



**Think, Learn and Perform (TLP) 2019**  
**IASbaba's Mains Answer Writing Programme**

**Test 9**

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Table of Marks			Instructions
Q. No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	<p>Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are <b>FOURTEEN</b> questions.</li><li>All questions are compulsory.</li><li>The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.</li><li>The duration for the test is 180 minutes.</li><li>Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.</li><li>Content is more important than the number of words.</li></ul>
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## OVERALL FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

To be filled by the examiner

- Content is very much improved compared to previous tests.
- Hope you are working in stipulated time
- Ethics paper requires more brainstorming though questions are simple.
- Unique examples will attract marks.
- Use ethical terms while explaining case studies
- Try to come up with daily life examples, Unique story of famous

1. (a) Expand upon the concept of 'non-partisanship'. Discuss its significance in a democratic polity. (150 words) (10 Marks)

Non-partisanship connotes the quality of not being affiliated to or biased towards any political party or group.

It is expected of any government official or civil servants to be non-partisan as also emphasised under the civil service code of conduct *Eg: ?*

### Significance of non-partisanship

- ① It promotes unbiased, apolitical working of bureaucracy.
- ② Allows the person to stay committed to constitutional values rather than political ideologies.

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(3) Permits a civil servant to be people's servant irrespective of government on chair.

(4) Instills confidence to provide relevant advice to his political masters without prejudice.

(5) Enables public trust to adorn him/her with idea of justice being the foremost.

(6) Overall gives satisfaction of being neutral and committed to developmental objectives rather than divisive politics.

(7) Respects humour and dignity rather than the ideology ruling.

For example, Army has to take commands from political heads during crisis without being calculative on party lines.

*Write comprehensive conclusion.*



1. (b) Define the following terms with the help of suitable examples:  
(200 Words) (10 Marks)

- (i) Impartiality.
- (ii) Objectivity.
- (iii) Compassion.
- (iv) Empathy.

i) Impartiality: It is the ability to take decisions based on facts rather than supporting any side of a conflict or competition.

A person has to be fair and equitable in awarding punishments to crime and empathise with victims as well. One cannot get carried away by public emotions and sentiments  
eg: Nirbhaya gang rape case & juvenile involved

ii) Objectivity: Is the quality of giving due consideration to facts, logic behind while anticipating outcomes.

It plays key role in cost-benefit analysis for any development project or

analysing outcomes of social welfare scheme.

eg: If child sex ratio of a district is adverse, one has to objectively look into the cultural, economic, social reasons and address each rather than mere contingent implementation

iii) Compassion: Ability to sympathise a misfortune to someone and also try to alleviate it.

→ Mid day meal scheme at schools is as a result of compassionate embrace of children in BPL families, their health and future.

iv) Empathy: It is the capacity to understand and self experience the feelings, emotions and opinions of a person or people in distress without external help.

Empathy can bring in solutions to those in need of support.

eg: People around extend help monetarily during disasters due to empathy;



2. Given below is the quotation of moral thinker/philosopher. Bring out what it means to you in the present context:

(a) "An unexamined life is not worth living."

(150 Words) (10 Marks)

The Quote conveys the significance of ethical intuition, morality in life to examine everything about life.

For example, if our actions are not self judged, it leads to repetition of the same as a rabbit without examining its lightness or wrongness / ~~goodness~~ or badness.

A child copying in a class test if does not give a thought about it anytime, goes unchecked to the extent that, he/she may choose plagiarism or knowledge piracy in later years.

It is examining oneself that distinguishes man from animal behaviour.

The 6<sup>th</sup> sense serves the purpose of

Intellectual growth and moral adjudication,  
crimes so horrific in society as gang  
rape of children or genocide happens  
 because certain people have failed to  
 think about dos and don'ts or buried the  
intuitive insight deep within without foddering  
 it.

People who enabled their self  
desire to dig deep into oneself have  
 blossomed as fragrant flowers; serving as  
 lights, guiding people in society;

i) Nelson Mandela led South Africa  
 towards peace defeating his enemies not by  
 violence but by moral obligation.

ii) Mother Teresa, lived as an epitome  
of love after examining<sup>in</sup> what her life has  
 to be for.

Thus an unexamined life is not  
 worth living. Jesus said "the kingdom of  
 God is within you"; let's examine.

Good.



Eg : Mahatma Gandhi Vs  
Harilal Gandhi (Son of  
Gandhi)

Vivekananda Vs Narendranath  
Datta.

(Previous name  
of Vivekananda)

Viveka means filter  
→ "Joy of discrimination"

3 2. Given below is the quotation of moral thinker/philosopher. Bring out what it means to you in the present context:

(b) "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance" (150 Words)  
(10 marks)

In the Indian philosophical system, the superior way of living is to seek and attain supreme knowledge that merges common individuals with the divine.

Knowledge about anything is necessary to utilise it for well being or prevent temptations.

eg: If one has no knowledge of fire, there is a possibility to get engulfed in it.

Right knowledge guides us in making appropriate decisions at testing times.

eg: Choosing right candidate as Legislator

- Making a choice of what to do with our life itself.

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Sanskrit quote "Nahi Ivanene Sadasham" (There is nothing

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Ignorance is not only equivalent to destructive but has the potential to also scald people dependent.

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Sometimes it is seen, a drunken father ruins an entire family or a tyrant leader leads a country towards war and destruction.

Give different perspective

But knowledge alone is not sufficient; if we consider information and experience as knowledge, it is wisdom to use the knowledge at right time that is essential.

Eg: Hitler perspective on wisdom calls for introspection; tries to do good and be good, and includes people into one's ambit.

Prosecution of Jews  
- Ignorance on Tobacco use

- Ignorance is thinking that letting an have before swimming causes cramps.



3. (a) Why is tolerance a much needed social virtue in today's world? Substantiate with the help of suitable examples. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Tolerance is the ability to accept differences of beliefs, actions from oneself while not approving or agreeing to it is necessary.

### AS A SOCIAL VIRTUE

① World with improved capacity to travel and communicate is becoming closer.

*Significance*  
eg: ~~Colleges~~ these days have students from different ethnic, social, religious background.

*Human emotions*  
② Coming closer of people results in more interaction and hence differences.

*Consequences and situations*  
eg: while some eat beef, some eat pork and some eat neither.

*Globalization has blurred the borders*  
③ Social discussions have possibility to turn violent and revolutionary.

*Religion*  
eg: chaos in Sabarimala temple when women entered.

*It can further the escalation of problem.*



(4) Tolerance promotes mutual faith  
and trust's while Imposition of majority  
Opinion creates social conflicts.

eg: Intergenerational disputes on role of  
girls in a family

(5) Tolerance helps live diversity;  
if not we are progressing towards  
homogeneity.

eg: Stereotyping tribals have led them <sup>thus a</sup>  
towards contempt for their culture and loss.

(6) Tolerance promotes empathy  
and social capital.

eg: Coming together of many individuals  
for LGBTQ Rights.

Protection of persecuted minorities  
or refugees in other countries than natality.

Tolerance is a social virtue that  
feeds humanity. What we need as a community  
of over 7 billion is it to coexist peacefully.

3. (b) Is poverty a manifestation of absence of compassion and empathy in a society? Critically examine. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Poverty <sup>Yes</sup> is <sup>No.</sup> deprivation of basic needs ; of work ; of love ; of care.

Totally 22% of the world is reeling under poverty while 1/3rd of it is in India.

As a manifestation of absence of compassion and empathy:

① In US 70% ~~own~~ wealth is owned by top 1% while in India it is 55% ~~who own~~ by 1%.

② If not everybody is capable of alleviating material poverty, atleast we are empowered to share our time or love for someone.

③ Even it is internationally evident that countries are not ready to include

poor is getting poorer and rich is getting richer.



Eg: NGOs, Bill gates and

Children fleeing war, Persecution  
their Society.

eg: Syrian war or Rohingya crisis.

Close to 60,000 have died or ~~seas~~ in  
escaping such atrocities last decade.

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For  
other  
argument.

(4) Rich countries consuming relatively  
larger are using countries under extreme  
poverty as dumping grounds polluting their  
soil, water.

This led Africa towards joining for  
preventing the evil.

(5) Corporates who exploit natural  
capital have refused to be responsible.

eg: Thonson & Thonson sell recalled implants  
from US and Europe in India; causing  
correction surgery.

Good examples are scattered too.

In US, 20 Billionaires asked presidential  
candidates to tax them more to achieve  
climate actions and achieve SDGs.

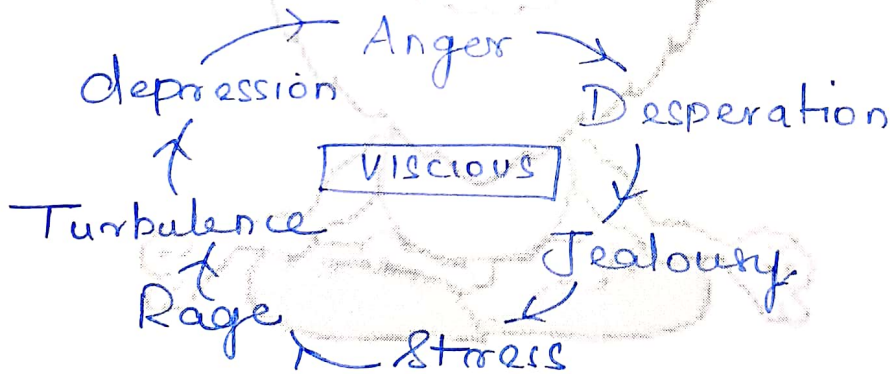
Compassion, can help prevent poverty with  
existing resources.

4. (a) When our emotional health is in a bad state, so is our level of self-esteem.  
We have to slow down and deal with what is troubling us, so that we can  
enjoy the simple joy of being happy and at peace with ourselves. Elucidate.  
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

It states of emotional intelligence's importance to be in a good status of overall health.

According to WHO, good status of health includes mental health, that has emotional health as one of its components.

### Bad State of emotional Health



→ In state of jealousy, one cannot appreciate friendship; But only bitterness

→ In depression, self doubt arises on capabilities

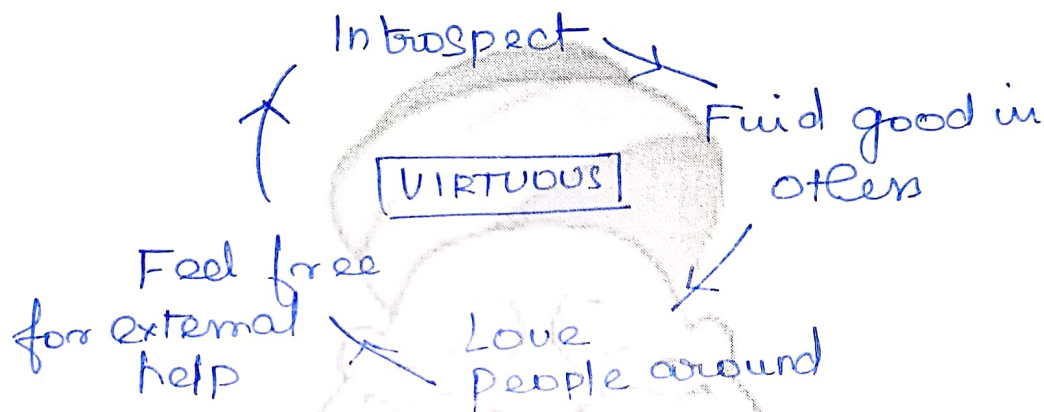
→ In anger, one spews venom and hurts everyone around.



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For example, Terrorism and killing of school children in Pakistan is a result of bad emotional charge; Religious riots are also as a result of emotional attachment.

To enjoy good emotions



- The Dalailama says just as food hygiene is important for stomach, emotional hygiene for mind.

- People who are great in service, were all good emotional managers. eg: Mahatma Gandhi says "Nobody can hurt me without my permission".

Emotions are great energies; if channeled well they can be highly productive if not tumultuous.

Good

4. (b) As more and more artificial intelligence is entering into the world, more and more, emotional intelligence must enter into leadership. Comment.  
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Artificial Intelligence is the display of human like intellectual capacity to learn from experiences and enhance decisions from it just like men does.

One distinguishing factor is the ability of human to work on emotional level; and hence it must lead the machines too.

Ancient yoga text divides men into

Physical or Body	} 4 levels of work or where karma occurs.
Emotional	
Mind	
Energy	

EI in leadership:

- It is necessitated by the fact that AI can be ruthless, as it works without emotions and leadership is necessary to channelize well.



China is adopting automated racism with AI to map Uighurs; which can be dangerous.

— Already material oriented education has dispelled value for emotions like love, dedication etc.; and if now world leadership lacks it, world has AI to turn completely into mode of exploitation. ie capability enhances to explore moons and planets but not conquer human minds like the historical leaders and spiritual ones do.

It is EI that helps empathise with people, hence leadership has to be adequately possessing it, to use AI to overcome social problems and economic miseries rather than only comfort for riches.

World now needs EI, which WEF has listed among top leadership qualities for the next decades to come.

5. Is an emotionally intelligent person a better administrator? Illustrate.  
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

Emotionally intelligent is one who perceives, analyses and uses emotional information to achieve goals and harmony.

Give proper definition of EI

EI and administration:

① EI supports team working ; to keep all together emotionally bonded.

eg: S.R. Sankaran, former IAS Officer was instrumental in bringing up SC/ST component Plan ; abolishing child labour with support of people around.

② Helps to be self motivated as well as keep people around in same energy.

eg: PM Modi addressed letter in personal touch to all loparches to conserve rain water delivered via district collectors.



③ EI helps to maintain good work environment, with thriving relations between colleagues. with informality.

eg: Use of national festivals or regional festivals to promote cohesion among people with group activities like dance, skit etc..

can manage any group  
- Balancing personal

④ EI brings a sense of belonging and prevents psychological and emotional vacuum.

In Iceland administrators tried hard to promote post school group activities like sports, dance to prevent youngsters falling captiv to drugs, alcohol and addiction.

and professional life  
Depression and anxiety  
- tolerance

⑤ EI strives to bring a work-life balance; understanding family situations of workers is essential to enable them be stress free with optimum leisure.

Thus EI brings in a good administrator.

6. What is emotional management? Why managing one's emotions is important to excel in professional and personal life. Discuss. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

EM or Emotional management is the ability to be self aware of one's emotional impulses, self manage and audite one's emotional upsurges.

Need for EM in professional life:

- ① To build rapport among fellow employees
- ② Prevent build up of stress and be self aware of when do we need breaks
- ③ Self control in interactions of formal types and strike good deals.
- ④ Enable team spirit and act as organs of one single organism in union; employees dedicate more time for organisations that makes them happy.

EM in personal life

- ① To become aware of needs of different



members of family. eg: An extra helping hand at kitchen, brings smile and support.

② To mutually be supportive to achieve their dreams rather than hindrances.

eg: Understand that old age people do not like to be destituted but enjoy company of children.

③ Become resonant with positive feelings like love and happiness in family rather than contempt, dislike.

eg: It helps understand likes/dislikes of children; or expectations of parents from children and harmonise.

Though Steve jobs was successful in his firm; he could never make his employees happy often displaying his displeasure, shouting at people; firing at will rather than helping them perform better.

Organisational success lies in managing emotions well.



7. Nobody gets to be good at something without effort, no matter what your aptitude is. Analyse the statement. (150 Words) (10 Marks)

Aptitude is an inherent ability  
Or innate talent in something.

eg: People from mountainous terrain have  
strong limbs to run.

Aptitude without effort:

Though certain people are called  
"born genius" or "child prodigy" One  
cannot keep up the performance or talent  
without sustained efforts to hone it  
continuously.

eg: Even great singers like Padma  
Vibushan Yesudas practice 13 hours a day.

Just that people are physically  
fit and get recruited to army, they  
are not let loose but are put to a  
daily testing routine with exercise and  
discipline; testing endurance often.

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When Mary kom returned to Boxing rings after child Britle, she had to train even emotionally to be away from her children for long durations and fight the opponent.

Being humble

Without sustained efforts, person is to become indolent and sloth pulling towards procrastination and undermining their talents.

Being grounded  
hungry  
learn more

If an administrator who has gained good reputation and credentials from public, stops visiting them or listening to them suddenly; it all vaporizes quickly.

Efforts keep up the morale, confidence, fortitude and builds strength to face adversity without being lax and being on life rather than distancing from life to become couch potatoes succumbing to temptations.



8. One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion. Elucidate. (150 Words)  
(10 Marks)

It emphasises the importance of living life as a "way of giving".

It is an important cultural trait ingrained in India to live life with at least small sacrifices.

Gandhi says "By giving, the giver reaps thousand times more" and is also emphasised by Krishna in Gita.

How attribution, adds value

→ It purifies our thought and enormously improves capacity to do things for good reason.

For example, pay taxes not to escape legal sanction but to help the needy indirectly.



→ It helps to make every act of ours more profound and involved with the idea of serving people.

eg: cooking meals at school for children or cleaning roads for common use.

→ Enriches life with social capital of people and community support to solve small problems.

Recent reports states, more modern a civilisation becomes, voluntary efforts and charity are lost.

→ Gives satisfaction of leading a good life of meaningful contribution to people

- eg: Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Mukwege is called by people as Dr. Miracle for his contribution in curing women victims of sexual violence.

Life lived with enormous contribution, and including others as oneself is overwhelmingly enriching for self too.

Section-B

9

You belong to a traditional middle class family. Both your father and mother are teachers in a government school and keep Indian values in high esteem. They have ensured that you achieve the best education possible and therefore made you go to the most advanced and expensive schools of the city. With the limited salary and resources, they put you in the best college of Delhi. They have always believed that while values can be taught at home, best of the knowledge can be imparted in the best educational institutions only. With this belief, they made you learn the values of honesty, truthfulness and modesty at home while you learnt science, history, literature and economics in the school and college.

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But little did they know that knowledge can change one's values. You have come to realise that life isn't a fair playing field. While your parents taught you that truth always prevailed, history gave you a lesson that clout and power can lead to victory. While they taught you to remain honest even during adversities, political science created a perception that there is nothing wrong in being an opportunist. While you learnt to have faith in God, science debunked the idea of a cosmic supernatural power that created life and rather put forth the theories like big bang and evolution. In a nutshell, all the values taught by your parents seem to have been contradicted or diluted by your knowledge. You have realised that practical life is vastly different from an ideal conceptualisation of a value driven life.

The contradictions have created some problems for you. Many a times, you feel that the expectations of your parents aren't really practical. However, you don't want to confront them as they have suffered a lot for giving you a quality life and you don't want to hurt them. But at the same time you also want to make them understand that certain decisions can't be taken only on the basis of one's absolute conception of right and wrong. Your parents are uncompromising about their values whereas you have an outlook that espouses balance.

Now, on the basis of your reading of the preceding two paragraphs, answer the following questions:

- Is it true that values taught by the family and those acquired through knowledge gained in schools and colleges often contradict each other? Critically analyse.
- Don't you feel the very contradictions created by such values create a generation gap? Examine with the help of suitable examples.
- How would you reconcile the differences in opinion with your parents created by such contradictions? (300 Words) (25)

1) Mention Stake holders

2) Mention Dilemma



Contradicted  
Not Contradicted } write under separate subheadings

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c) Sometimes, it may seem that values taught at home are of course in real life situations if we get overtly biased with new generational logical learning.

eg: Rationality of religion vs science  
or Survival of fittest vs sacrifice

Eg: Karma  
Yoga,  
Nishkama

When people compete ruthlessly for minimal resources like employment or wealth values like humanity or compassion seems to evaporate.

Karma  
Children  
don't feel  
relevant

But, we fail to often realize that;

i) values taught in home are primarily for individual self management and those at college is for professional/material success

ii) Only morally sound individuals can make world a paradise while discounting moral values like integrity, humility or modesty leads to destructive trends of economic exploitation of earth and



## Social deprivation among marginalised

b)

Contradicting values between generation leads to generation gap's

— While our ancestors insisted sacrificing individual interest on collective interest; current generation favours individualism.

Example

Mahatma Gandhi and Jai Hind

Previously emphasis was on moral courage and high values to be highest achievements while now material wealth is prominent as success.

Technology

But there are also certain evils the current generation confronts with courage:

— Caste based distinctions and gender justice is more upheld by current than older generations.

— The evil of dowry or female infanticide is now more given up.

— Equality and equity now has mean to appreciation by most.

Flexibility and life long learning shall enable both generations learn from the virtues of each other and be mutually beneficial.

— Less Content.  
— Know the word limit

### c) Reconciling differences

— Learn to first appreciate the vitality in their teachings.

— Bring in the logical and factual examples to show how current trends are operating. eg: of highest achievements in current society like explorations of universe.

— Help them read modern day literature also and be ir relevant to current times.

— Appreciate their support in your endeavours and seek it.

— Persuasion

— With proof

— Ground reality

— Everyone cannot be wrong



10.

In an unfortunate accident, one of your subordinates is hit by a car while riding his bike to office. He dies at the spot and his body is brought to the morgue of the city hospital. You and your colleagues visit the city hospital. The wife and kids of your subordinate are unconsolable. You are deeply disturbed to see all this. The kids are still in school and the wife is a homemaker. The savings aren't much to sustain the family for long. The only way out of the suffering can be the compensation paid by the life insurance company. However, the insurance company would require a report from the police about the accident that took the life of your subordinate. You talk to the police and get to know that the accident has taken place on the highway passing right across the city. Two wheelers aren't allowed on the highway and if the police mentions the same in the report, the family would be denied any compensation from the insurance company. That would mean an effective end to the last hope for the family.

Your colleagues suggest that the only way out of this situation is to bribe the concerned police officer to fudge the report to show that the accident took place on the service road. The police officer has agreed to give a false report if paid Rupees Fifty Thousand in cash.

Now answer the following questions:

- What kind of dilemma confronts you in this situation?
- How would you address this dilemma? (250 words) (20)

a) Stakeholders

① Family of the dead — Needs help to sustain economically

② Police — Ready to give false report for bribe.

③ Insurance Company — Who pays compensation on death on pre informed conditions.

## Dilemma faced:

- ① Empathy to the family Vs Honesty
- ② Rule of law Vs Family Suffering.

① → Here, if the family has to receive the compensation, the police has to be bribed ; made to write false report and then submitted to the insurance company for claim.

② → Driving two wheeler in highways is prohibited and it makes the family ineligible for the compensation. But producing forged documents can bring in it as a norm for other such future violations and promote fraudulent acts persisting in the company.



## b) Addressing the dilemma:

I would not permit giving bribe to police for forging documents; I will genuinely report the incident and state about the family situation to the insurance company.

If in no way they shall receive compensation, I would try to raise fund from the empathising employees or through social media platforms and give it to the family and extend any future help if needed.

### REASONS

- Bribing is against law and is morally wrong to pay a price for getting it done.
- Asking a police Official to turn the papers to our favour is also against his conduct code and morality.

mention  
words  
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Rule of  
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(Intuition)

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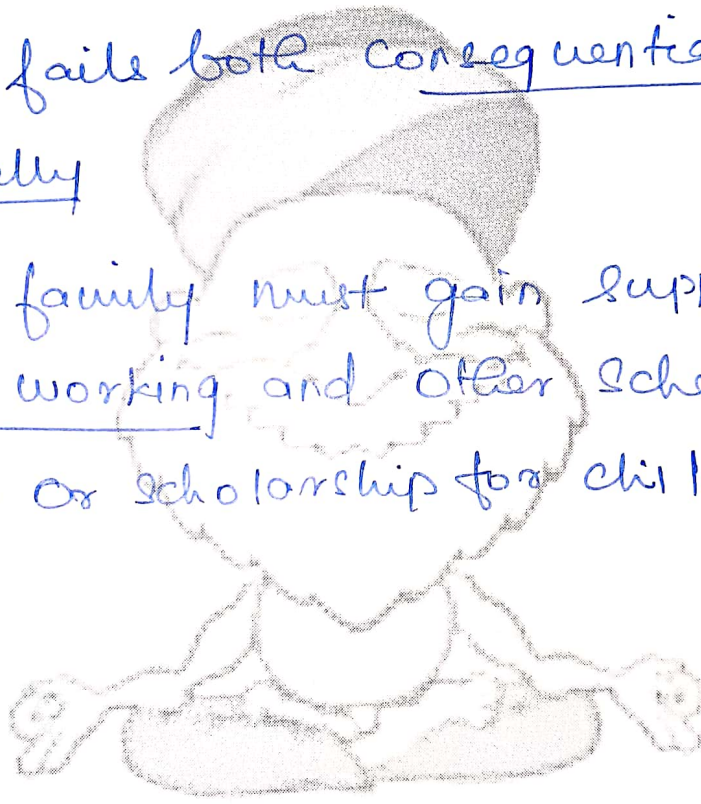
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- This act also fails principle of Universality as it will in future promote such actions in police station.

- It 'll fail to deter two wheelers from using highways and endanger many more lives.

- It fails both consequentially and categorically

- The family must gain support of the employees working and other schemes of government or scholarship for children if available.





11.

While processing an important file of your department, you realise that something is fishy about the proposals made by your subordinate. A decision based purely on merit would mean the rejection of proposal and hence saving crores of rupees to the exchequer. However, you realise that your seniors have been pressing too hard for the proposal to be accepted by the concerned Minister. In fact, your immediate boss has given you indirect signals that there is tremendous pressure from higher political echelons to pass the proposal without delving too much into its merits. In a nutshell, the incumbent political class is 'interested' in the proposal as it would benefit their friends and family.

You firmly believe that the proposal sans merit and if passed, it would be illegal and incorrect. You decide not to buckle under pressure and write your views on the file independent of any bias or pressure. When the file reaches your boss, he gets furious and calls for you. When you meet him, he scolds you badly, tears the note from the file and asks you to either cooperate or face consequences. When you tell him that you can't go beyond the legal boundaries and that any future inquiry might jeopardise your career, your boss directs you to go on a medical leave. By doing so, not only you will be saved; in your absence a willing and compliant officer would be deputed in your place to get things done.

Now you are in a big dilemma. If you don't go on leave and stand by your views, you can be transferred far away from your family in the remotest of locations possible. That would mean misery for you and your family. But if you go on leave and in your absence, the proposal gets through, it would amount to turning a blind eye to the wrongdoings you are well aware of.

Now consider the following alternatives:

- You would take leave and go out for a long holiday with your family.
- You won't agree to the idea of taking leave and insist that the file be sent with facts and views based on actual merit and unbiased assessment.
- You would become a whistleblower and bring it to the notice of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Examine the pros and cons of each of these alternatives and also give reasons for the one that you would choose. (300 Words) (25)

Stakeholders :

① Government - Proposal causes loss of Crores to exchequer

- ② Myself - Risk of transfer and being away from family
- ③ People - Tax money has to be efficiently spent.
- ④ Bosses - Who answers to concerned ministers.

a) Taking Medical leave:

Merits

- It shall save my current position in the place posted.
- Harmony with senior officials
- Smooth transaction of business in the department.

Demerit

- Loss of my integrity
- Economic loss to the government & people.
- Further many such events may happen again in my life compromising honesty.
- Lack of probity in govt. decisions made.



b) Being true to the position held,

Merits:

- Upholding the constitutional values of rule of law, equality before law
- Saving crores of rupees for exchequer.
- Setting an example for others in the Organisation.
- Procreate honest future officials.
- Morally hold the department responsible for people's money.

Demerits:

- Face transfer, be away from family.
- Face wrath of political officials.
- Taints my people still.

c) Become a whistle blower and inform  
PMO.

Merits

- it may end the dilemma with integrity to people's money.

- Prudent decision
- Fear among the wrong does
- Sets an example.

### Demerit

- Risk Of my life as previous examples say so.
- PMO may not entertain every such note as adequate powers are ingrained in civil officials itself
- Gain wrath of media, public and the political class.

### My Choice :

I would choose option (b) of sternly facing the transfer if they donot change the position and save cost as it would be morally exonerating

- Mention your course of action (step by step)



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12.

You have just been posted as the SP of a district known for its rich mineral resources. However, the abundance of natural resources also invites illicit trade and associated crimes. On the very first day of your induction, you are told by your superiors that the local mining mafia is really powerful there and you must be careful in your dealings with them. As disturbing the scenario in the district might be, you are more perturbed by the fact that no one seems to come up with a solution. You start getting the sense that the wrongdoings of the mining mafia largely go unnoticed as many senior bureaucrats and politicians are hand in gloves with them. The mafia enjoys heavy clout in the political circles as they are the prime source of electoral funding for the political parties. Similarly, bureaucrats enjoy their cut in the money that is extorted by the mafia from various stakeholders. Government regulations and institutional control don't seem to exist in your district. Environmental norms are flouted, innocent and honest people are targeted if they don't comply and crime is on the rise as the nexus of lawlessness and money power breeds criminals.

Being the determined officer you are, you start tightening the noose around the mafia. You start streamlining the systems hitherto kept in abeyance by your predecessors. You start a consultation process with the local landholders whose rights have been compromised to get a close view of the ground reality. You get to know that the youth in your district is largely jobless and gets infatuated by the money on offer by the mafia and take to criminal activities easily. Hardly any of the miners possess a valid license to operate and yet mining activities continue unabated. Immediately, you start a closure drive on the illegal mines and within a week, only licensed and authorised mine operators are running the mines in your district. You also convince the youth to stay away from criminal activities and rather participate constructively in the drive launched by the police to make the district a safer and better place. The local newspapers are praising your courage and dedication. There doesn't seem to be a problem and you start wondering- why was it so difficult in the past?

However, within a week, you and your family start receiving death threats from the mafia. Calls start pouring in from senior bureaucrats and politicians to turn a blind eye to the situation in your district. In fact, your office stops receiving the monthly allowance to maintain the police force. You are forced to spend from your pocket to fund the diesel that goes into patrolling the disturbed areas of your district. The situation turns worse when your salary is stopped for a frivolous reason. All of a sudden, you find yourself alone. Everyone is against you- the colleagues in the department, the political masters and of course the mafia. You start thinking about the safety of your family and send them to your parents in your home state. All your good work has been rewarded with threats and fear.

Now, answer the following questions:

- Does there remain any motivation for you to work for the betterment of the society?
- Don't you think such things happen in reality? How do you suggest one deals with it?
- Can a person single handily change a system? Critically analyse.

What are your views in this regard? (250 words) (20)

2) Motivation to do better for society:

For a civil servant, motivation has to come from within, i.e. the self and must not seek outside though it is essential.

It is morally wrong and legally wrong to permit such activities in the vicinity and it itself is a motivation to change.

Other motivation

- The scenario will change in long run.
- Justice cannot be shut always. The media, the judiciary and people are watching.
- My work will benefit people around the region.
- It will prevent accumulation of Black money and wrong electoral funding.
- My integrity is not compromised though my physical security is under threat.



b) Yes, such things can happen in reality and has been reported in media.

Methods to deal:

- Mention role of:*
- Take Support Of media and people and be transparent with finding.
  - Strongly Oppose the injustice to *break its continuity.*
  - Take help of higher officials or any sympathising leader to ensure Physical security with guards.
  - Submit documents and disclose them in websites of concerned department.
  - Convince family of the good work done and gain their support.
- Administrative*  
*Judiciary*  
*Public support*  
*NGO*  
*Media*

c) Single person cannot change the system but his moral courage and fortitude can bring a long lasting impact.

~~Integrity~~ - It is honest and trustworthy  
~~for~~ ~~Officials~~ ~~whom~~ people want to handle  
~~their~~ ~~money~~.  
~~Society~~ - The courage showcased shall

definitely bring out supporting members  
 of the same official fraternity.

- people shall be answered  
 with enough information, which will  
 make them demand same from other  
 also.

It was all single person who  
 changed situations in their countries like  
Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela,  
Aung Sang Sui Kyi etc..

The key is in bringing the  
 genuinity to people

ex: CAG Vinod Rai in  
 coal scam,  
 2G spectrum case, Vyapam  
 scandal.



13.

You are the CPIO in a government department. You respond to RTI queries directly or transfer it to the concerned section/ division for necessary action. One day, an RTI activist comes to meet you and asks you to give certain information that is outside the purview of RTI. When you deny him, he threatens you that he would inundate your office with frivolous RTI queries and make your life miserable. While you don't pay heed to his threats, you become more alert now. In a week, the inevitable starts. Each single day, you start receiving hundreds of RTI queries, most of them being frivolous and arbitrary. However, it takes a lot of time to dispose them off even if you deny the information being sought by the applicants. You start fearing that the pendency will keep on rising and you may not be able to address them in the stipulated time prescribed in the RTI Act. You start realising that you have become a victim of RTI terrorism!

In this situation, what alternatives do you have? Which one would you choose and why? Substantiate your response. (250 words) (20)

### Stakeholders:

- ① RTI act — it empowers people and brings Scams out.
- ② CPIO — who is facing RTI terrorism.
- ③ genuine RTI applicants — whose case gets lost among frivolous ones.

Option 1: To give the information demanded by the applicant RTI activists.

mentioned ethical dilemmas

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Merits:

- Saves from further such troubles
- peaceful working.
- can do justice to other genuine applicants.

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Demerits:

- it will encourage many such RTI activists
- the Office will often be threatened
- It is legally wrong to do so.

Option 2: Maintain the status quoMerits: It will frustrate the RTI activistsDemerits:

- Undermine genuine ones also.
- Prevent efficient use of RTI
- increase pendency.
- reduce my efficiency as CPIO.



Option 3: File a complaint against

~~the~~ RTI activist with the concerned  
authority of RTI terrorism and  
prevent him from furthering his act-

Next:

Acting  
against  
frivolous  
RTI!

RTI amendments  
Course of  
action?



Go through 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC  
summary

— Know RTI amendments  
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4.

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 remain 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:

- a) Hire some labourers and destroy the remaining parts of your police station building.
- b) When disaster assessment team comes, you tell them building collapsed by the cyclone, and ask them to give priority in funding, after all the police station is one 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) (20)

This Case Study checks the priority to be during disaster relief operations of state.

Stakeholders:

- ① People affected - who need immediate support
- ② the police station - which needs grants for repair
- ③ Inspector - who reports about the loss during disaster to Disaster assessment team.

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## Options available:

① Do as per order of DSP:

Report that structure was damaged during cyclone and receive the grant after damaging the remaining with hired labourers.

### Advantages:

- Quickly receiving grant to build newly.

### Disadvantage:

- Loss of moral values of truthfulness, honesty
- Compromises with the needs of people in the area and certain amount from their fund is allocated here.
- Contravention of law.

② Report truly as it had happened; without further damages to structure remaining intact.

### Advantages:

- Being true to inner self and to the government's Peoples worry.

- Receive exact amount for damage caused by disaster only.
- No share from people's money actually allocated

### Disadvantage:

- Not sufficient money would be allocated for complete repair
- Delay further in grants to be allocated
- No improvement in structure.

I will choose option ② as it is duly allocated for people in distress.

I will intimate to authorities about the distressing condition of the police station, which is further exacerbated by the cyclone and I will try to get grants allocated as soon as possible by legally correct channel and mechanism. Let the money allocated for people reach them in entirety;

Also damaging additionally after cyclone is loss to the public finance and it is negligence to do so which adds cost to the already struggling economy of the state.

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- Convince the assessment team regarding the intensity of Cyclones, and life risk
- Public property significance
- Prime importance
- For the welfare of society
- Huge impact on society
- Natural disasters are inevitable.
- Economical ways to construct the building