



Think, Learn and Perform (TLP) 2019

IASbaba's Mains Answer Writing Programme

Full Mock-GS Paper4

Test 19

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

There are **FOURTEEN** questions divided in **TWO SECTIONS**.

- 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) Expand upon the concept of 'ethics in public administration'. Discuss its significance in law driven governance. (150 words) (10)

(b) Define the following terms with the help of suitable examples: (200 words) (10)

- (i) Probity
- (ii) Conscience
- (iii) Persuasion
- (iv) Cognitive attitude

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

(a) "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance." (150 words) (10)

(b) "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." (150 words) (10)

Q3. (a) What is emotional awareness? How does emotional awareness help in managing emotions effectively? Illustrate. (150 words) (10)

(b) What role does persuasion and social influence play in public administration? Illustrate. (150 words) (10)

Q4. (a) Nobody gets to be good at something without effort, no matter what your aptitude is. Comment. (150 words) (10)

(b) The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back. Comment. (150 words) (10)

Q5. Given below are two quotes by moral philosophers. Bring out their significance in the present societal context. (150 words) (10)

(a) "All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything."

(b) “Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.”

Q6. A good work culture is simply a shared way of doing something with a passion. Elucidate. Do government bodies lack such culture? Examine. (150 words) (10)

Q7. People's indifference is the best breeding ground for corruption to grow. Do you agree? Critically analyse. (150 words) (10)

Q8. What are your views on subsidies and caste based entitlements? Is it morally correct to tax or deprive one segment of the population and pass on the benefit to the other? Critically examine. (150 words) (10)

SECTION – B

Q9.

You are a 28 year old IAS officer. You are married and last year you got blessed with a beautiful baby girl. You are posted as the personal secretary to the Governor of a northeastern State of India. The Governor is 85 years old and is suffering from several old age related ailments. On a sunny day, you accompany the Governor in a helicopter that is supposed to land in a remote district of the State. The Governor has been invited to inaugurate a hospital there. Midway towards the destination, the weather turns worse and it starts to rain with thunderstorms and high velocity winds. The pilot declares that the helicopter can crash any moment and passengers would have to jump out with the help of parachutes. The Governor is getting uneasy and asking you to do something. You hurriedly look for the parachutes in the emergency compartment of the helicopter. However, to your surprise, you can find only one parachute there. It effectively means either you or the Governor can use the parachute. One of you will have to sacrifice the life to save the other.

What are the alternatives available to you in this situation? What decision would you take? Substantiate your decision with the help of suitable arguments. (250 words) (20)

Q10.

You are posted as a junior doctor in a hospital in a left wing extremism affected district of Central India. Violence is a norm there and you treat many injured personnel and villagers on a daily basis. One night, you receive an unusual patient in the most unusual and horrific fashion. The patient is none other than the leader of the most prominent Naxal group in the

district. The leader was shot in an encounter with the police and managed to flee with some of his associates. They have barged into your home, held your family members hostage and are asking you to treat the leader. They are threatening to kill your family members if you don't comply.

You immediately start treating the leader. You realise that the wound is not serious and the leader can be treated successfully. However, an idea hits you. What if you knowingly kill the leader by injecting him with excessive anaesthesia! You can always tell the associates that you tried your best but couldn't save him. In any case, the Government has put a bounty of lakhs of rupees on the leader, dead or alive. By killing him, won't you be serving the cause of the nation? But at the same time, your conscience reminds you of the oath that you took as a doctor during your training days. Medical profession doesn't differentiate between the life of a criminal and that of a commoner!

How would you deal with this dilemma? What are the most important sources of ethical guidance in this situation Discuss. (250 words) (20)

Q11.

A high end restaurant cum bar is operational in the city where you are the Superintendent of Police (SP). The owner of the place is a good friend of yours. One day, the incumbent Government puts a blanket ban on the sale, purchase and consumption of alcohol in the state by implementing a law. Now anyone found selling, purchasing, serving or consuming alcohol will be subject to penalty and imprisonment. You have been given special instructions from the state headquarters that complete vigil and enforcement must be ensured in your jurisdiction.

The very next week your friend approaches you with a request. The marriage of the local MP's son is scheduled for the weekend. There will be guests from all over the states. Your friend has been given the onus to arrange liquor for the guests. He wants you to shut your eyes for this one particular event. He even tells you that the MP has given him the assurance that no action will be taken against the authorities for the violation of the latest law. In fact the MP is insistent that the local authorities cooperate with the management of the restaurant for smooth organisation of the event.

What options do you have in this case? Bring out the merits and limitations of the options and also tell which option will you choose and why? (250 words) (20)

Q12.

You are heading an important project in your company. Your senior has requested to take his son in the team for a short term internship of three months. You are reluctant to take a college student in such an important project and that too at a time when the deadline for completing the project is approaching. However, being junior to your boss, you accept his request and induct his son in your team. In a day only, you realise the intent and motivation of the intern. He tells you that he isn't interested in learning and that he won't be able to make any contribution to the project. In fact, he is more interested in classical music and painting. He has already enrolled for the classes and wants to utilise the internship period for honing his signing and painting skills. He tells you that his father has forced him to pursue engineering and if he doesn't obtain a certificate at the end of three months, his father would become really angry. He requests you to issue a certificate of completion of internship and get done with him. Since you have nothing to lose in this situation and you also sympathise with the son, you accede to his request.

Meanwhile, the HR vertical of the company takes a member from your team on loan for a period of three months on the assumption that the intern would assist the team during this period. You get irritated by this decision and intimate your boss about it. However, your boss is not in the mood of listening. He tells you that not only you need to part away with the team member but also impart good training to his son and extract meaningful contribution from him towards the project.

Discuss the alternatives available to you in this scenario. What decision would you take and why? Discuss. (250 words) (25)

Q13.

You have been assigned the job of assessing bids and awarding contracts for an important highway project. There are other members in your committee who would be assisting you in the job. Your team has received multiple bids and you start scanning them one by one, first evaluating the technical specifications followed by the financial bid. While scanning one of the bids, you realise that the technical specifications match perfectly with the requirements of the project and the prices quoted in the financial bid are really close to the acceptable

limits. The near perfectness of the bid creates suspicion in your mind. You discuss the same with your partners and they assure you to look into your concerns later on. However, when the day of the final award of the contract arrives, the other members unequivocally recommend that the contract be awarded to the same party. At this point of time, you are convinced that the other members must have connived with the party and shared the critical details. However, since the scope of the committee is to evaluate the bids purely on the merit of facts contained in the bid documents, the allegations of connivance and graft won't stand the scrutiny of logic. Your inner hunch has no place in the evaluation process.

What is the dilemma in this scenario? What are the options available to address this dilemma? Which one would you choose and why? Discuss. (250 words) (20)

Q14.

You are a judge in a special court constituted to adjudicate copyright cases. You have to deliver a judgment in the case of an affluent and powerful publication house which has alleged that a small town teacher has committed copyright violations. Some of the books published by the house have been photocopied and distributed amongst his students. The house has imposed a copyright violation lawsuit of Rs. One Crore against the teacher.

While adjudicating the case, you are told by the defence lawyer that the teacher is really poor and conducts classes for homeless and marginalised children who want to enter the prestigious engineering colleges of the country. Due to lack of resources, the teacher was forced to get the books photocopied as the original books would have cost much higher.

What judgment would you deliver in this case? Substantiate your judgment with suitable arguments. (250 Words) (25)

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