

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 duration for the test is 180 minutes.</li> <li>The answers must not exceed 150 words for 10 markers and 250 for 10 markers.</li> <li>Content is more important than the number of words.</li> </ul> <p><u>4:30 PM</u></p>
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250		112	

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## OVERALL FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

To be filled by the examiner

- + Overall attempt v-good SUNABH.
  - + You have presented clean and neat write up.
  - + Content is v-good. Very relevant use of examples.
  - + Structure is your all time strength.
  - + I wish you will attempt final paper with this approach and vigour.
  - + All the best always!
  - + Case study part also addressed well.
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Parameters	Overall assessment
Content	Good
Structure	V. Good
Presentation	V. Good
Value Addition	Good

# IASBABA

Q1.

(a) With the help of suitable examples, examine the significance of professional codes as a determinant of ethics in human action. (150 words) (10 Marks)

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Professional codes.

- These are also called as codes of conduct in an organisation.

Still try to define it

Code of conduct / Professional codes as a determinant of ethics in human action

(set of standards, rules ...)

2. This is a step towards ethical code of conduct

Professional code + emotions  $\Rightarrow$  Ethical code.

It brings efficient, probity,

eg - Treating everyone without discrimination (code professional).

Neutrality et c.

+ Internalisation



ethics of equality

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- ② Professional codes are objective.  
(so ~~easy~~ to implement/impose).

eg - No one will come late  
(~~salary~~ cut for late comers)

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Punctuality (Ethics)

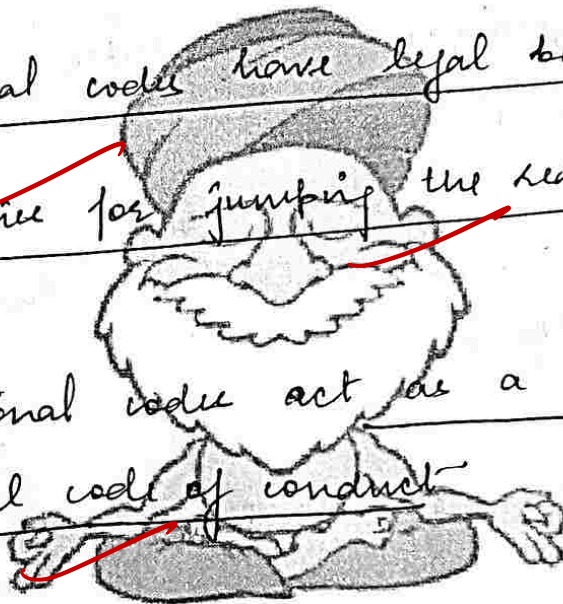
Give  
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- ③ Professional codes have legal backing.  
eg - ~~fine~~ for ~~jumping~~ the red light.

All India  
services  
conduct

So, professional codes act as a precursor  
to ethical code of conduct

Rules  
etc.



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It brings a discipline, targets, motto  
in an organisation which if  
internalised will turn into ethical  
code of conduct in human action  
with maximalist approach.



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

(10 Marks)

(i) Social capital

(ii) Uprightness

(iii) Compassion

(iv) Humanity

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i) Social Capital - capital of trust, dignity,  
quality service delivery, honesty, efficiency

good relations with an individual or  
an organisation

eg - ITC Tughal (in Agra) took efforts  
to clean and sanitise area around  
Taj Mahal.



Social capital enhanced

more customers  
more tourists.

Good  
content  
with  
approach.

ii) Uprightness

- state of being respected, honoured  
in revered in an organisation  
or in society.

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- like <sup>shining</sup> moon ~~is~~ in the mid of the stars

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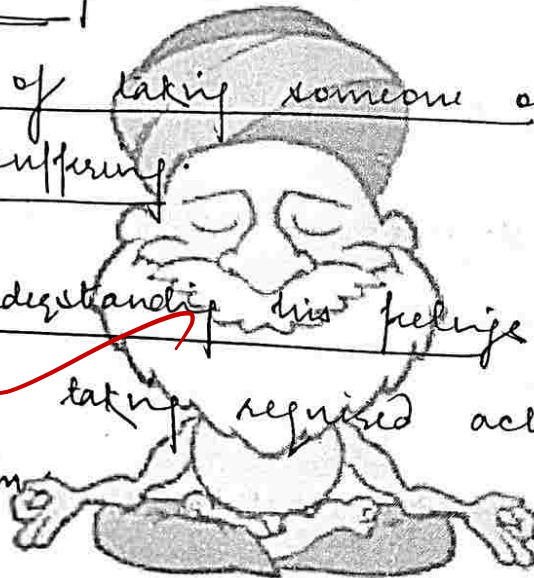
eg - TN Sathan (former election commissioner)  
didn't bow down to pressure from  
politician ~~and~~ did several electoral  
reforms.

ii) Compassion

Well  
structured

A real of taking someone out of  
his suffering.

First understanding his feelings and situation  
and then ~~taking~~ required action to  
help him.



(Empathy + action → compassion)

eg - A very poor boy who was  
hungry for last 2 days got  
some food, ~~but~~ he is feeding  
a dog also with that food.

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Only a heart filled with <sup>love</sup> ~~joy~~ can be  
compassionate.

iv) Humanity

Philosophy of treating all humans without  
taking into consideration their caste, creed,  
religion, race, sex or nationality. with  
equality and dignity

→ Respecting humans for just being humans

→ Love for mankind

eg- Langars (common food distribution)  
at gurdwaras.

Vivekanand said, "Iva hi shiva hai"  
that means the Lord resides in the  
humans only.

(4)



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

(a) "Integrity has no need of rules." (150 words) (10 Marks)

Integrity - having a sync between what  
you think, what you say and  
what you do.

Gandhiji said; "Integrity can't be expected  
from cheap people".

Integrity has no need of rules

1. A man who has integrity, will follow  
integrity even if no one is looking.

• He doesn't require any rules to  
follow integrity.

eg. following traffic rules.

(Even if there is no red light  
or any policemen to check  
on you).



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eg- if you find a wallet on the street, you waited for some time (if anyone comes), and after that you inform about it to police.

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Integrity.

(as you could have easily taken that money)

↓  
no rules

eg- during covid times

A man of integrity will follow

- name of social distancing
- wear mask
- don't go out unnecessarily.
- will also motivate others.

even if there is relaxation in name of lockdown.

Well  
presented

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(b) "In civilized life, law floats in a sea of ethics." (150 words) (10 Marks)

Civilised life - A life lived with morality,  
uprightness. ~~taking~~ conscience into  
main frame.

- Respect for humane, human rights,  
justice, common goods and social  
rules.

- Civilised life is a life of ethics.

Law floats in a sea of ethics.

• Ethics forms the basis of law in  
a civilised society.

• Few / less laws will be required.

• Honesty, Integrity, Compassion are  
the values of a civilised society.

Focus is  
missed.

'Q' is  
Ethics is

always  
broader  
than

Law.

Ethics  
Law

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- Harmony between thoughts, words and  
deeds of individual.

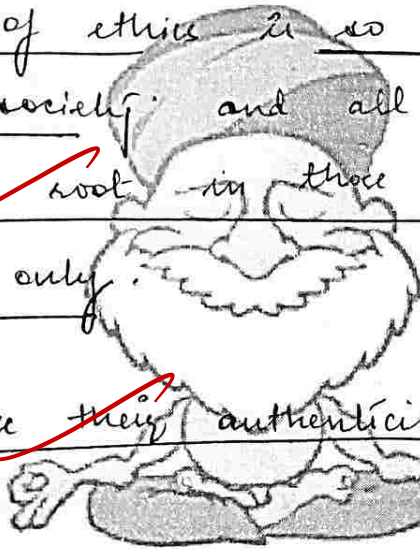


Flourish even if no rules exist



Integrity.

The sea of ethics is so vast in a  
civilised society and all the laws  
have their root in these ethical  
principles only.



- Laws derive their authenticity from  
ethics.

- Laws are for progress and growth in  
a civilised society.



to maintain superiority of ethics.

2.5

Q3.

(a) Examine the ways in which entertainment media shape the values and benchmark for success. Should the society in general be concerned of the influence of entertainment media on children. Share your views. (150 words) (10 Marks)

Entertainment media such as T.V, movies, social media (Facebook, Instagram), YouTube play a major role in shaping the values.

Ways in which entertainment media shape the values and success.

1. In early age (childhood).

- child learn new things

e.g. Chota Bheem (a T.V serial) shows the values of honesty, courage.



Values are shaped.



Helps in achieving success.

2. In juvenile phase.

Hormonal motivation in this age.

Try to relate with theory

+ Influence

+ Attitude

formation

etc.



Juvenile.

good exposure.

- study
- good company and friends.
- respect for women, elders etc.

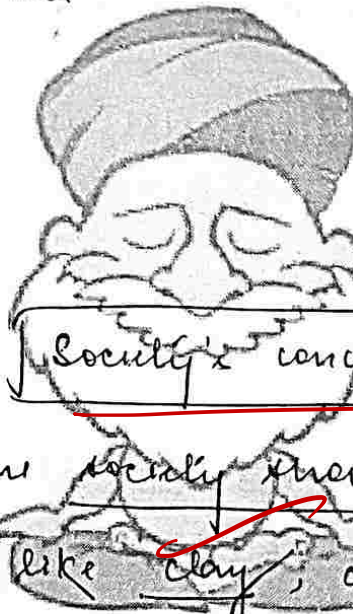
↓  
Good values are learnt  
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Success.

Sad exposure.

- eve-teasing
- pornography
- drugs/alcohol.

↓  
Bad values.

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Failure / ~~crimes~~ / Depression.



or Adolescence.

Society's concern on children

- Definitely the society should be concerned.
  - children are like clay; can be moulded in any shape.
  - Here comes the role of parents, family teachers. and society overall to keep a vigil on children and what all they are watching/viewing.
- "children of today are leaders of tomorrow"

(b) Consistency between words and actions is an important attribute for ethical behavior in personal and public life. Do you agree? Substantiate your views.  
(150 words) (10 Marks)

Candidate must write this in

Consistency between words and actions is called as Integrity and it is an important attribute for ethical behaviour.

Integrity — ethical behaviour

1. Less ethical dilemmas come in front of an integral man

Personal life

eg - A man teaches his son to follow happiness but doesn't follow it himself

↓  
Difference in words and actions

↓  
no integrity.

↓  
Child will also not learn that or will not find it relevant.

Well structured

It brings  
probability,  
accountability  
too.

Public life:

eg - A man has respect for women in words & actions

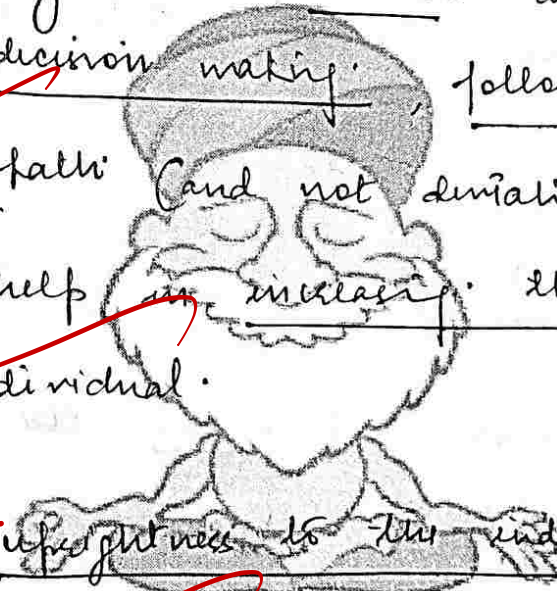
↓  
Better working place.

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Good productivity of organisation.

So, consistency between words and actions help in decision making, following a

righteous path (and not deviating from it).

and so help in increasing the performance of the individual.



It gives uprightness to the individual.

eg - Judhichis always had consistency between his words and actions both in public and personal life.

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Q4.

(a) What do you understand by the cognitive and behavioral components of attitude? With the help of suitable examples, examine their significance in one's life. (150 words) (10 Marks)

Attitude - learned pre-disposition or tendency towards a person, place, object.  
It determines how you perceive.

Cognitive component of attitude

- based on knowledge.
- faith and belief are key factors.

well explained

eg - you know that snakes ~~are~~ are poisonous (knowledge).

Run away (negative attitude)

eg - Teacher of economy explains well.

(your friend told you)

↓  
Belief

↓  
You join tuition

(positive attitude).



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## Behavioural component

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- how you behave in a particular situation
- depend on past experiences.
- depend on circumstances, need.

eg - you have bad experience when  
you went out with Rohan.

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you will avoid going out with  
him again. (negative attitude)

eg - you don't like Physics. (negative attitude)  
↓  
but still you study  
because exams are coming. (situation)

Correct -  
keep  
it  
up!

so both cognitive and behavioural of  
attitude play a significant role in  
attitude formation and so in life.)

Good  
clarity  
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topic

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(b) With the help of suitable examples, discuss the factors that shape the political attitude of a person. (150 words) (10 Marks)

## Political attitude

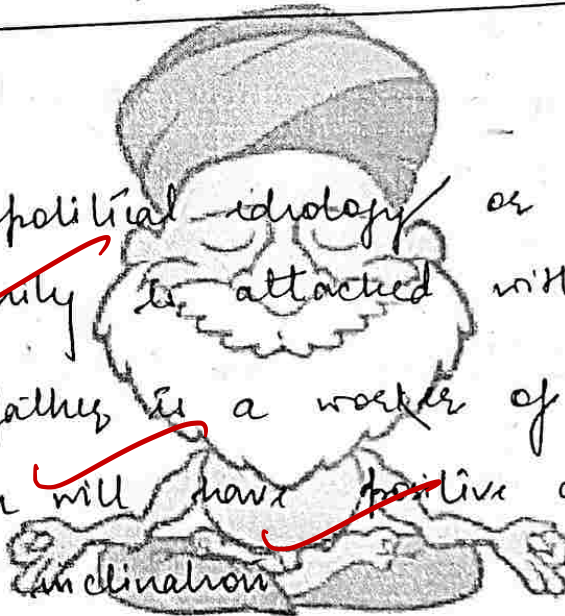
Tendency of an individual towards a political party, ideology or candidate.

## Factors that shape political attitude

### 1. Family

- which political ideology or party the family is attached with.

eg - your father is a worker of X party, so you will have positive attitude and inclination.



Values,  
ethos of  
Party or

### 2. Role model / Charismatic leader

- develop positive attitude for such leaders individual.

(or vice-versa)

### 3. Media

- plays a key role in forming attitude.

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eg- X news channel ~~shows~~ work done by a particular party

↓  
influence.

↓  
positive attitude.

(or vice-versa).

Recent eg. of  
USA media  
and  
election.

4. Peer group (Friends, Teachers)

eg- your friend tells about features of a party and present some facts.

↓  
attitude formation.

Good  
dimensions  
covered.

5. Role-model.

- eg- your favorite actor is supporting a party

↓  
positive attitude.

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So, various factors have role in shaping the political attitude of a person.

eg- NOTA → this also forms political attitude



Q5.

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

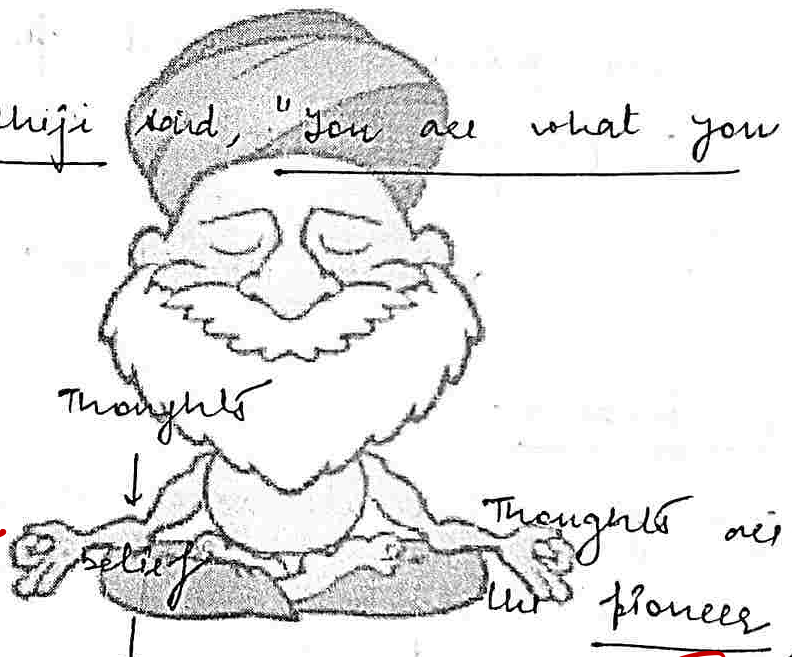
(a). "Our life is what our thoughts make it."

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

Our life is what our thoughts make it

This statement ~~signifies~~ the importance of our thought ~~process~~ in our way of life.

Like Gandhiji said, "You are what you think"



Thoughts  
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Beliefs  
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Values

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Character

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 destiny in life.

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V. Good way of answer



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eg: Nelson Mandela

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Thought of anti-racism

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Belief in 'all are equal'

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Value of Equality

↓  
Character of struggle against  
apartheid

↓  
Became a global leader

(Received Nobel Peace Prize)

Bhacat Rahnā

Absolutely  
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So, this statement holds substance. and

it is true and so one should

focus on children to build good

and ethical thought process for develop-

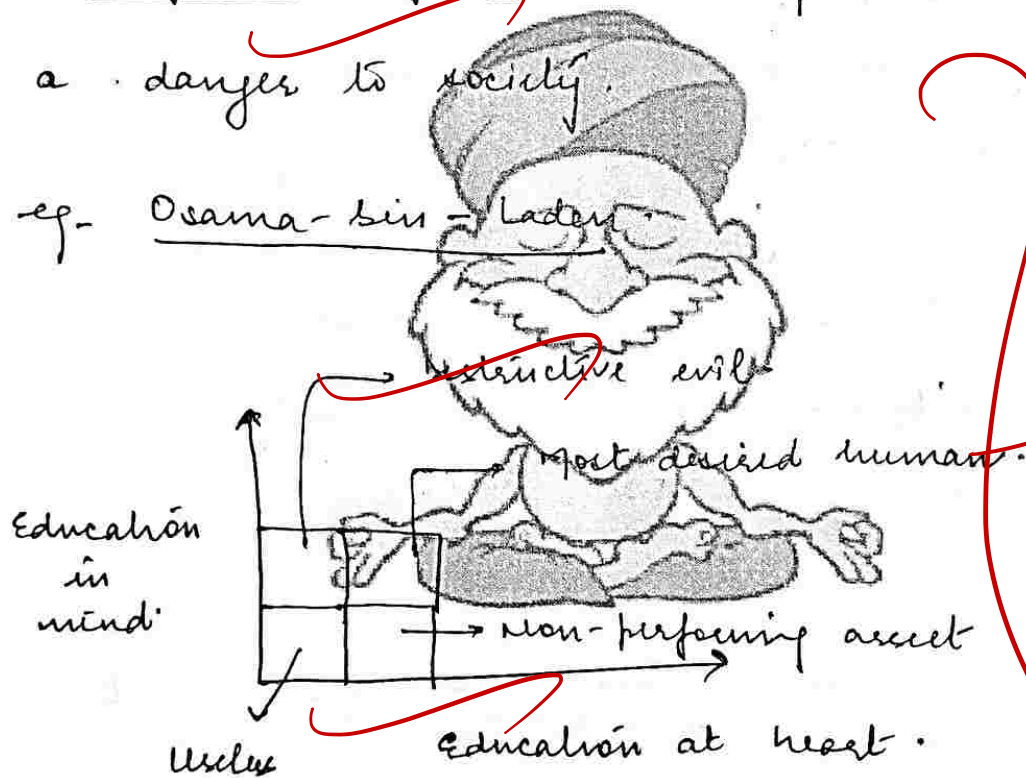
-ment of a better human

b) Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

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A man only good in IQ. (highly unintelligent at mind), but who is showing no quality of love, compassion, integrity, honesty (education of heart) is a danger to society.

eg- Osama-bin-Laden



Well elaborated.

- Such a person brings greater destruction in society.

→ Rise in evil dictatorships can happen

eg- Hitler, Mussolini

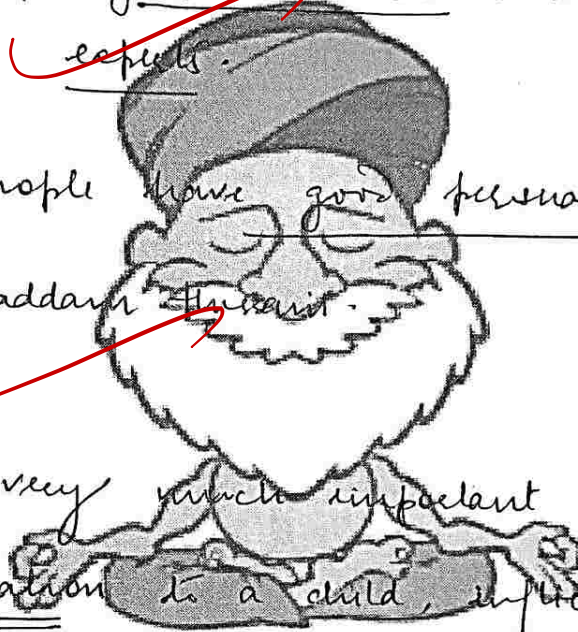
- Fall of ethics in society.

eg- more crimes

like cybercrimes are done by IT experts.

- Such people have good persuasive skills.

eg- Saddam Hussein.



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So it is very much important to impart value education to a child, infusing ideas of ethics and morality from the very beginning.

eg- our fundamental duties. (Article 51A) gives us and expects morality and value from us.



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Q6.

A civil servant's professional life is hugely occupied with social influence and persuasion. Elucidate. (150 words) (10 Marks)

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Social influence - knowingly or unknowingly changing the attitude of a person with indirect methods. by first building a sphere of influence around him.

eg - Salman Khan's fans are hugely influenced by him.

Persuasion - when you are knowingly and deliberately trying to change the attitude of a person.

eg - You persuade your father about giving you a bike.

Role of social influence and Persuasion in life of a civil servant

i. Various programmes need to be implemented.

Good approach.

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eg Swachh Bharat Mission



huge social influence and persuasion  
is required to make people avoid  
using open defecation.

eg Pahal scheme



Persuade masses to leave subsidy  
for LPG.

2. Resolving various disputes

- by mediation, negotiation

→ here also influence & persuasion has  
key role

3. Maintaining law and order

eg- during festivals, rallies (political)

Social influence and Persuasion skills  
are a major help to a civil servant's  
professional life.

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27.

What is the prevailing social attitude towards homosexuality in India? What is your assessment of this attitude? Substantiate your views. (150 words) (10 Marks)

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Homosexuality → Loving inclination of a person towards another person of similar gender.

eg. - gay (a man loving a man)

Prevailing social attitude

1. Rural society

- Homosexuality is perceived as a mental disease.
- Homosexuals are treated very badly (even outcasted from the villages)

2. Urban society

- Some acceptance has been seen after de-criminalisation of Article 377.
- But still a lot of section is not welcoming.

Add :

+ stigma  
+ prejudices  
+ against religion, nature etc



3. Gender

- Educated and moral / ethical people are coming in support
  - But right wing people are against it and see it as impurity.
- (Sometimes beats up LGBTQ)

Assessment

- Change has been made by judiciary (Navtej Singh Johar case)

Against  
art. 15, 19, 21  
etc.

It is a major victory (a big leap forward)

Societal mindset needs a change.  
(still a long way to go)

- Value education and so change of societal perception is the key. Various influential people and leaders should come forward in this ensuing.

• Right to Equality • Right to Privacy

The influence of teachers extends beyond the classroom, well into the future. It is they who shape and enrich the minds of the young, who touch their hearts and souls. It is they who shape a nation's future. Comment. (150 words) (10 Marks)

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Teacher has been given a status even above god in Indian culture, such as the influence of teachers.

Influence of teachers beyond classroom, well into future

1. eg - Aristotle

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His teachings made Alexander the Great conquer the whole world.

- He enriched the mind of young Macedonians

- His teachings are still relevant today

2. eg - Ramakant Achrekar.

- coach of Sachin Tendulkar

- His teachings shaped a child into world's greatest cricketer.

V. Good attempt.

eg- Nopal Krishna Gokhale.

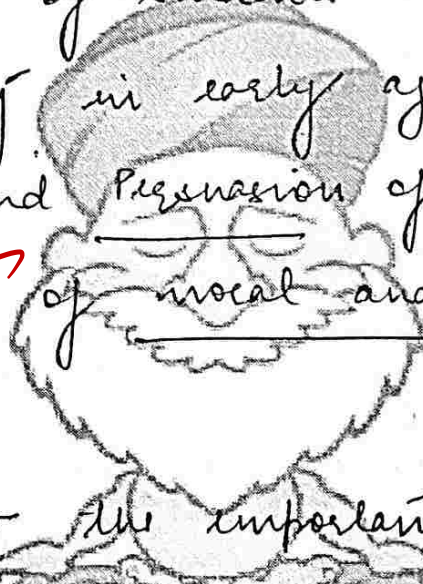
- was the political guru of Gandhiji
- touched his heart



shaped nation's future.

[Importance of teachers] → Touching heart and soul

1. Role model of students.
2. Huge affinity in early age (childhood)
3. Influence and Persuasion of children.
4. Inculcation of moral and ethical values.



All these show the importance of teachers in the life of a student, shaping and enriching young minds, and shaping nation's future.

"Leaders of tomorrow are made in classrooms of today"

— Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.



Q9.

You are posted as the secretary of the health department in a state. While the entire country is grappling with a highly contagious pandemic, elections are due in the state next month. To gain electoral leverage, the incumbent political party of the state has made a declaration that the people belonging to a particular community would be given the vaccines on priority and free of cost. There is a statewide protest against this declaration. The opposition parties are blaming the government for politicising a serious health issue for electoral gains. Nevertheless, the health minister instructs you to put in place the framework for the implementation of the announcement. What would be your course of action in this situation and why? Substantiate. (250 Words) (20 Marks)

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### Stakeholders in the case

1. General public  
victim of politicisation of issue
2. Political Party (Incumbent)  
- want to gain leverage from a particular community.
3. Opposition party  
- Blaming the govt.  
- want to gain sympathy from other communities.
4. Me, as secretary

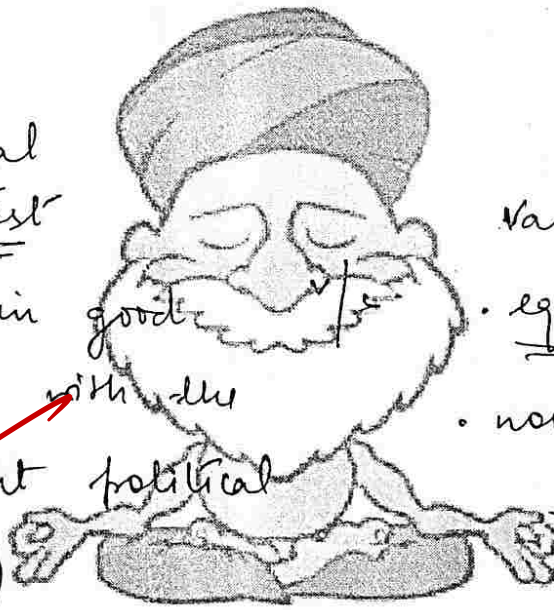
Good approach.

## Ethical dilemmas in the case

① Following the command  
of the  
ministers  
(discipline)

v/s Humanity  
(availability  
of  
vaccine to  
all)

② Personal interest  
(to be in good  
rapport with the  
incumbent political  
party)



Value of  
• equality  
• non-partisan  
ship.

Just  
excellent!

③ Distribution of  
vaccine to one  
community  
free of cost  
and on  
priority

v/s Risking lives  
of others.  
• Impartiality  
• Justice  
• Fairness

Course of action

Candidate must write this in:

1. Try to persuade the health minister that this selective approach of vaccination can prove fatal / backfire against him and his party.

- I will suggest him an alternative.

in the form of Phased vaccination

Phase - 1 - People at high risk will be covered.

eg - Health care workers  
(ASHA, ANMs, Doctors)

Sanitation workers

Phase - 2 - Elderly and children.

Phase - 3 - Contact of positive cases.

Phase 4 - Covering all.

→ If minister is convinced, then it will be great.

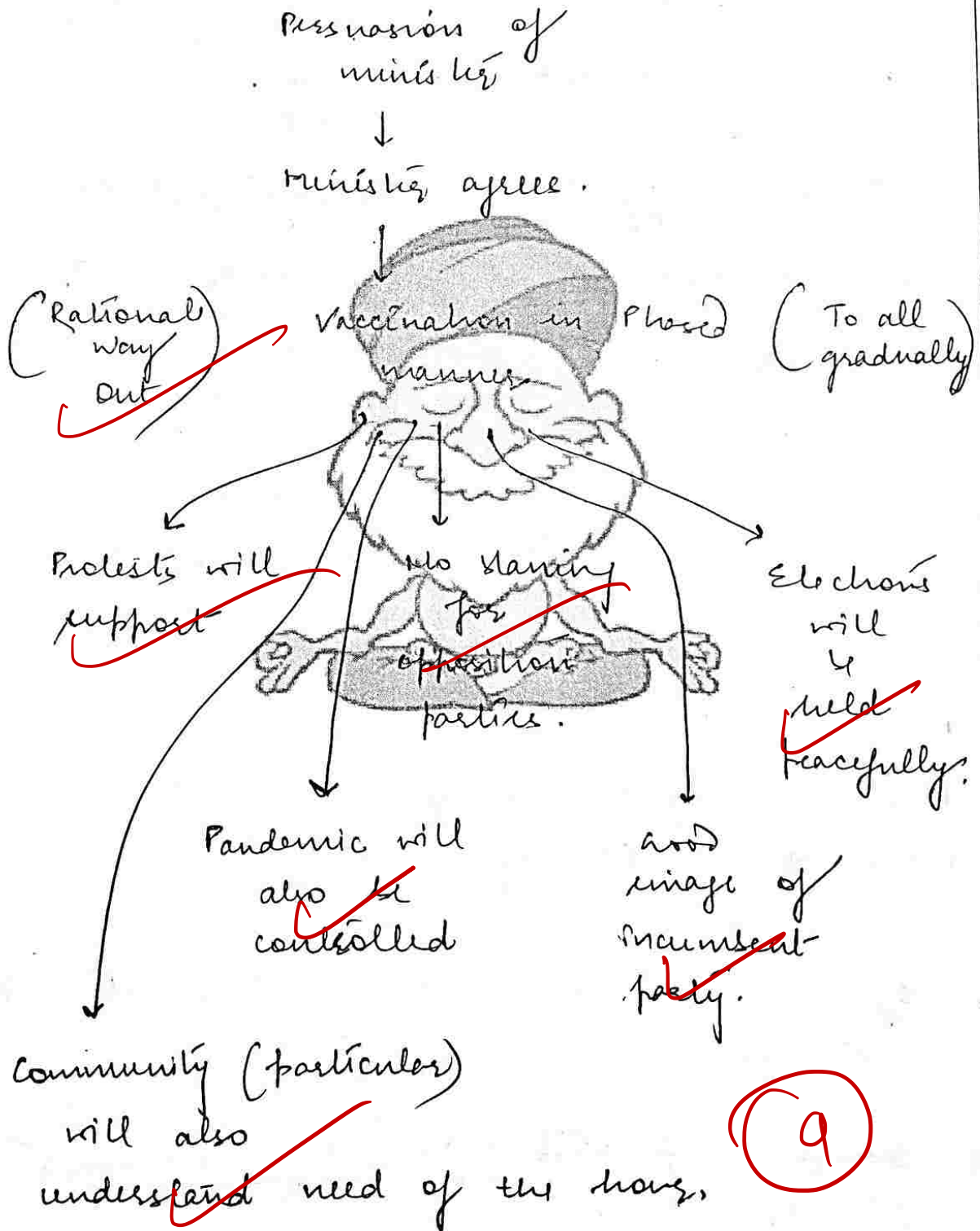
→ Otherwise I will make my comments in the file.

This alone won't give solution.  
Think more and give workable solution.



## Reasons for this course of action

- Most ethical path at the moment



Q10.

During the marriage of your sister, your businessman friend had assisted you financially. You can never forget the timely help of your friend who didn't shy away from going beyond his capabilities to ensure that you get the money at a time of need and financial distress. You have committed to yourself that you would also help your friend when the right time comes.

Candidate must write this in:

As luck would have it, you got the opportunity really soon. Your friend calls you for your intervention in a case of illegal transportation of goods. His consignment has been intercepted by the local police for carrying contraband goods. As you are posted as the Superintendent of Police in the district, your friend is requesting you to help release the goods. He also reminds you the help that he had extended during the marriage of your sister.

Do you see an ethical dilemma in this situation? What are the alternatives available with you? What course of action would you take and why? Discuss. (250 words) (20 Marks)

Stakeholders in the case

1. Me as Superintendent of Police.

- has to ~~help~~ the friend who has helped me.
- has to ~~maintain~~ and uphold the law.

2. Friend.

- want ~~his~~ work done (Illegal)

3. Law of the land.

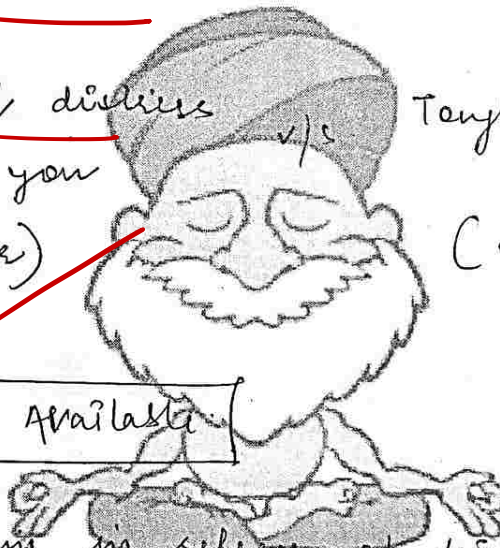
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Ethical dilemmas in the case.

1. Personal relations v/s Professional conduct  
 (Friendship) (Integrity, duty)

2. Loyalty towards the friend. v/s Rule of law.

3. Time of distress for you v/s Tough time for him  
 (earlier) (now)



Alternative Available

1. Help him in release of his goods and let these goods go.  
 - Breach of rule of law
2. Don't release goods and file a proper case against him.  
 - Rule of law is upheld

Well structured



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- your integrity is strengthened.
- Loss to your friend
- Punishment to your friend.

3. Ask the friend to surrender to police,  
accept his fault.

- Constitution will be strengthened.
- Justice to friend.
- Help as a leave friend
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My course of action

I will ask the friend to surrender and  
become a witness.

- will persuade him to leave such a  
life (of crime and illegal trade).

- Make a proper case file. (Citing the  
misdeed of that friend into a public/  
govt. approver)

Good  
solution

# Reasons for this case.

1.

Persuading friend to  
surrender and  
change his profession.

Constitutional  
values are  
shown

my integrity  
towards my  
job is  
shown

Less punishment  
to my friend  
by the court

Win-win  
situation for  
all.

Help of my  
friend.

Persuade him to  
change his  
life course.

A better citizen.

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Q11.

You are posted as the block development officer in a district. Menstruation is a taboo in one of the villages of the district and people hardly talk about it. In fact, menstruating women aren't even allowed to enter temples and are forced to sleep on the floor. Women use clothes as they can't afford sanitary napkins or are too shy to buy it from the general store. When a renowned NGO attempted to spread awareness towards hygiene during menstruation by talking to the local women, the villagers created ruckus and forced the representatives of the NGO to leave. Further attempts by the NGO to approach the women was thwarted by the Gram Panchayat. The women of the village have been warned by their family members to stay away from such discussions and maintain their dignity.

The NGO brings the issue to your notice and asks for your support. Now answer the following questions:

What in your opinion is the main reason behind villagers protesting?

What steps would you take to address the issue? (250 words) (20 Marks)

Stakeholders in the case

1. Women

- health ~~is~~ being compromised.

2. Villagers

- shallow ~~pride~~ of false dignity.

3. Gram Panchayat

- a ~~structure~~ of grass-root democracy

4. NGO

- ~~change~~ in society
- spread of awareness



5. Me as the BDO.

- doing the best for the work.

Ethical dilemmas of case.

• Health and dignity of the women

v/s Traditions, Belief of the society.

• Rational stand of the NAOs

v/s Ruckus created by the villagers.

Main Reason behind the protests

1. Traditional beliefs and superstitions.

• menstruation is taken / perceived as a mark of impurity

• status-quo is being changed.

• Blood loss during menstruation is considered as a disease

Education,  
Awareness  
are  
low.

## 2. Patriarchal mindset of society

- Men are not accepting equal rights for the women.
- Women are considered inferior

### Steps to address the issue

#### 1. Spreading awareness.

- take into confidence some rational and educated people of the village.
- try to explain the mechanism of menstrialism to them.
- Take their help in spreading this info to others.

#### 2. will make prompt use of ASHA and ANM in this

#### 3. will tell them stories of goddess Durga, Sila

Top to add  
theory  
words  
+ Persuasion  
+ social  
influence  
+ emotional  
'I'  
etc.

4. will show some movies.

eg - Padman.

5. will tell them that it will reduce  
their out of pocket expenditure on  
health

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more healthy women

↑ in her  
productivity

more healthy  
kids born to  
her

6. availability of sanitary pads at affordable  
prices.

eg - Shri Swasthimaan Yojana.

at free availability of pads in schools.

7. taking help of local leaders, influential  
personalities.

"Badheji aurat, Khilega desh"

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2.

You are serving as the secretary in the Information and Broadcasting Ministry of the Government. Your office has been receiving many complaints against the online streaming platforms for showing abusive, violent and sexual content. The parents are concerned that the shows being streamed are having a bad influence on the impressionable minds of their children. While there are safeguards available in the form of parental control of the content that kids can watch, they aren't effective. Kids do find a way to watch the content of their liking by using proxies or even stealing the login credentials. Pressure is mounting on you to regulate the content and put a ban on shows streaming adult content. However, the proponents of the rights of the entertainment industry are quite vociferous about the creative freedom of directors/ producers of online shows. They are in complete opposition to any regulation of the content being streamed. They give examples of many western countries where censorship of content is hardly done.

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As a senior servant and policymaker, what decision would you take and why? Substantiate your views. (250 words) (20 Marks)

Stakeholders in the case.

1. Parents

- don't want their children to watch such content.

2. Children

- not having appropriate understanding what to watch and what not.

3. Directors and Producers

- their creativity and investment is at stake.

## Ethical issues in the case

Freedom of speech  
and  
expression

(creative freedom)

v/c

Regulation of  
the content

Affect of such  
content on the  
naïve minds of  
the children.



Proper / value  
indication in  
the society at  
large.

## Decision

1. Proper certification of such shows.

- Only A (adult) certification.

2. Strict guidelines to the OTT platforms.

- separate section for such shows  
and content

well  
structured

3. More tough and innovative measures.  
- by OTT platforms.

eg. - so that children can't access such shows.

4. control over proxy sites  
- strict provisions of punishment.

5. A code of conduct (ethical) by various OTT platforms.

6. More awareness to parents  
- limited access to children  
- regular checking the sites used by them.  
- Regular change of passwords.

(to check sharing of passwords or login credentials).

7. Sex education in schools.



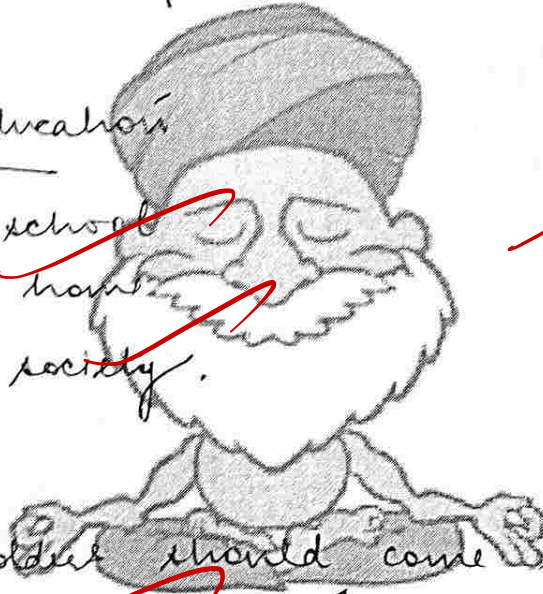
## 8. Spread of awareness through

- social media
- T.V.
- newspapers.
- by some role models.  
eg- sportsmen  
Actors

Different timings  
for adult  
content.

## 9. Value education

- at school
- at home
- in society.



All stakeholders should come together  
and help in preventing the ruining of  
minds and tongues of children.

Only morality and values can act here  
as cyber is a very new and  
expanding field with only limited  
laws on its control.

Q13.

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The state government has decided to withdraw financial support from institutions imparting religious education or regularise them into state sponsored schools for providing education in science and humanities. While the majority of the population has welcomed this decision, some religious groups are highly dissatisfied with this move. They are demanding that the decision be revoked and status quo be restored. Few political parties are blaming the government for hurting the religious sentiments of the people.

As a responsible and informed citizen of the state, you are eager to share your views on this issue. You get an opportunity to write an op-ed in a leading newspaper of the state. What would you write? Reproduce your article in not more than 250 words. (250 words) (25 Marks)

India is a land of diversities. Religious diversity ~~is~~ one of such diversities other being regional, cultural, linguistic, racial and caste/ethnic.

Our founding fathers had a dream of a India with positive approach towards secularism that is why Article 25, 26, 27 and 28 are incorporated in Part-III of the constitution that is fundamental rights.

Very  
good  
attempt.

The Article 27 of Indian constitution lays "Freedom of paying taxes for promotion of religion". The recent decision of state government to withdraw financial support from religious educational institutions seems to be in line of this.

State should not interfere in the religious institutions and must maintain its secular character. Article 29 and 30.

all types of educational institutions to be established and maintained by minority communities, and so the funding pattern should also be managed through autonomous means.

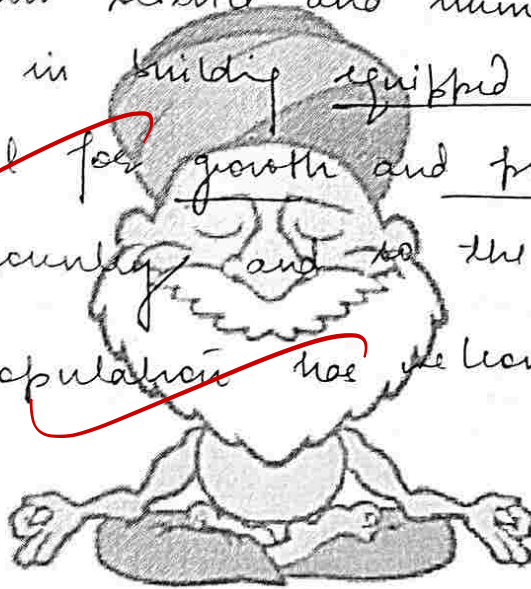


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write on  
this margin

Today's growing demand of innovations,  
arrival of new technology day by  
day demands more focus on education  
where jobs can be availed by skilled  
manpower, and unemployment will fall.

Education in science and humanities  
will help in building equipped manpower  
and capital for growth and prosperity  
of the country and the majority  
of the population has welcomed this  
decision.



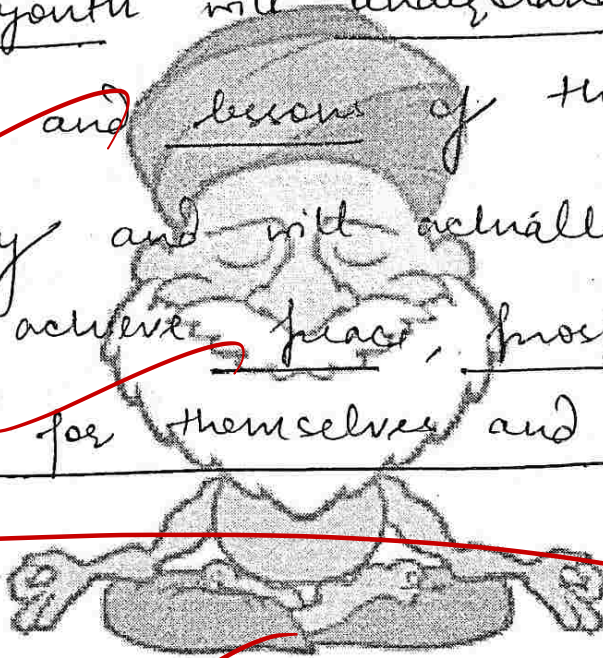
The religious institutions and political  
parties should look at the bigger  
and long term picture, where education  
in science and education humanities.  
will help to enhance the potential  
of our huge demographic dividend.

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and India will shine on the global  
world

Education will turn India from a  
job seeking country to a new job  
powerhouse of the world. And such

educated youth will understand the  
philosophies and lessons of their religion  
more deeply and will actually integrate  
them to achieve peace, prosperity and  
happiness for themselves and for others.



"Path of knowledge leads to salvation"

— Bhagavad Gita

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Q14.

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.

1. Now consider the following alternatives:
2. You would take leave and go out for a long holiday with your family.
3. 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.
4. You would become a whistleblower and bring it to the notice of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)? (250 Words) (25 Marks)



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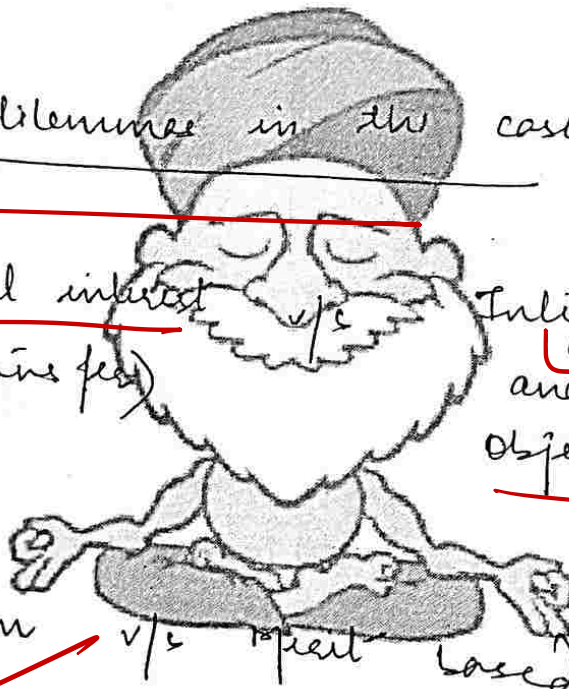
(ii) Stakeholders in the case.

1. Junior
2. Senior
3. Political party
4. You / me
5. General public.
6. Government (as Exchequer)

Ethical dilemmas in the case.

• Personal interest  
(Avoid brain freeze)

Integrity  
and  
objectivity



• Nepotism

v/s merit based  
selection

• Short term goal

(good support with seniors)

v/s Long term  
development  
of the  
nation

V- Good

(i)

Take leave and go for a long holiday.

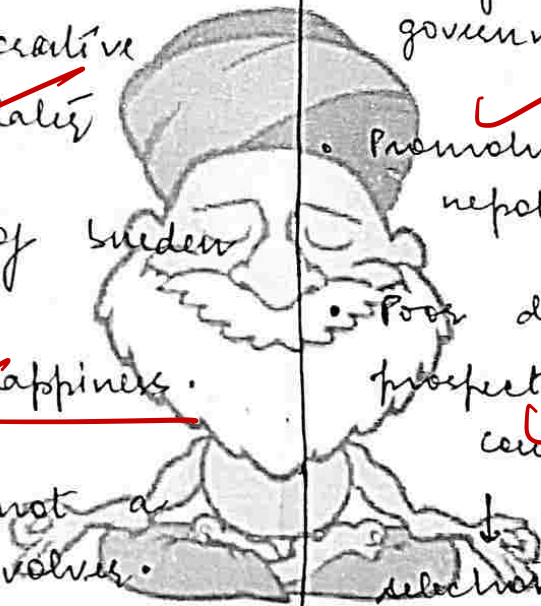
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### Pros

- saved from wrath of seniors
- Avoidance of transfers
- Some lucrative posting ~~later~~
- Shifting of burden
- Familial ~~happiness~~
- You are not a direct involves.

### Cons

- loss of integrity
- Feeling of guilt.
- loss of funds to government.
- Promotion of nepotism
- Poor development prospect of the country.
- selection of in-eligible candidates.



ii) "Darkest places in hell are reserved for those who remain silent / neutral in the time of crisis"

— Chinese saying.

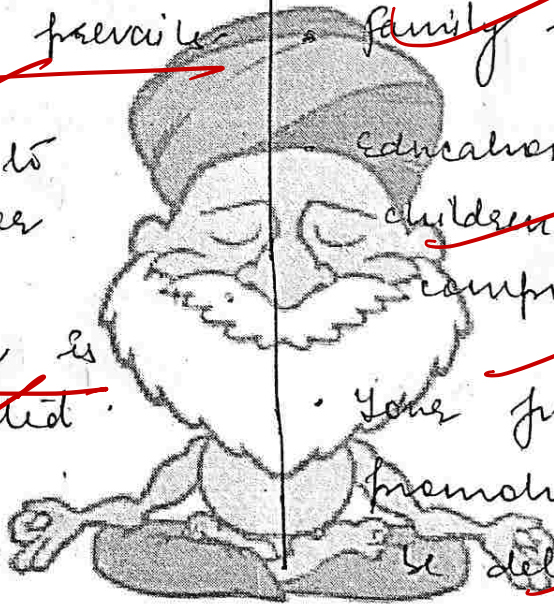
(ii) You won't take leave and insist on actual merit based selection

## Pros

- Integrity upheld
- Uprightness in action
- Objectivity prevails
- No has to exchange
- Meritocracy is promoted

## Cons

- Wrath of seniors
- Transfer to a distant place
- Family in distress
- Education of your children will be compromised
- Your further promotions will be delayed



Innovative approach.

- "A man should focus on means and not on ends"

- Deontological theory of Kant.

- "One should do actions and not worry about the results"

- Chagwad Aitā.



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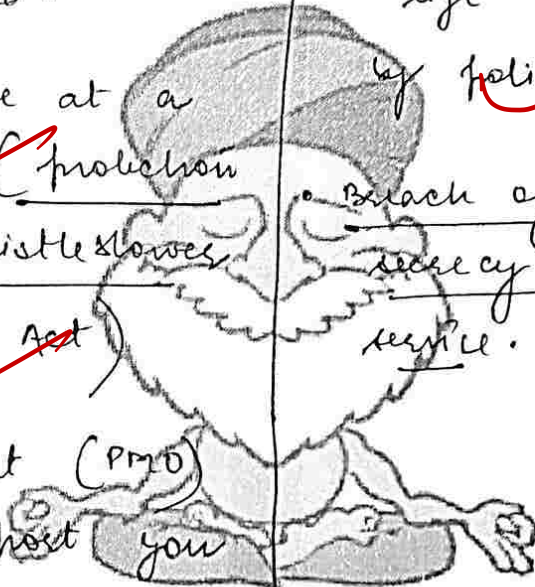
Bring the notice to PMO by  
being a whistle blower

Pros

- Problem / issue will surface up.
- Media attention will be gained.
- You will be at a safe side (protection under whistle blowers protection Act)
- Government (PMO) will support you
- Praise for your honesty, courage.

Cons

- Bad name to the political party
- Danger to your life. (attacks by political goons)
- Breach of code of secrecy of the service.



One has to take stand and raise up such issues to garner support of the masses so that wrongs in the society should be prevented.

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eg - Edward Snowden exposed the  
whistle ~~about~~ wiki leaks.

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many scams / ~~deep~~ truths were unearthed.

In all aspects superb  
answer.

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