine. What is the best course of action in this case? Examine its pros and cons.

**(200 Words) (20)**

Q13. You are working in a big media house. The channels owned by the house have wide reach across the country. The new CEO of the media house is showing signs of allegiance towards the ruling party of a particular state. You are able to gauge his inclinations by the fact that there is hardly any news item being shown which criticize the action or inaction of the government. You are perturbed by this as you feel that free, independent and unbiased media is the lifeline of a

vibrant democracy. Yet you are silent on this issue as your bread and butter is dependent on this job. You can't offend your boss after all.

However, one day the limit is breached when the CEO calls you and directs you to stage a false sting operation against the opposition party's leader. You are also given monetary inducements to follow his directions. When you oppose, he tells you to either do the job or quit the company. **(250 Words) (25)**

Q14. You are the inspector in charge of a city police station. The police station building is in dire need of repairs, but hasn't received any grants for years. One day, a cyclone hits a nearby area, damaging most of the houses and shops. Although your police station gets partially damaged, but most of the building remains intact. The Government sends a disaster assessment team to ascertain the level of damage and pay relief money. Your DSP orders you to do the following:

- i. Hire some laborers and destroy the remaining parts of your police station building.
- ii. When the disaster assessment team comes, you tell them the building collapsed by the cyclone, and ask them to give priority in funding after all the police station is one of the most important public offices in a town.

What are the options available to you in this case? Evaluate their merits and limitations. Which option shall you follow? Why? **(250 Words) (25)**