

1. Being patriotic is also being ethical. Do you agree? Critically examine.

Approach

Candidates can start the answer with highlighting importance of the print medium during struggle and then simply comment on how it mobilized the masses for movement.

Introduction

Patriotism generally can be defined as one's feeling of love and loyalty towards his/her country. Every state would like to make their citizens feel patriotic and this situation involves several ethical dimensions.

Body

Betterment of a society and progress of the country.

- Patriotism as a natural and appropriate expression of attachment to the country in which we were born and raised and of gratitude for the benefits of life on its soil, among its people, and under its laws.
- Amid the frequent confusion, frustration and anger of our political disagreements, patriotism a deep-seated love of our country remains something that has the potential to bring us together, particularly at times of national crisis or triumph.
- Only an inclusive imagination can breed patriots, since exclusivity breeds division, secession and war. As such Patriotism is not only a display of love and a deep sense of affection for one's country; it is also a feeling of pride.
- Rabindranath Tagore often used a term 'Deshabhimaan' as a synonym for this word in his works which aptly captures one of the dimensions of this word.
- India has a guiding philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' i.e., whole world is my family. Such understanding of patriotism can bring peace and prosperity to the country as well as the world.

Patriotism has had a fair number of criticisms:

- The harshest among them have judged it deeply flawed in every important respect. In the 19th century, Russian novelist and thinker Leo Tolstoy found patriotism both stupid and immoral.
- It is stupid because every patriot holds his own country to be the best of all whereas, obviously, only one country can qualify. Patriotism is most importantly expressed in a readiness to die and to kill for one's country.
- It is immoral because it enjoins us to promote our country's interests at the expense of all other countries and by any means, including war, and is thus at odds with the most basic rule of morality, which tells us not to do to others what we would not want them to do to us.

- Love of one's own country characteristically goes together with dislike of and hostility towards other countries. It tends to encourage militarism, and makes for international tension and conflict.
- Under name of patriotism in sports after losing game to the rival country patriots and sports enthusiast abuse the players and question his patriotism nationalism towards country for example, abusing Md Shami and Arshadeep Singh in Cricket.
- Apart from that, excessive pride in a national identity and display of Patriotism may acquire the form of 'ultra-nationalism' and jingoism. Ultra-nationalism inevitably turns exclusionary in nature and hence leads not to the assertion but disintegration of national unity and ultimately identity.

Conclusion

Krishna says in Gita, that there are multiple paths to the same truth. Similarly, there may be more than one way of displaying the patriotism towards one's country. One must be ready and vigilant to defend one's national prestige but must not enforce one's own ideas and ideals of national identity and patriotism upon everyone else.

2. Do you think sports teach a lot about ethics? Explain with the help of suitable examples.

Approach -

In this question candidates should write about how sports teach a lot about ethics in second part of answer write some examples to explain your points.

Introduction -

The sportsmanship is built on the idea that sport both demonstrates and encourages character development, which then influences the moral character of the broader community. How we each compete in sports can have an effect on our personal moral and ethical behavior outside of the competition.

Body -

Sports teaches athletes to respect effort and work ethic -

- Sports allow people to evaluate each other on merit: skills, work ethic, commitment, and integrity.
- Having had that experience with teammates in sport, athletes learn to recognize those qualities in people as adults, making them more likely to embrace equality and respect people equally based on values and actions instead of stereotypes.

To respect individuals for unique traits -

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- Those who feel threatened by other people's skills, intelligence, or talents use harassment to gain and maintain a position of controlled power.
- Youth sports teach kids early on that individual teammates possess unique skills, and the benefits of utilizing those talents on and off the competitive field, not suppressing them.
- As adults, this lesson manifests as men and women who value and respect each other for the talents and skills they bring to a project, a job, or a family.
- These are adults who care more about the team's success than personal glory, and understand that a leadership position is about bringing forth everyone's best effort.

Sports teaches athletes to lead through collaboration-

- Many parents encourage children to participate in youth sports to develop leadership skills. Perhaps more important is the type of leaders sport produces.
- Athletes learn there is no way to obtain a teammate's best effort through force or intimidation.
- If you want a person's best effort, that person needs to feel valued, safe, and appreciated so they want to give their best. Leaders of great sports teams win the loyalty of their teammates through collaboration, not intimidation.

Sport teaches athletes to lose -

- Harassment and bullying are fueled by insecurities, and a fear of losing is one of the reasons insecure people seek to dominate others.
- They use intimidation and force to maintain the positions of power they fear losing if their insecurities and weaknesses are exposed. Athletes, on the other hand, learn losing doesn't diminish your value or self-worth.
- Anyone can be outplayed on any day, and athletes learn to respect an opponent's skill and effort, even in defeat. Sports teach athletes competition – and by extension, life is a series of wins and losses, none of which change who you are.
- Athletes don't fear losing because they know it's not the end of the world, and that the best way to create another opportunity to win is by working hard, moving forward, and earning it.
- In many ways, athletic competitions mimic other aspects of life; its disappointments, victories, and struggles. These experiences can have meaningful implications on people's behaviors, values, and understanding of themselves and others.

Examples of ethical behavior by sportsperson -

- Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was told by his father that he would be a role model in future and so he should never promote alcohol or tobacco products.
- Pat Tillman-Tillman was a rock star college football player until the September 11 attacks happened. He gave up a multi-million-dollar contract to go pro and joined the Army. His brother, Kevin, turned down a professional baseball career to enlist alongside Pat.
- Stephon Marbury-Marbury knows what it's like to grow up poor. He spent a childhood not knowing if mom would be able to put food on the table and longing for basketball shoes but knowing there's no money for them. That's

why this NBA star founded his n line of sneakers, jerseys and basketball accessories. He's not making a ton of profit selling shoes at \$15 a pop, but he is making a lot of dreams come true.

Conclusion-

The value of sports lies in their ability to do more than identify the best athletes. Sports can instill important values, including respect and teamwork, as well as teach lessons about perseverance and honesty. As far back as ancient Greece, athletics have been seen as an important character-building tool that encourages discipline, collaboration, and responsibility. Sports without ethics do not live up to these values.

3. In the ongoing world football world cup, the Iranian team declined to sing the national anthem in solidarity with Iranian women. was it ethical? substantiate your views.

Approach -

In this question candidates need to write about, is Iranian football teams' decision to decline singing of national anthem in solidarity with Iranian women ethical. in second part of answer substantiate their views.

Introduction -

Iran's national football team chose not to sing their country's anthem before their FIFA world cup match on Monday, in an apparent show of solidarity with anti-government protesters amid discontent over their reluctance to speak out. The players were solemn and silent as the anthem was played before the match.

Body -

Ethics and Values play a vital role in shaping an individual's personal and professional life. Ethics and Values effectively contribute to developing one's personality and attitude towards society.

- The principles of ethics are generally based on "Truth, Honesty, Integrity, and Justice".
- Ethics can be defined as a set of rules controlled by an individual's behaviour, which are strengthened by a society or a group of people.
- Iran's soccer players did not sing their country's national anthem before the team's first match of the 2022 World Cup against England, an apparent nod to the protests that have spread worldwide following the death of Kurdish-Iranian woman Mahsa Amini.

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- The protests sparked in September, when Iran's so-called morality police killed a 22-year-old woman named Mahsa Amini for allegedly breaking the rules over head covering.
- Ethics ensure individual freedom as one can differentiate between right and wrong.
- The act of Iranian players can be seen as fight against injustice and quest for Truth.
- Many experts believe that the protests are among the biggest challenges faced by the Iranian theocratic government since the Iranian revolution of 1979.
- Defender Ehsan Hajsaf became the first player of Iran's national team to open up about the anti-government protests in the country. "They should know that we are with them. And we support them. And we sympathies with them regarding the conditions.
- He further said We have to accept the conditions in our country are not right and our people are not happy. We are here but it does not mean we should not be their voice or we should not respect them.
- Ethics must be directed towards the benefit of others excluding self-centred characteristics.
- By seeing these players act upcoming generations will learn to stand against injustice .
- As country facing critical situation and protests engulfing all over the nation its moral responsibility as a aware citizen to speak up against it .
- Patriotism doesn't lie in only guarding national boundaries but guarding country from inside against evil forces who encroaches upon individual rights .
- Values are considered sacred and are moral imperatives for those who believe in them. Sacred values will seldom be compromised because they are perceived as duties rather than as factors to be weighed in decision-making.
- Values are personal in character. They are related to one's personal beliefs and choices. They generally descend from one generation to the other through family or societal beliefs and practices.
- This is not first time when sporting stage used by players for raising their voice, few years ago baseball player Colin Kaepernick also knelled down as protest against racism and black lives matter campaign during national anthem .
- Maintaining silence when fellow countrymen suffers is sign that its just matter of time that evil forces will also come to you .
- As they say injustice happening anywhere is threat to justice everywhere.
- Some values have intrinsic worth, such as love, truth, and freedom. Other values, such as ambition, responsibility, and courage, describe traits or behaviors that are instrumental as means to an end.
- The protest done by Iranian players is highest form of patriotism as even after death of Mahasa amini govt trying to suppress protests by any means including killing people in peaceful protests .
- Hence it ain't wrong to utilize sporting platform to raising voice against injustice as sports unites whole world and gives coverage worldwide.
- The players act becomes more justified as Iranian government was trying to suppress their voices by not giving coverage to protest happening all over country.

- So using social media power to garner support for just cause from world is absolutely ethical, and this technological advancements not available for previous generations .

Conclusion-

The act of Iranian football team to decline singing national anthem is absolutely ethical as they gave freedom as highest regard and not just playing for country but doing their national duty as responsible citizen.

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