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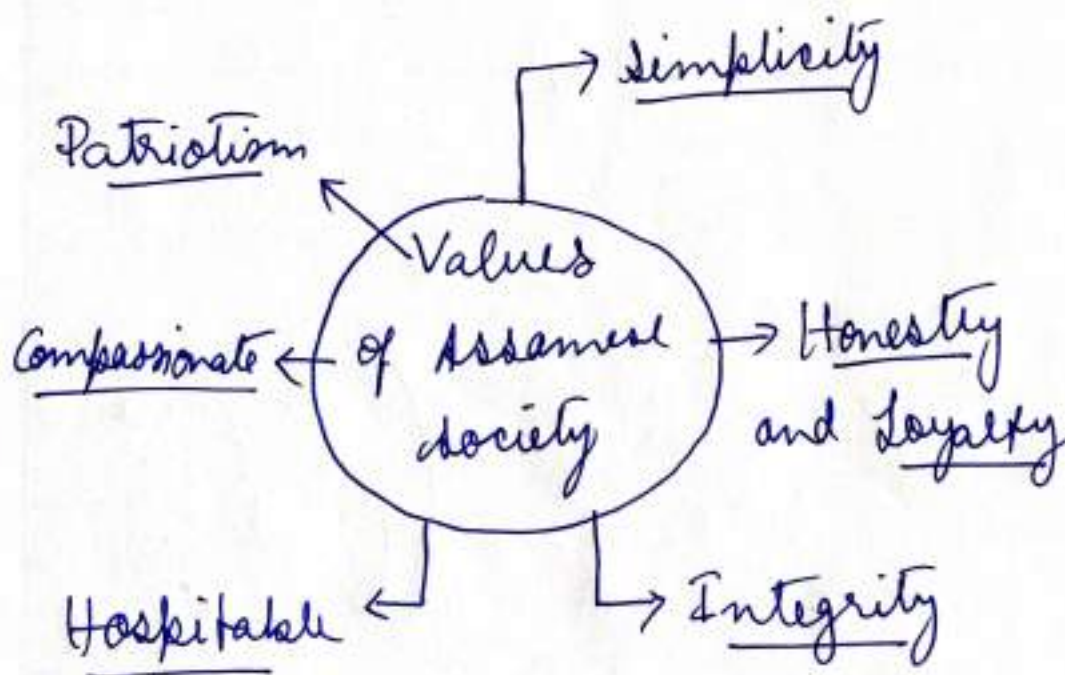
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SECTION A
Q1. What are the significant values in the society of Assam? (10 marks/150 words)
Ans:

The society of Assam consists of amalgamation of different tribes, races and cultures. Thus the society of Assam is inculcated with a rich diverse set of values.



Examples of values in Assamese society

→ Hsien Tsang (Chinese Traveller) in his book Si-yu-ki mention people of Kamrupa as simple and honest

→ Lachit Barphukan → example of patriotism, courage and loyalty in Assamese society

Assamese society exhibits rich inculcation of values which gives the society an unique identity

Q2. Aptitude reflects what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. Comment. (10 marks/150 words)

Ans :

"It is Attitude not Aptitude
which determines one's altitude"
- Zig Ziglar

Both Aptitude and Attitude
are important components for
success. However, motivation is
the factor which forces you
to take an action.

Aptitude
as
capability

- Sachin Tendulkar
↳ Aptitude for Cricket
- Hritik Roshan
↳ Aptitude for dancing

Motivation → Lionel Messi - urge to win his country the football world cup
Sachin Tendulkar → Motivated hearing "sachin sachin" chants in stadium.

Attitude → positive with right Aptitude → success.
 → positive with not Aptitude → limited success
Negative → No success

Thus Attitude determines
 how well a person can
perform within his ability

Q3. Differentiate between the following: (10 marks/200 words)

- Hatred and indifference
- Envy and jealousy
- Conscious, Subconscious and Unconsciousness actions

Ans:

a) Hatred

→ feeling of disgust

→ Wanting or Wishing harm

→ Negative in Nature

→ Bg → Revenge
Porn - Rob Kardeshian
on Blac Chyna

Indifference

→ No feeling at all

→ Don't care Attitude.

→ Neutral Nature

→ Bg → Apathetic
towards friends
emotions

b) Envy

→ Positive in Nature

Jealousy

→ Negative in Nature

→ Gain inspiration or Motivation

→ Eg → Taking inspiration from friends who got in civil service

→ Feeling of hatred and disgust

→ Eg → Jealousy on a friend getting good marks

→ Conscious → Action performed in complete self-awareness
 ↳ Eg → surgeon perform surgery

Sub-conscious → Meta-physical form beyond consciousness
 ↳ Eg → Buddha attaining Nirvana

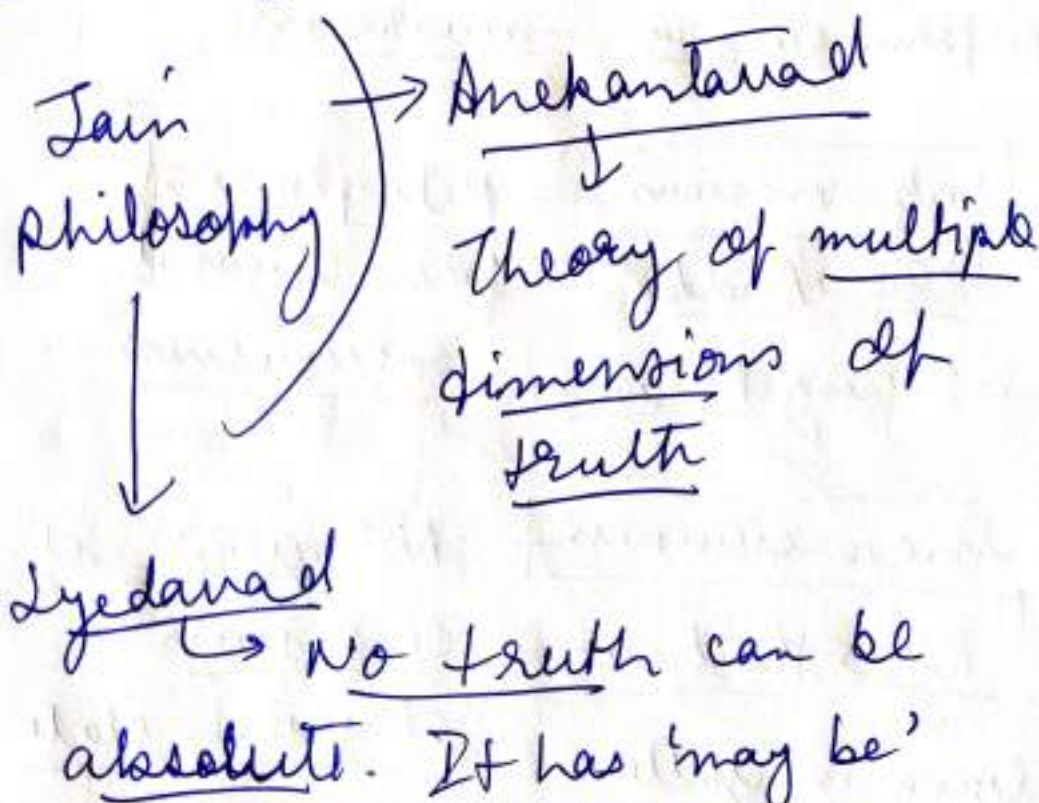
Unconsciousness → Not aware of ones own physical state
 ↳ Eg → Alcoholic lying in Gutter

Q4. "True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing." (150 words/10 marks)

Ans:

Knowledge is an intangible source of information.
There can be no end to knowledge.

Realizing knowing Nothing



factor associated.

The vastness of this universe holds an enormous amount of knowledge incapable of any individual to harness it all. Hence, true knowledge actually is knowing nothing.

Q5. Apart from intellectual competence and moral qualities like empathy and compassion are some of the other vital attributes that facilitate the civil servants to be more competent in tackling the crucial issues or taking critical decisions. Explain with suitable illustrations. (10 marks/150 words)

Ans:

"A true civil servant is not how much he knows, but how much he cares"

— Jawahar Lal Nehru

Intellectual Competence of Civil servant → The knowledge factor
 → Awareness on functioning of administrative setup

Knowledge of important articles, rules of the constitution

However, Empathy and

Compassion are important for
Civil servants.

Importance
of
Compassion
and
Empathy

→ To change attitude
of people in positive
direction.

→ To discharge the
purpose of duty

↓

Examples

→ IPS officer chetan Singh
Rathore to disperse CAA protesters
in Bengaluru sang National
Anthem

→ Kiran Bedi → Reforming
prisoners in Tihar jail

Q6. What are the factors that contribute to the prevalence of ragging in Assam? How can universities and colleges in Assam respond to incidents of ragging? (10 marks 150 words)

Ans:

Ragging is a form of mental and physical harassment on an individual conducted by his/her seniors ^{or classmates} in schools, colleges and Universities.



Consequences of Ragging → Result in Violence
 → Affects students academic academic performance
 → Psychological impact on the victims.

Universities and College measure to stop Ragging → Stricter punishment involving legal measures
 → Tight disciplinary measures in hostels (Eg - CCTV surveillance)
 → Counselling department for victims
 → Provision to register anonymous complaints

Q7. "Assam is facing ethnic struggles and clashes which are between the ethnic groups of Bodo and Adivasi, Bodo and Muslims, Karbi and Kuki, Karbi and Dimasas e.t.c claimed more than thousands of lives, and lakhs of people got displaced". In the above Context explain the Ethical issues which causes such Struggle. (150 words/10 marks)

Ans:

Assam is an ethnic museum of diverse group of people having own distinct set of culture and Practices.

However, this diversity has resulted as a bane for the state due to following ethical issues:

1) Tribal Narrow Mindedness

↳ Not being able to integrate with people beyond their own tribe.

2) Lack of Fraternity

↳ Assamese identity has not been given priority.

3) Against spirit of Nationhood

↳ Ethnic groups only want to identify with own tribe

4) Selfishness

↳ Acting only on self interests of own tribe.

Assam has faced ^{severe} consequences of lack of integration among various tribes. Collective identity must be given priority over tribal one

Q8. "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion". (10 Marks/150 words)

Ans:

Compassion is the ability to understand others emotions and suggest appropriate set of actions to relieve such emotions.

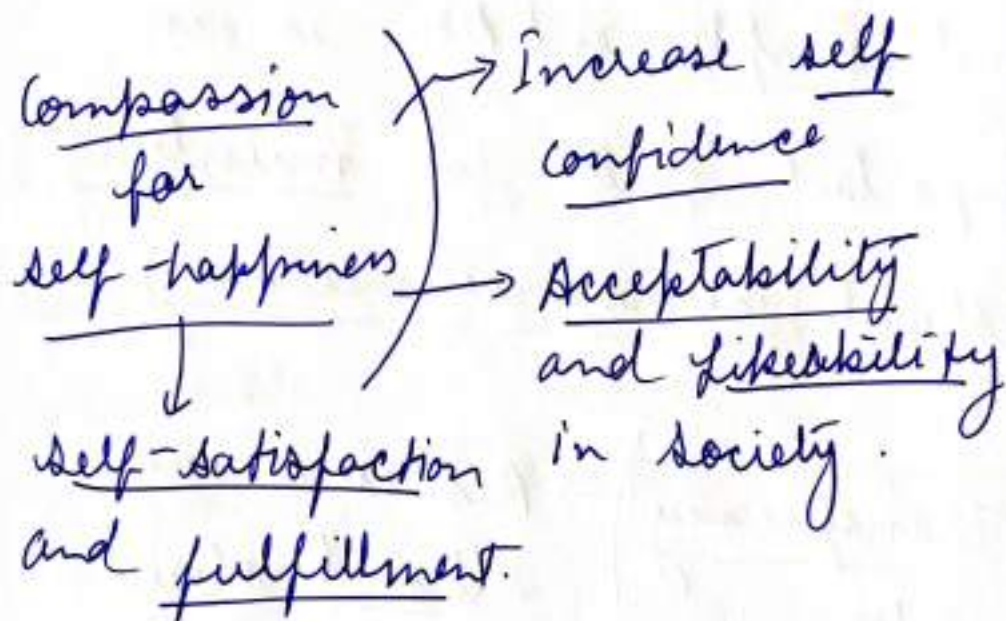
Compassion making others happy

→ Able to understand others feelings

→ help guide others to overcome their problems

Eg- Your friend has failed to qualify for an exam. You console him by giving your example and suggest him alternatives.

Practising compassion can elevate sense of self-being for an individual leading to happiness.

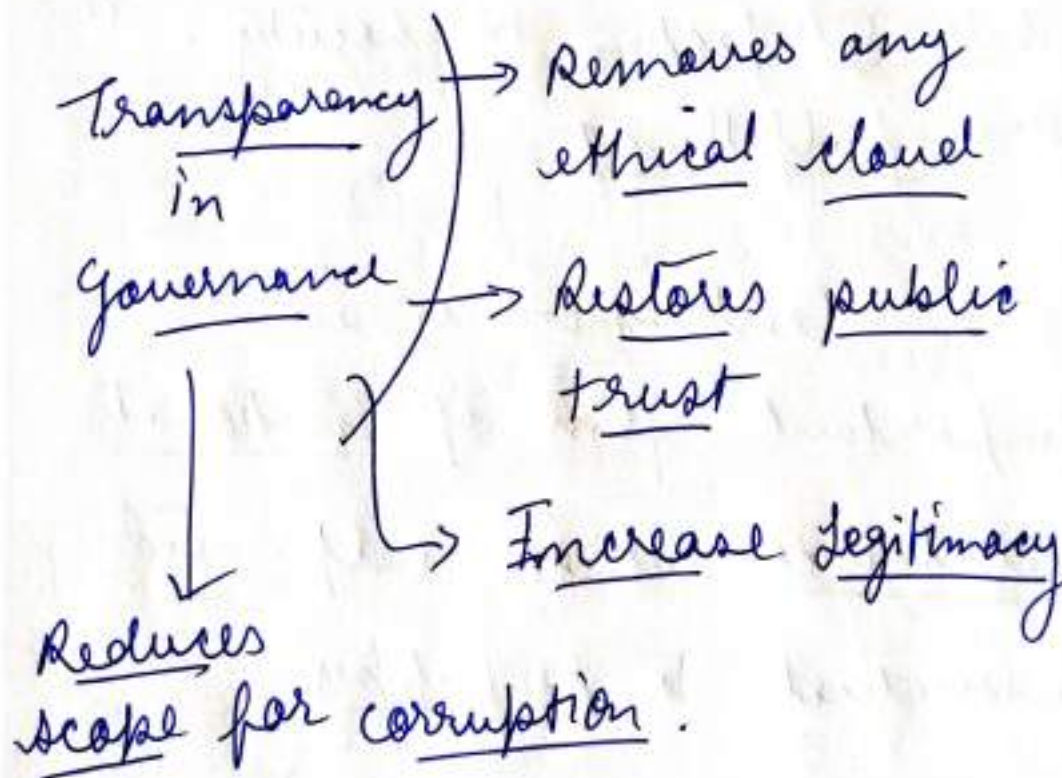


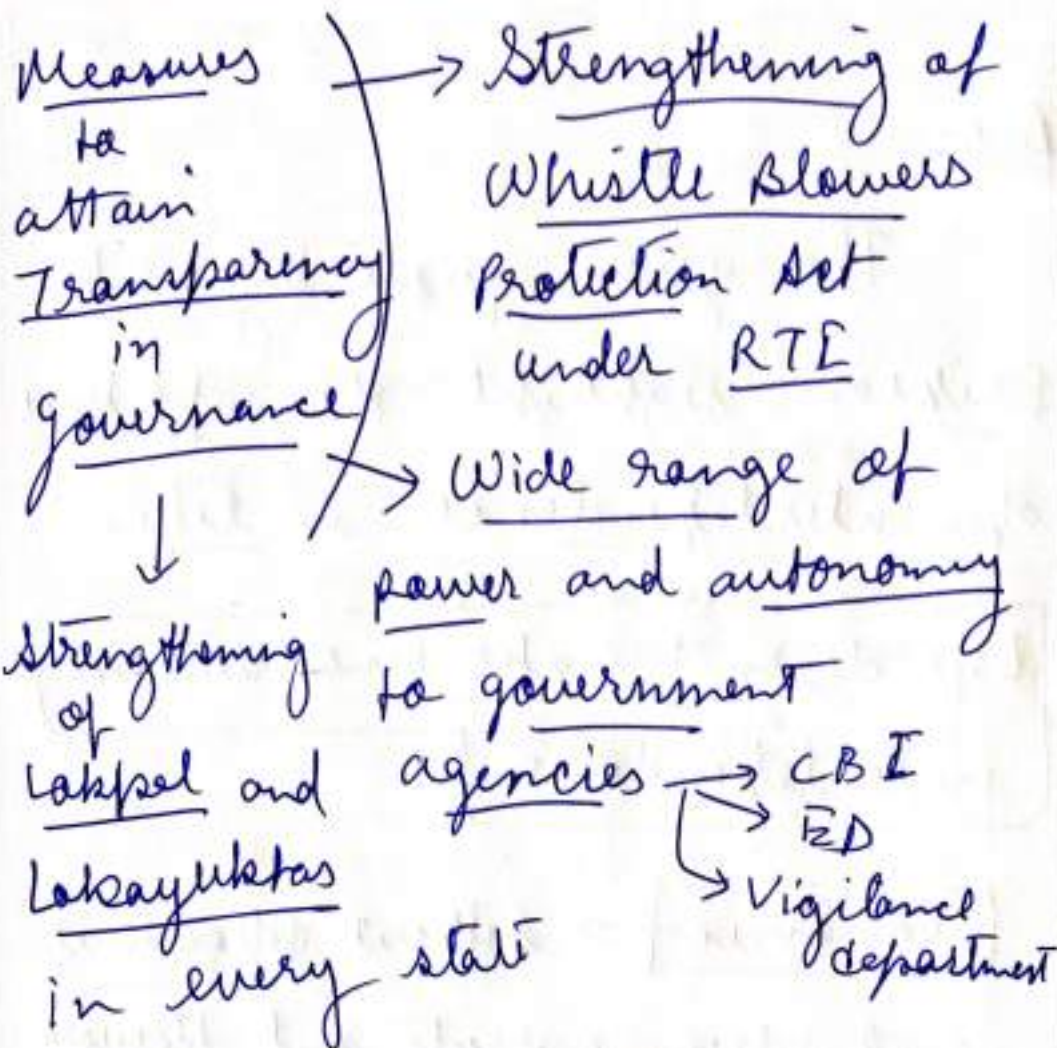
Compassion is an important form of Emotional intelligence which helps an individual to be happy.

Q9. Transparency is a crucial concept in maintaining ethical governance machinery. (10 marks/150 words)

Ans:

Transparency in decision making, policy formulation and implementation is an important factor for maintaining ethical governance machinery





Transparency will help realize effective and ethical governance machinery.

Q10. Life doesn't make any sense without interdependence. We need each other, and the sooner we learn that, it is better for us all." – Erik Erikson (10 marks/150 marks)

Ans:

The given quote by Erik Erikson highlight the importance of interdependence in life.

Life doesn't make sense without interdependence

Economic → Without dependence of children, parents and spouses an individual would have no motivation to work.

Social → Every human being is an emotional being and

require social and emotional support.

husband $\longleftrightarrow$ wife
parents $\longleftrightarrow$ children
worker $\longleftrightarrow$ colleagues/
students. classmates

"Man is a social animal"

The above quote given by
Aristotle signifies man as a
inherent social being and
 is meaningless without
 a society

Q11. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher." – Abdul Kalam (10 marks/150 words)

Ans:

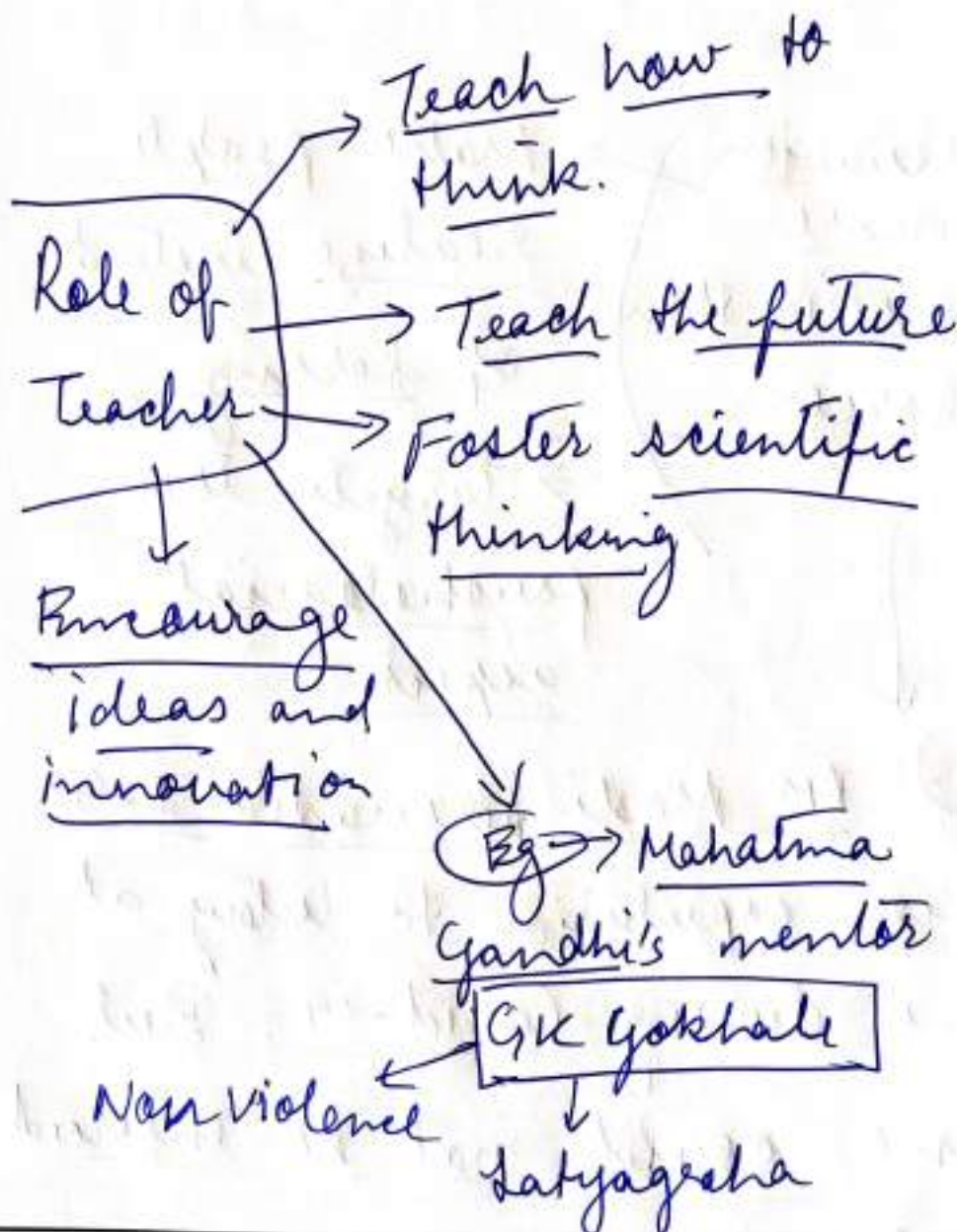
Role of Father and mother

- Primary unit of socialization
- Inculcation of basic values
- Develop sense of empathy and compassion
- Ref APJ Abdul Kalam's family used to discuss the good aspects of every religion which inculcated value of tolerance

within him.

Barack Obama → Raised by
Grandparents

↳ he is something larger than himself



Q12. Persuasion is often more effective than force. Elucidate. (10 marks/150 words)

Ans:

Persuasion is the ability to influence without using any coercive measures.

Persuasion more effective than force → Make people realize instead of forcing

→ Targets the psychological aspect

↓

(Eg) → PM Modi persuaded 1.4 billion population to stay at home during Covid-19. But same could not be enforced

in USA or Europe.

Who can persuade?

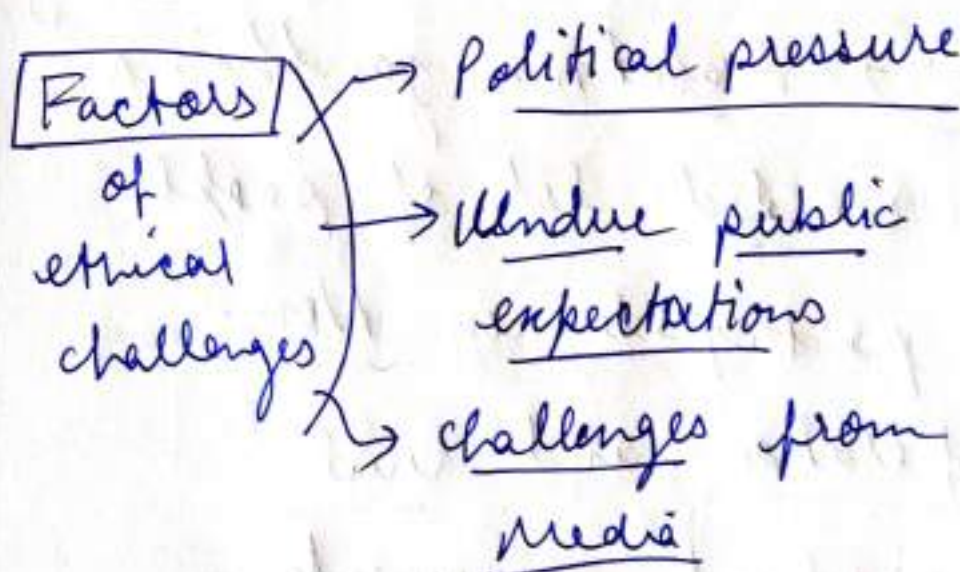
- Person having strong character and charisma
- Person who is credible, honest and able to communicate his collective vision for good credibility
- (Eg) → Mahatma Gandhi's n persuaded lot of people to participate in Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedient movements.

Q13. Mention different types of Ethical dilemmas faced by civil servants in discharge of their duty. (10 marks/150 words)

Ans:

A civil servant while discharging sovereign duty faces several ethical challenges.

Only the one with pure ethical competence will be able to resolve the ethical dilemmas.



Ethical dilemmas faced by Civil servants

- 1) ~~Superior~~ Superior directives
versus public interests
- 2) Honesty versus efficiency
- 3) Constitutional
morality versus discretionary
power
- 4) Transparency versus Confidentiality

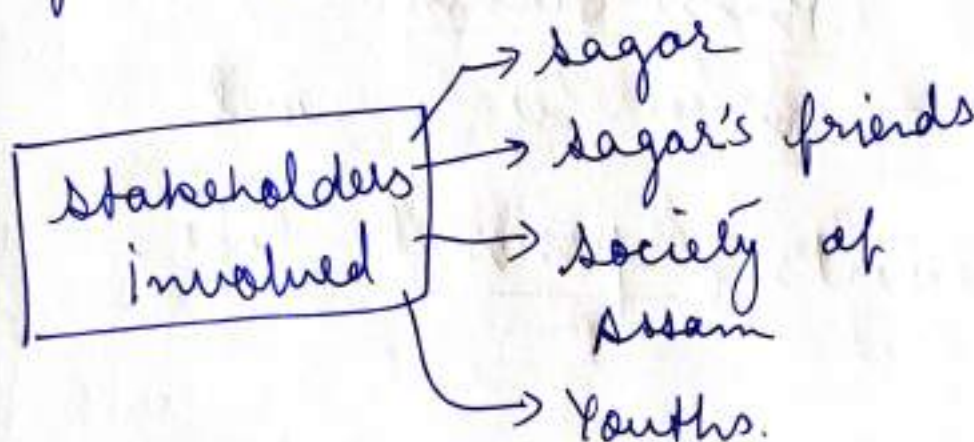
Ethical dilemmas are
part parcel of a civil
servant's professional life.

Section B-Case studies

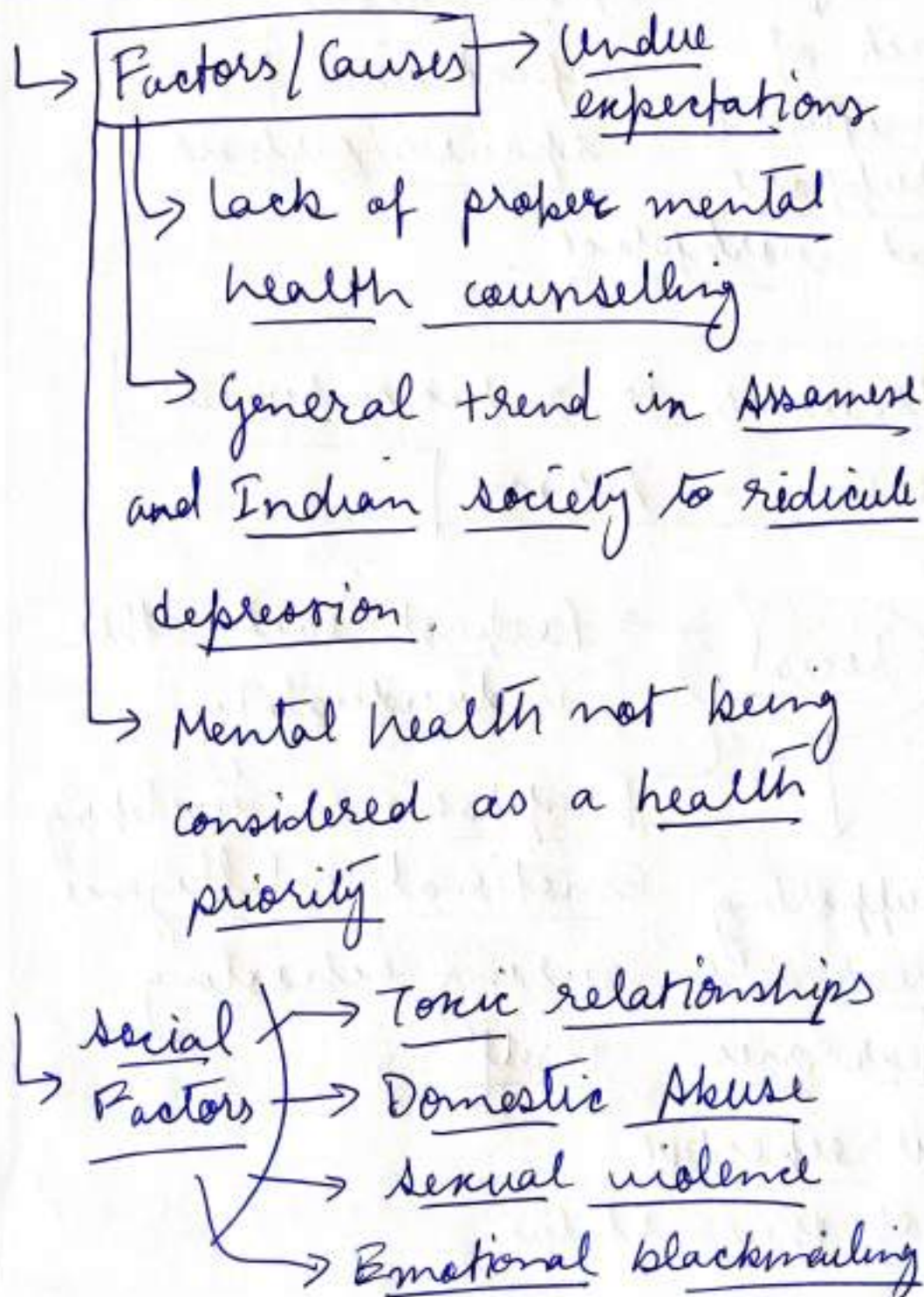
Q14. Sagar, a 25-year-old youth with a very pleasing personality, had made a choice to leave this world. He was very understanding towards his colleagues too. He used to encourage others and help his friends and colleagues by listening to them and suggesting amicable solutions to their problems. Apparently, he didn't have financial problems or any other issues like relationship problem, break-up, depression, etc. So, the question, 'Why did he choose to leave?' was disturbing all his near and dear ones. Numerous assumptions were made, some blaming themselves for not understanding his mental condition, and others for not getting the chance to know him better. Well, the problem is, we human beings are similar to tip of icebergs. In Sagar's case also, what everyone saw was just the small accessible part of his conscious functioning or the tip of the iceberg which is barely anything compared to what lies beneath or the larger domain of his unconscious psychological functioning which was completely unknown. However, the reason for Sagar's choice is gone with him, but he left behind a lesson that life is unpredictable.

Highlight the Causes of rising suicide cases in Assam. Suggest some measures which can lead to the reduction of suicide cases in Assam. (20 marks/300 words)

Ans: The given case study pertains to rising suicide cases in society in which a young, understanding and dynamic youth fell into victim.



Suicide as a Mental / Psychological Phenomenon



Measures to reduce suicide cases in Assam

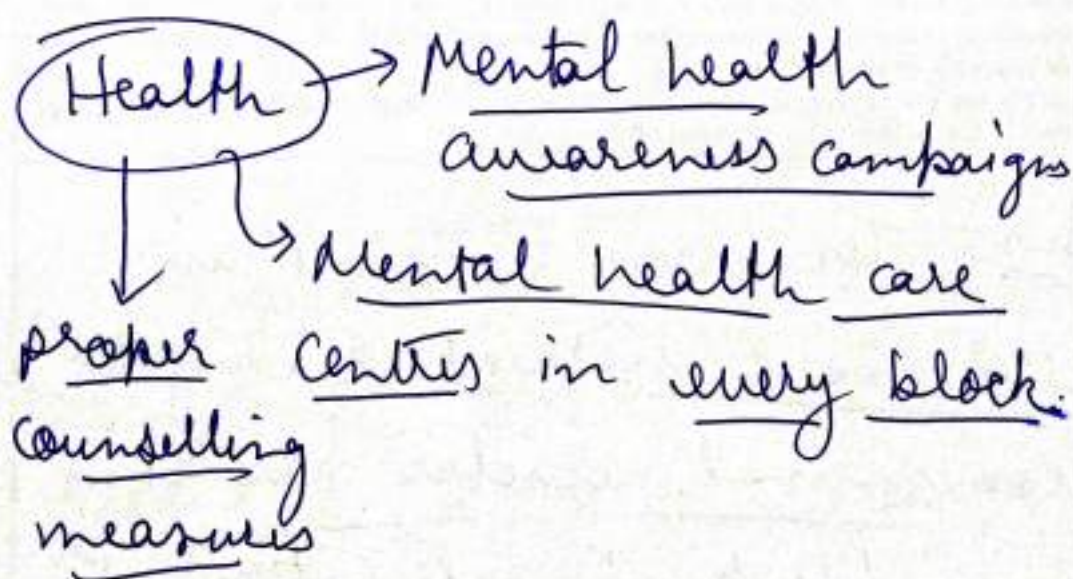
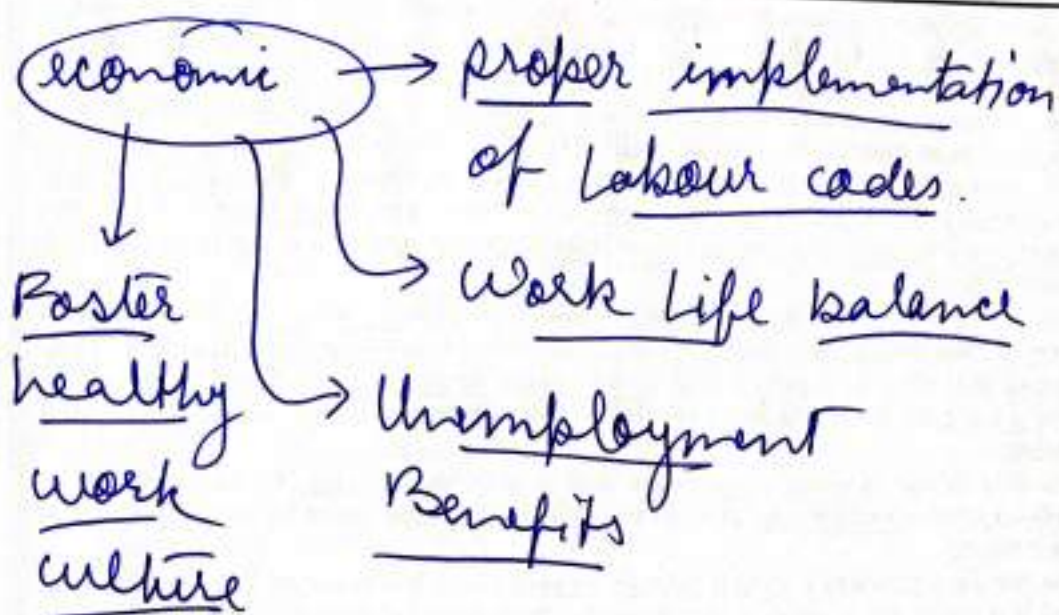
Social → Respect each other
 individuality

↓ ↘

supporting
near and
dear ones

Emphasis on developing
Emotional intelligence
during schooling
itself

irrespective
of their status



Mental health is a serious issue and needs to be tackled with utmost urgency.

Q15. In the small village of Lakhimpur, located in the northern part of Assam, a group of people had gathered in the central square to protest against illegal migration from neighboring Bangladesh. The village, which was once a peaceful and harmonious community, had been increasingly divided along ethnic and religious lines due to the influx of migrants.

The protesters were angry and frustrated, citing incidents of violence, theft, and encroachment of land by the migrants. They demanded action from the government to stem the tide of illegal migration and protect the rights of the local community.

However, the situation took a violent turn when a group of migrants, who had been living in the village for several years, decided to confront the protesters. They argued that they had been living in the village peacefully and contributing to the local economy, and that they should not be unfairly targeted and discriminated against.

The confrontation quickly escalated into a physical altercation, with both sides throwing stones and sticks at each other. Several people were injured and taken to the hospital.

The incident sparked a debate across Assam about the issue of illegal migration, and the need for a more comprehensive and humane approach to address the underlying causes of the problem. The government, civil society organisations, and community leaders all came together to find a solution that would protect the rights and interests of all parties involved.

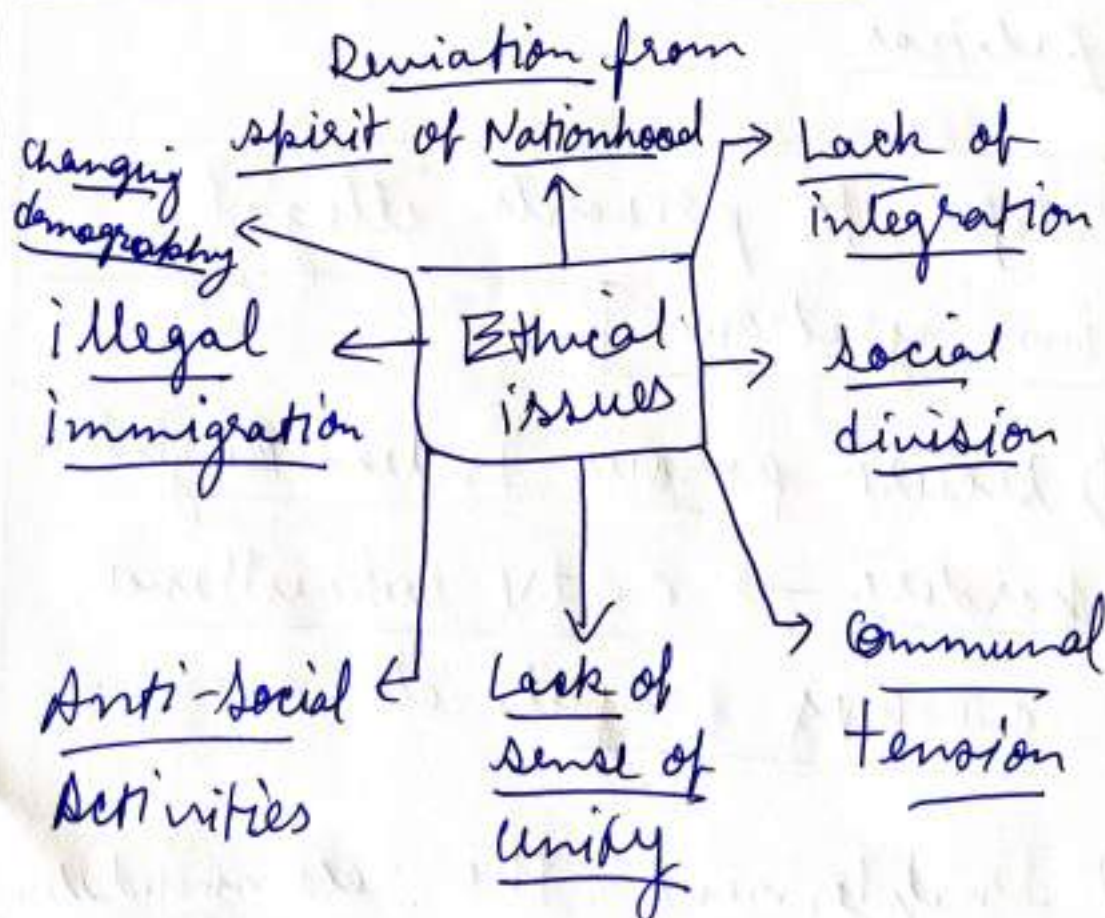
Identify the ethical issues in the case. What Steps should be taken to prevent the effect of Illegal Migration. (20 marks/300 words)

Ans: The given incident in Lakhimpur district leading to communal clashes resulting from [lack of integration] of local and migrants.

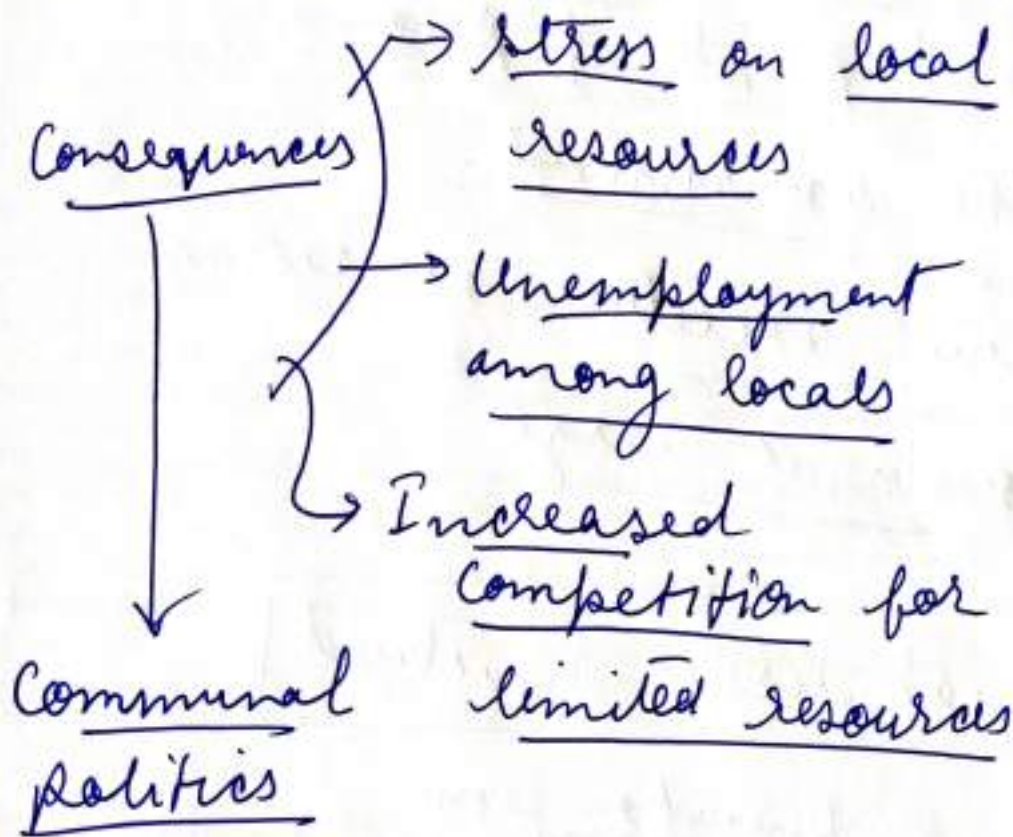
The stakeholders involved in this case are →

- 1) The migrants from Bangladesh
- 2) Local people of Assam.
- 3) The government.
- 4) Civil society organisations.
- 5) society at large

Ethical issues involved



Consequences of illegal immigration



Steps to prevent illegal immigration

- 1) Secure porous India-Bangladesh borders → CCTV surveillance, CIBM project, etc.
- 2) Implement the recommendation

of Biplab Kumar Sarma
Committee of Assam to
protect the interests of local
people.

3) Understanding pact with
Bangladesh to relocate illegal
immigrants.

Immigration has been
a wide ranging debate in
Assam - Proper measures
are [need of the hour] to
address concerns of local
people.

Q16. You are working as a Chief Development Officer in a district. You are known for your honesty and dedication to work. All the files related to development work and contracts in the district pass through your office. This makes your office vulnerable to corruption. You have made it clear to your staff that you will follow zero tolerance to corruption in office and very strict action will be taken against anyone who indulges in corruption.

One day a contractor came to meet you regarding an ongoing project. He informed you that your peon takes money from all the contractors for telling them about your schedule and meeting timings.

The contractor told you that it is difficult to meet you because of your busy schedule. The peon takes money and informs them about timings when you are available in the office. It saves them much effort and makes it easy to meet you.

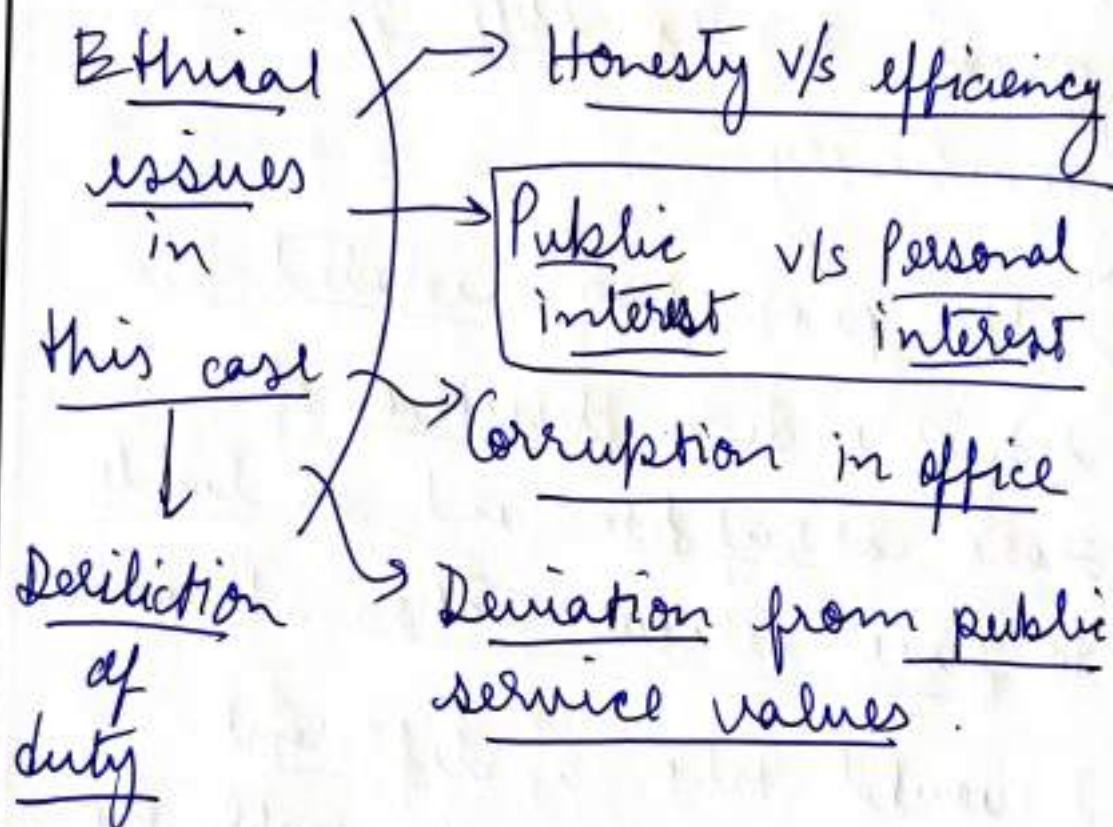
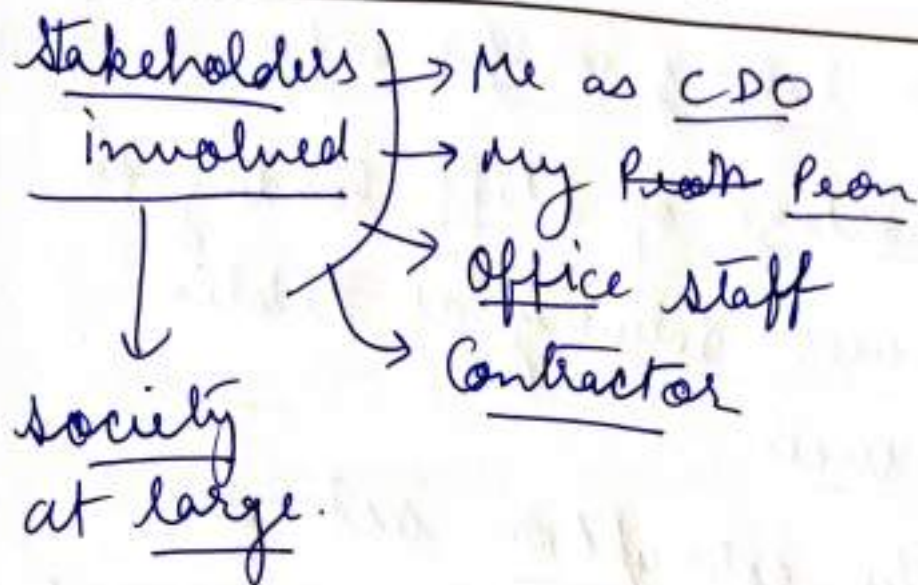
You are unhappy with your peon. You called him and asked for an explanation. The peon told you that he does not ask for money, it is the contractors who give him money on their own. The amount it is very small, just sufficient for tea or coffee. He further tells that he has 6 daughters, all of who are unmarried. His youngest daughter has a chronic illness and she is bedridden. He tells you that he is in dire need of money. He also tells you that this is a common practice and peons of all the officers get money from the contractors for facilitating their meetings with other officers.

You enquired about his story with your other staff and whatever he told you about his daughters was true. You know that the salary of a peon is not sufficient for taking care of such a large family and getting good treatment for her daughter. There is also the problem of dowry in the area which makes The marriage of women is expensive.

a) Why are such acts of petty corruption considered acceptable in government offices?

b) Is there a case for serious action against the peon? What will be your course of action to deal with the situation? (20 marks/300 words)

Ans: The given case pertains to the issue of corruption in public offices resulting in an ethical dilemma to choose between interest of public and that of family



a) Petty corruption in government offices

1) Culture of 'Done thing'.

2) Low salary compensation

3) Shortage of staff leading to slower delivery of public services.

4) Petty corruption acts as grease to the stiff government machinery.

b) The peon has violated his senior's ~~do~~ directive of Zero corruption and is liable to face serious action. However

I would take a different course of action to tackle the issue —

My course of action

↳ Nature → Reformative rather
than punitive.

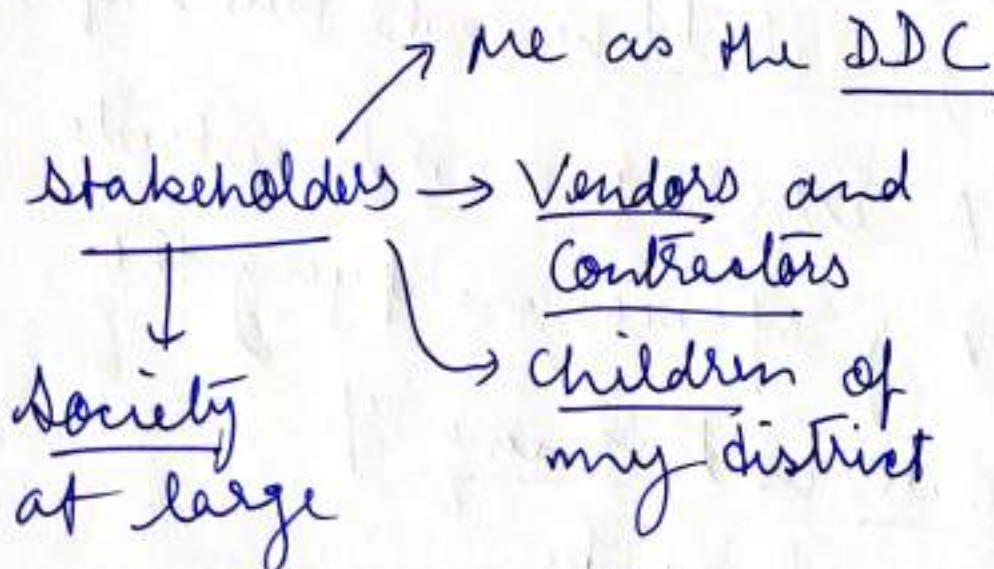
1. Warn the peon and other staff members against taking bribes.
2. Write a letter to my senior to revise the compensation of staff.
3. Aware the peon about government policies for girl child he could take benefit.
4. A schedule board outside my office notifying the date and timing of availability.

Q17. You are posted as the District Development Commissioner (DDC) in a region which has high rates of child mal-nourishment. For last few months, you have been receiving complaints regarding poor quality of food given under the Midday Meal Scheme. Responding on the complaints, you found that most of the meals served failed the calorie test as per the criterion under the scheme. Some vendors supply poor quality deliberately as it is more profitable but many others don't have the right knowledge of which food contains what nutrients. Calorie knowledge is also less among children and teachers.

Special instruments are required for exact calorie counts which are not available in abundance. Also limited suppliers are there and blacklisting them would completely stall the process.

Analyse the problem and explain various repercussions of it. Also explain what steps you can take in order to effectively resolve this problem. (20 marks/300 words)

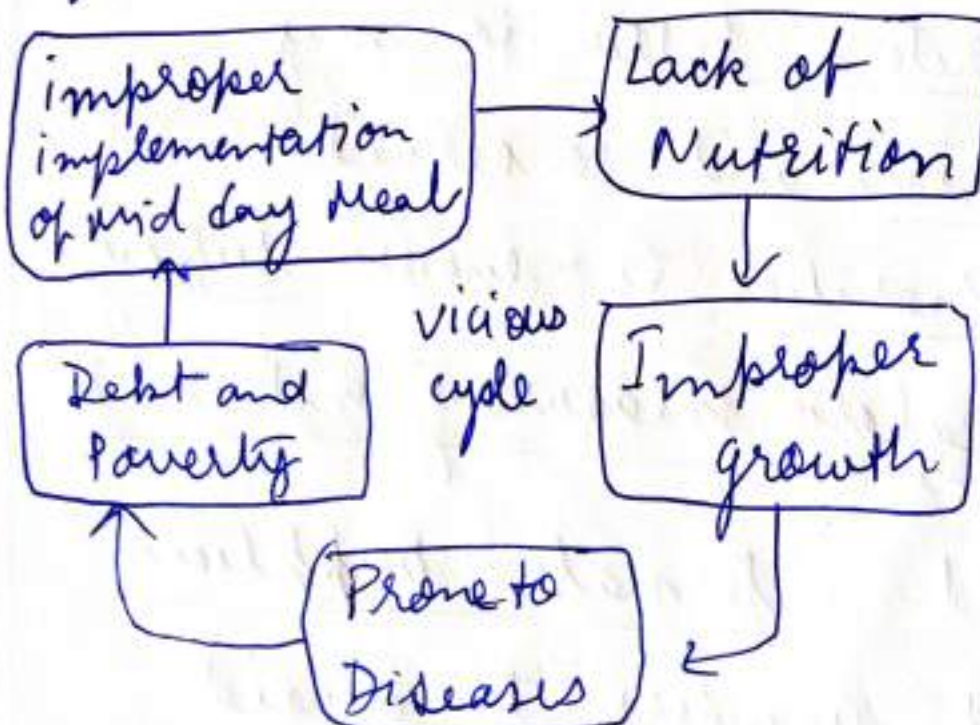
Ans: Children are the future of this country. However their growth is being compromised due to poor quality of food given to them in schools.



Ethical issues involved

- 1) Dereliction from duty
- 2) lack of nutritional awareness
- 3) Public corruption.
- 4) Problem of malnutrition.

The issue of improper implementation of mid-day meal schemes lead to a vicious cycle of poverty and malnutrition



Steps I would take

keeping
in
mind

→ No disruption
in Mid-day meal
scheme

→ Ensure proper nutritious
food

My steps

- 1) Proper sensitization campaign
on nutrition for vendors,
teachers and students
- 2) Write a letter to my
seniors and concerned
authorities to ensure supply
of calorie measuring instruments.
- 3) Find alternate suppliers
and vendors to avoid

monopolizations.

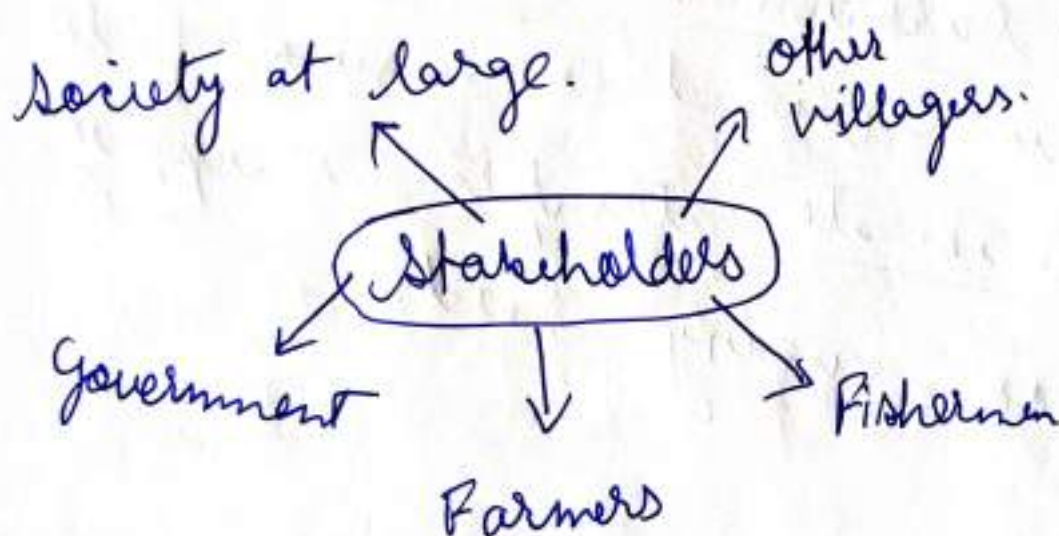
- 4) Vegetables can be grown in school gardens to ensure certain amount of self-sufficiency.

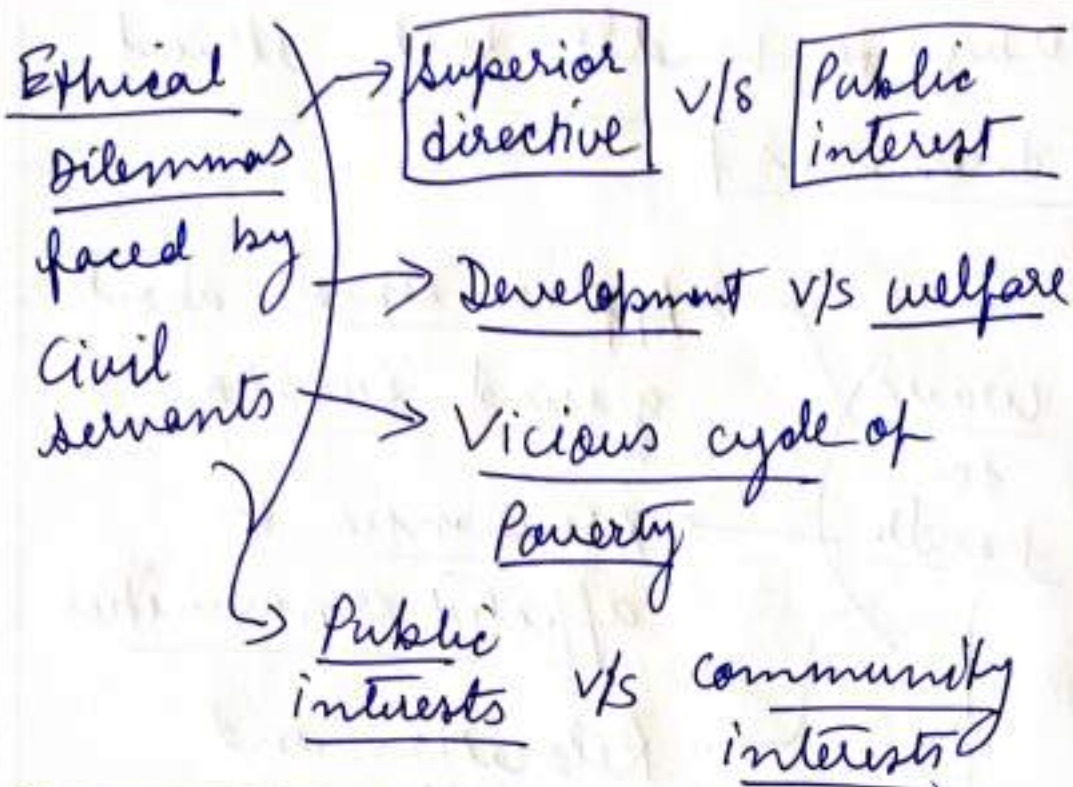
Justification

- 1) Directly Blacklisting vendors disrupt supply of food for mid-day meal schemes
- 2) Calorimetric awareness is required to ensure filter deliberate attempts to supply poor quality food.

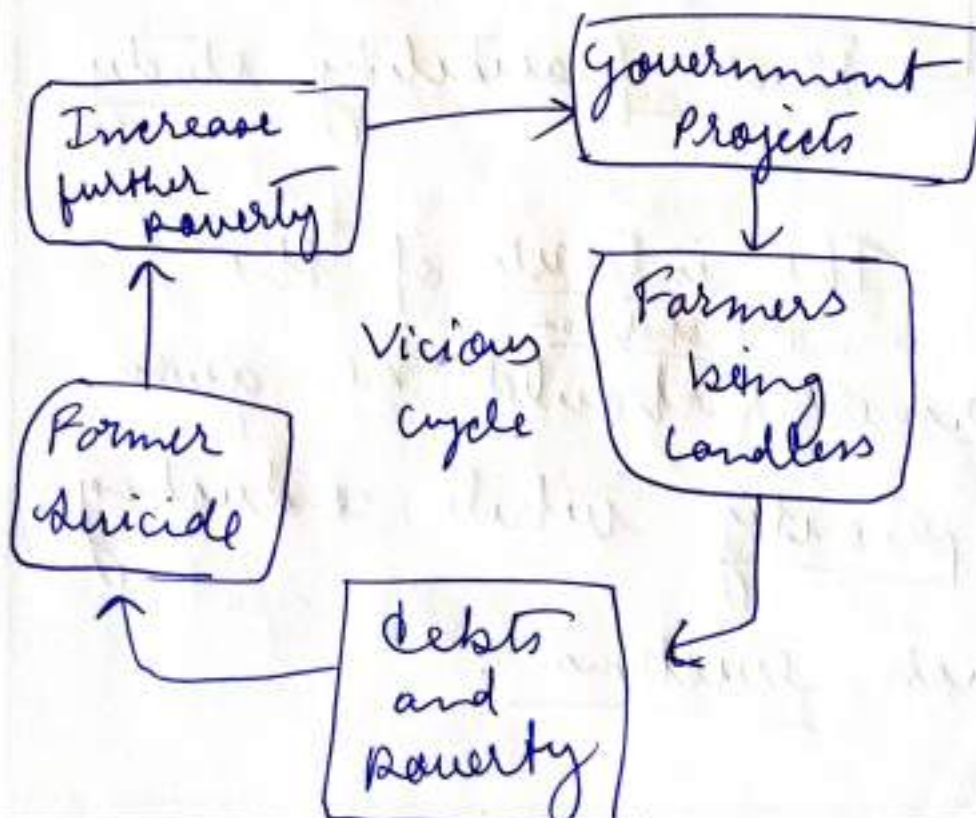
Q18. In a small village in Assam, a community of farmers and fishermen lived on land that had been passed down through generations. One day, they received a notice from the local government stating that their land had been designated for a new industrial park and that they had to vacate within a month. The villagers were shocked and devastated. They had lived on the land for decades and had no other means of livelihood. They knew that they had to fight for their rights, but they didn't know where to start. The government officials, on the other hand, were under immense pressure to clear the land for the industrial park. They argued that the land had been acquired legally and that the villagers had been compensated fairly. They insisted that the eviction had to proceed as planned. What are the Ethical Dilemmas faced by Civil Servants in Such scenarios. Mention some Ways in which such a dilemma can be resolved. (20 marks/300 words)

Ans: The case study pertains to the issue of a self-sufficient community of farmers and fisherman going landless due to government projects.

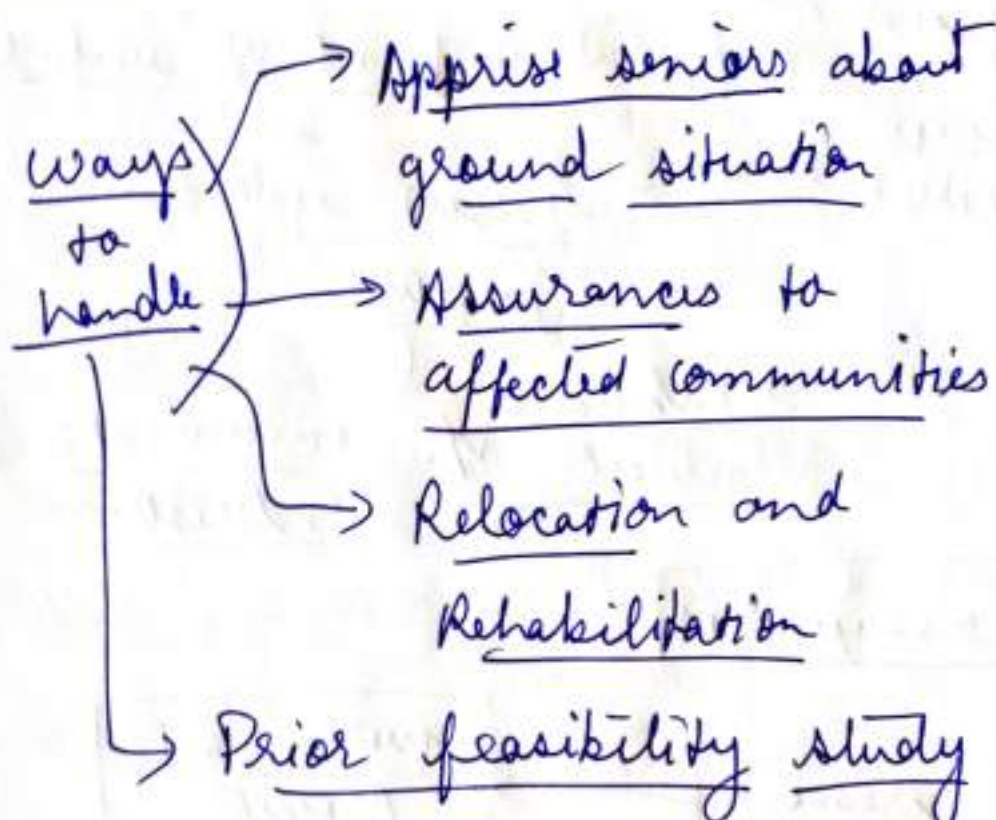




Consequences



ways to handle such ethical dilemmas



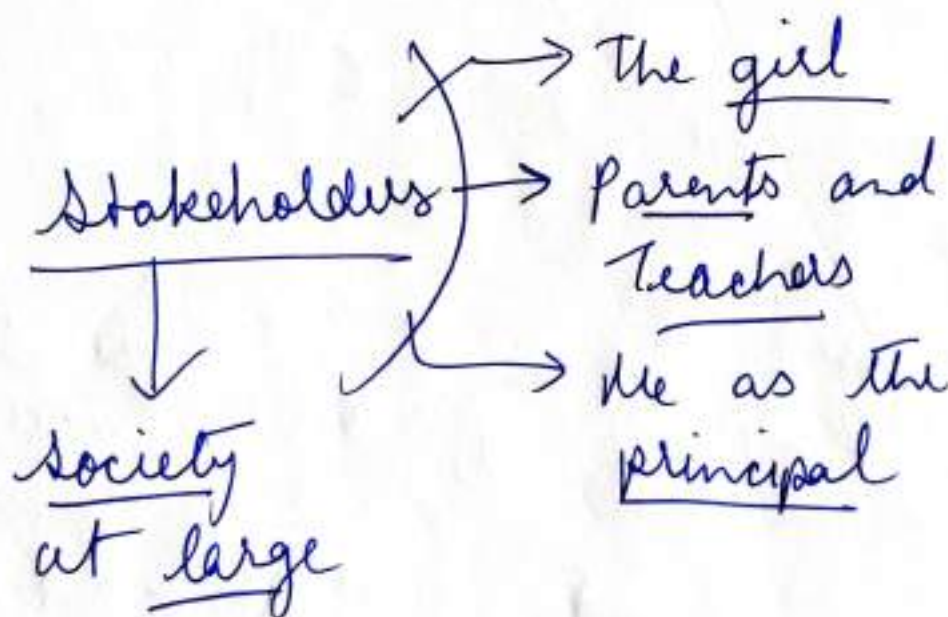
The interests of the farmers and fishermen should be given a priority while conducting such evictions.

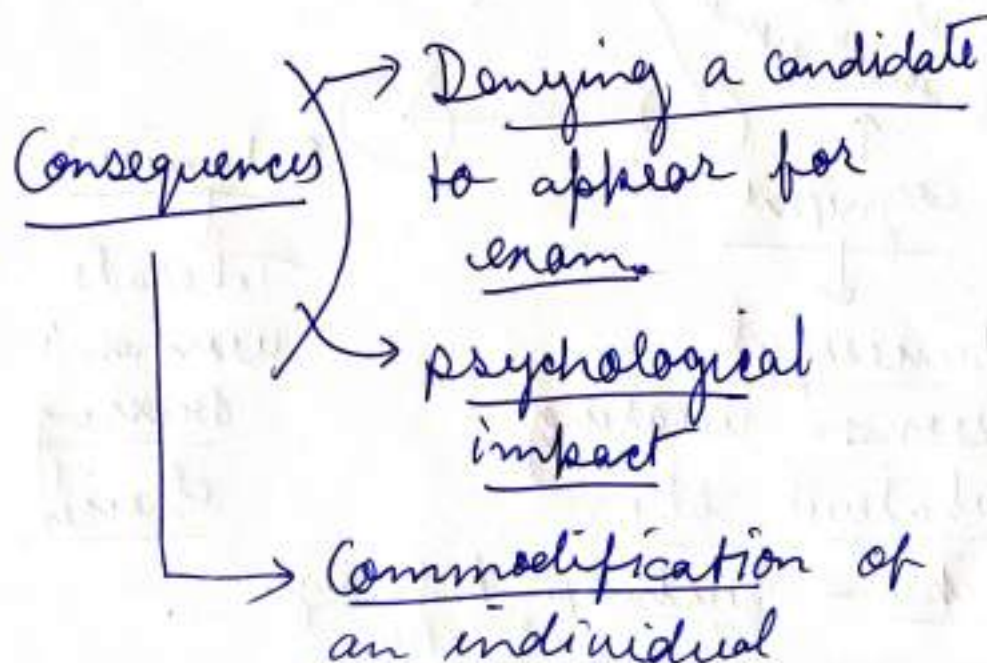
Q19. A girl in Biswanath district of Assam was denied entry in the exam hall for allegedly not being dressed properly. Other faculties and guardians complained about the issue. They claimed that this kind of over exposing dress may lead to distraction of boys and other male candidates. Analyse the issue from a different ethical perspective. You are Principal of the college. What will you do?

(20 marks/300 words)

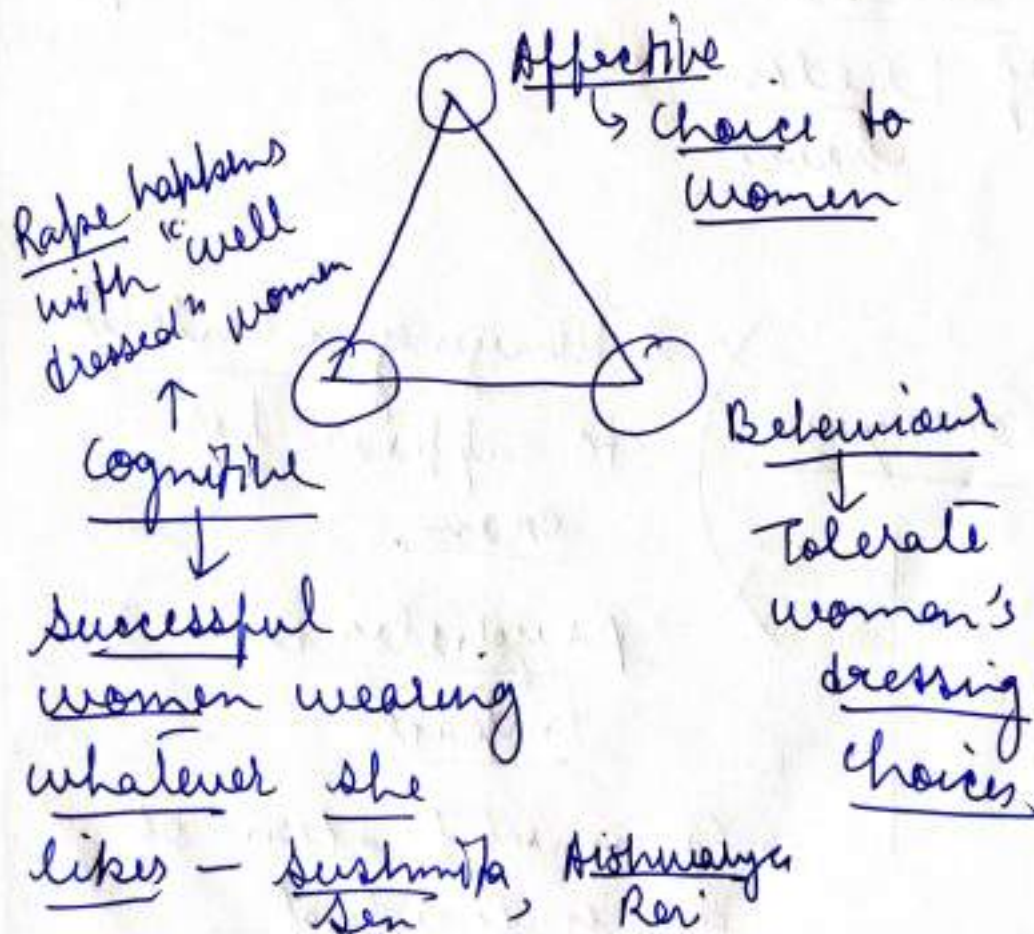
Ans:

The given case study pertains to an issue of restricting a girl from wearing clothing of her own choice resulting from a perception of male chauvinism





As a principal of the college, my action would be guided by Cognitive changing behaviour of teachers and parents using Cognitive and Affective model.



Justification
↓
changing
Patriarchal
Mindset

→ girl should be
allowed to
participate in
every opportunity
equally

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- Q7. "Assam is facing ethnic struggles and clashes which are between the ethnic groups of Bodo and Adivasi, Bodo and Muslims, Karbi and Kuki, Karbi and Dimasac e.t.c claimed more than thousands of lives, and lakhs of people got displaced". In the above Context explain the Ethical issues which causes such Struggle. (150 words/10 marks)
- Q8. "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion". (10 Marks/150 words)
- Q9. Transparency is a crucial concept in maintaining ethical governance machinery. (10 marks/150 words)
- Q10. Life doesn't make any sense without interdependence. We need each other, and the sooner we learn that, it is better for us all." – Erik Erikson (10 marks/150 marks)
- Q11. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher." – Abdul Kalam (10 marks/150 words)
- Q12. Persuasion is often more effective than force. Elucidate. (10 marks/150 words)
- Q13. Mention different types of Ethical dilemmas faced by civil servants in discharge of their duty. (10 marks/150 words)

Section B-Case studies

Q14. Sagar, a 25-year-old youth with a very pleasing personality, had made a choice to leave this world. He was very understanding towards his colleagues too. He used to encourage others and help his friends and colleagues by listening to them and suggesting amicable solutions to their problems. Apparently, he didn't have financial problems or any other issues like relationship problem, break-up, depression, etc. So, the question, 'Why did he choose to leave?' was disturbing all his near and dear ones. Numerous assumptions were made, some blaming themselves for not understanding his mental condition, and others for not getting the chance to know him better. Well, the problem is, we human beings are similar to tip of icebergs. In Sagar's case also, what everyone saw was just the small accessible part of his conscious functioning or the tip of the iceberg which is barely anything compared to what lies beneath or the larger domain of his unconscious psychological functioning which was completely unknown. However, the reason for Sagar's choice is gone with him, but he left behind a lesson that life is unpredictable.

Highlight the Causes of rising suicide cases in Assam. Suggest some measures which can lead to the reduction of suicide cases in Assam. (20 marks/300 words)

Q15. In the small village of Lakhimpur, located in the northern part of Assam, a group of people had gathered in the central square to protest against illegal migration from neighboring Bangladesh. The village, which was once a peaceful and harmonious community, had been increasingly divided along ethnic and religious lines due to the influx of migrants.

The protesters were angry and frustrated, citing incidents of violence, theft, and encroachment of land by the migrants. They demanded action from the government to stem the tide of illegal migration and protect the rights of the local community.

However, the situation took a violent turn when a group of migrants, who had been living in the village for several years, decided to confront the protesters. They argued that they had been living in the village peacefully and contributing to the local economy, and that they should not be unfairly targeted and discriminated against.

The confrontation quickly escalated into a physical altercation, with both sides throwing stones and sticks at each other. Several people were injured and taken to the hospital.

The incident sparked a debate across Assam about the issue of illegal migration, and the need for a more comprehensive and humane approach to address the underlying causes of the problem. The government, civil society organisations, and community leaders all came together to find a solution that would protect the rights and interests of all parties involved.

Identify the ethical issues in the case. What Steps should be taken to prevent the effect of Illegal Migration. (20 marks/300 words)

Q16. You are working as a Chief Development Officer in a district. You are known for your honesty and dedication to work. All the files related to development work and contracts in the district pass through your office. This makes your office vulnerable to corruption. You have made it clear to your staff that you will follow zero tolerance to corruption in office and very strict action will be taken against anyone who indulges in corruption.

One day a contractor came to meet you regarding an ongoing project. He informed you that your peon takes money from all the contractors for telling them about your schedule and meeting timings.

The contractor told you that it is difficult to meet you because of your busy schedule. The peon takes money and informs them about timings when you are available in the office. It saves them much effort and makes it easy to meet you.

You are unhappy with your peon. You called him and asked for an explanation. The peon told you that he does not ask for money, it is the contractors who give him money on their own. The amount is very small, just sufficient for tea or coffee. He further tells that he has 6 daughters, all of who are unmarried. His youngest daughter has a chronic illness and she is bedridden. He tells you that he is in dire need of money. He also tells you that this is a common practice and peons of all the officers get money from the contractors for facilitating their meetings with other officers.

You enquired about his story with your other staff and whatever he told you about his daughters was true. You know that the salary of a peon is not sufficient for taking care of such a large family and getting good treatment for her daughter. There is also the problem of dowry in the area which makes the marriage of women is expensive.

a) Why are such acts of petty corruption considered acceptable in government offices?

b) Is there a case for serious action against the peon? What will be your course of action to deal with the situation? (20 marks/300 words)

Q17. You are posted as the District Development Commissioner (DDC) in a region which has high rates of child mal-nourishment. For last few months, you have been receiving complaints regarding poor quality of food given under the Midday Meal Scheme. Responding on the complaints, you found that most of the meals served failed the calorie test as per the criterion under the scheme. Some vendors supply poor quality deliberately as it is more profitable but many others don't have the right knowledge of which food contains what nutrients. Calorie knowledge is also less among children and teachers.

Special instruments are required for exact calorie counts which are not available in abundance.

Also limited suppliers are there and blacklisting them would completely stall the process.

Analyse the problem and explain various repercussions of it. Also explain what steps you can take in order to effectively resolve this problem (20 marks/300 words)

Q18. In a small village in Assam, a community of farmers and fishermen lived on land that had been passed down through generations. One day, they received a notice from the local government stating that their land had been designated for a new industrial park and that they had to vacate within a month. The villagers were shocked and devastated. They had lived on the land for decades and had no other means of livelihood. They knew that they had to fight for their rights, but they didn't know where to start. The government officials, on the other hand, were under immense pressure to clear the land for the industrial park. They argued that the land had been acquired legally and that the villagers had been compensated fairly. They insisted that the eviction had to proceed as planned.

What are the Ethical Dilemmas faced by Civil Servants in Such scenarios. Mention some Ways in which such a dilemma can be resolved. (20 marks/300 words)

Q19. A girl in Biswanath district of Assam was denied entry in the exam hall for allegedly not being dressed properly. Other faculties and guardians complained about the issue. They claimed that this kind of over exposing dress may lead to distraction of boys and other male candidates. Analyse the issue from a different ethical perspective. You are Principal of the college. What will you do? (20 marks/300 words)