



Ethics Full Length Test_TS - 2 (APSC Mains 2023)

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Detail Feedback

Q.1. Discuss the impact of the
 economic growth on the environment.
 (10 marks)

Ans. Economic growth is a process of increasing the production of goods and services in an economy over time.

The impact of economic growth on the environment is both positive and negative.

Positive impact of economic growth on the environment is as follows:

1. It leads to the development of infrastructure and services which are essential for the growth of the economy.
2. It helps in the creation of jobs and income for the people.
3. It leads to the improvement of the quality of life of the people.
4. It helps in the development of the environment.

SECTION A

Q1. Probity in governance is an essential requirement for good governance and socio economic development. Discuss. Also mention ways to enhance probity in governance. [150 words]

Ans.

Probity in governance can be described as carrying all moral values of civil service. Probity in governance helps in existence of morals and strong ethical values.

Probity leads to good governance and socio-economic development

- ① It prevents unethical practices in society.
- ② It leads to rule of law.
e.g. - file of an ordinary person and minister should give equal importance.
- ③ It improves legitimacy of government.
- ④ It improves public trust on governance
↳ leads to Participation.

Ways to improve probity in governance

- ① Implementation of code of ethics and code of conduct as suggested by 2nd ARC.
- ② Implementation of suggestion of Supreme Court in Balakrishna case
 - Transparency in appointment, transfer and promotion of civil servants
 - Establishment of police accountability Committee
- ③ Implementation of values as suggested by Nolan committee like Honesty, integrity, Leadership etc.
- ④ Developing attitude of openness and transparency.
- ⑤ Training program → Mission Karmayogi
Welfare of people only can be ensured through Probity in governance.

Q2. What is the difference between happiness and pleasure? Explain with suitable examples. [150 words]

Ans

Happiness can be described as satisfaction of soul.

Pleasure is carnal in nature.

Difference between happiness and pleasure

Happiness	Pleasure
① Addictive ① Non-addictive ② Long term satisfaction ③ Satisfaction of body soul ④ Intellectual in nature	① Non-addictive ① Addictive ② Short-term Satisfaction ③ Satisfaction of body ④ Carnal in nature.

④ Leads to creation of personality, devoid of ~~of~~ material pleasure

⑤ Promote materialism in society

Examples

① Blood donation gives a person happiness which is everlasting.

• Habits like drinking, smoking which gives instant pleasure but promotes addiction.

② Helping others gives happiness

Ex - Arundhan Ashram, started by Baba Amte to cure leprosy.

Behaviours like discrimination, insult etc. are pleasure seeking.

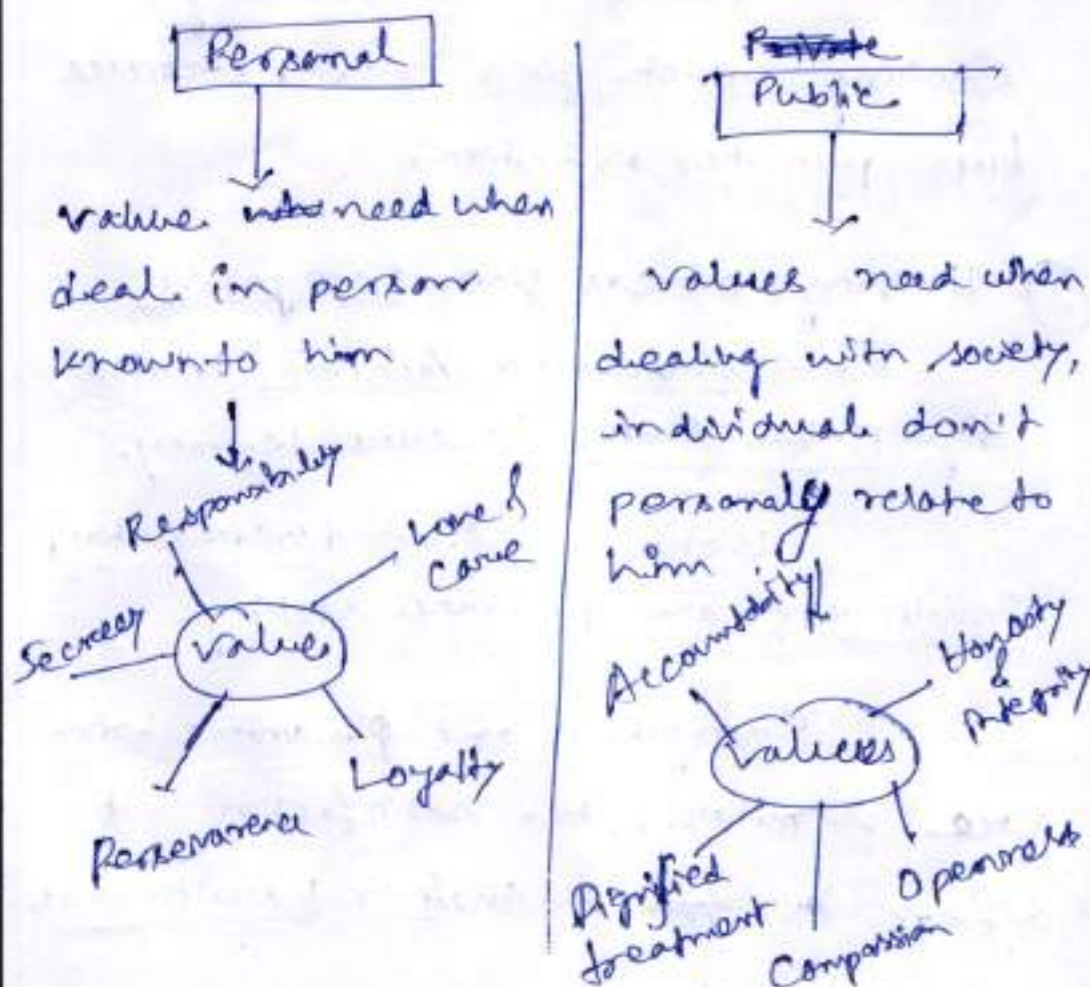
Happiness and Pleasure both are similar, gives satisfaction but differ in ~~in~~ in their characteristics and outcome.

Q3. There is almost a dichotomous relation between values for a civil servant in personal and public life. Yet a civil servant must balance the two set values to discharge their duties in a sincere manner. Discuss. [150 words]

Ans.

Values can be described as the ideas which one attaches importance to. Ex - honesty, loyalty etc.

A civil servant have to maintain both 'value' →



There is relation between the two →

① A person if dishonest in his personal life can't be honest in public life.

② If a person values Love & care in personal life, always value compassion in public life.

A civil servant must balance between two in discharge of duty →

① Prioritise value

should prioritise organisational values above personal value during duty.

② Conflict of interest

Balance approach required to prevent conflict of interest.

③ Civil servant should keep the foundational value as sacrosanct.

"A civil servant should be a person who ~~but~~ work as ~~for~~ bridge between Governments and People" - Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Q4. Discuss the concept of integrity pact and its significance in Indian administration.
[150 words]

Ans. Integrity Pact means signing
a pact while dealing with private
companies, if anything goes wrong,
the contract will be cancelled.

Integrity Pact help in being
accountability in administration.

Significance of integrity Pact
in Indian administration →

- ① Time bound delivery of ~~work~~
performance.
- ② It will be an antidote to
corruption.

③ Cases of mismanagement will be reduced.

④ ~~Time bar~~ It will bring Objectivity in administration
 ↳ Civil servants will perform as per merit of case.

Government of India take steps recently in this case.

→ amend section 7 of civil services pension rules 2021.

→ If any person ^{with} involuntarily ~~int~~ illegal activity or found negligence of duty → his pension and gratuity will be stopped after retirement.

Time to time reform is required in Indian administration to make it relevant and effective.

Q5. Citizen charter will naturally lead to empowerment of citizens. In this regard discuss benefits and issues associated with Citizen charter. [150 words]

Ans Citizen charter referred to set of commitment made by government about standard of services it will provide.

Benefits of citizen charter

1. It will bring transparency in working.
2. Citizen ~~at~~ know in advance about different types and standard of services provided by government.
3. It will improve Accountability.
4. Redressal of people grievances if any lapse.

~~SEWA~~ SEWA Setu model
developed by Assam government in this regard.

Issues associated with the citizen charter

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- ① One size fit all approach.
 - ② Frozen in time → Once adopted, it is not upgraded.
 - ③ Standards are difficult to measure.
→ Qualitative nature
 - ④ Lack of participation among from different stakeholders.
 - ⑤ Authority themselves not interested in ~~fulfilling their~~ fulfilling their promises.

2nd ARC recommended following measures to improve it →

- ① Capacity building before preparation of charter.
- ② Decentralise the process. Each department should make their own charter.

Citizen charters should be citizen centric and help in excellent service delivery

Q6. Emotional Intelligence is an important trait to imbibe in a highly competitive and achievement oriented environment. Elucidate. [150 words]

Ans Emotional intelligence means ability to understand own emotion and ability to understand other people's emotion, ability to direct it in constructive manner.

Emotional Intelligence important in highly competitive environment →

- ① It ~~pro~~ Improves leadership quality
- ② Better negotiation ability
- ③ Balance between personal life and ~~public~~ work life.
- ④ Ability to build good interpersonal relation.

Importance from different aspects →

① For individual

Emotional intelligence leads to positive attitude leads to success in life.

Ex - Buddha in eight fold path → Right mindfulness → emotional intelligence

② For Sportman

Ex - Mohammed Ali shows equanimity during his career.

③ For Bureaucracy

Have to work as agent of change.
Emotional intelligence required to understand emotional issues.

Ex - Girl foeticide issue.

④ For Politics

Emotional intelligence required to understand problems of citizen.

Ex - 20% girls drop out in India due to period poverty.

Emotional intelligence help a person to develop emotional literacy and leads to success in life.

Q7. Differentiate between Integrity and Honesty by giving suitable examples to distinguish between the two at the workplace. [150 words]

Ans Honesty and integrity are qualitatively alike but quantitatively different.

Difference

Honesty

① Honesty means being truthful and open

② A honest person may not be person of integrity.

③ May indulge in wrongdoing, but will accept it and face the consequences.

Integrity

→ Means integration to inner thought and outer action.

→ But a person of integrity always be a honest person

→ A person of integrity never indulge in wrongdoing.

Examples to distinguish in workplace

→

Honesty

- ① Lal Bahadur Shastri receives RS 40 as salary. When he got to know that his wife saves RS. 10 every month, then he writes to government to reduce his salary.
- ② Maggie when caught in adulteration in 2014 → they accepted their mistake and recompose their product.

Integrity

- ① Lal Bahadur Shastri condemns US for Vietnam attack despite India's involvement in US PL-480 program.
- ② Mysore Laxman M. Viswaraaya used office candle for office work and used personal candle for personal work.

Honesty and Integrity are ~~same~~ two sides of same coin.

Q8. Explains why youth are unwilling to join politics. Suggest steps to motivate them to come forward. Also highlight the ethical concerns of youth joining politics.

[150 words]

Ans. Youth are energy of any country. Vinobananda emphasised of development of youth and due to this his birth anniversary is considered as National Youth Day in India.

Why Youth unwilling to join politics

- ① No clear cut way to get success in politics.
- ② No guarantee. After hardwork may fail to get success.
- ③ Dominated by family members of political families — nepotism.

④ Involvement of crime and criminalisation of politics. ~~current @ 15%~~

⑤ Less no of young representative in Politics.

[Steps to motivate]

① Training program conduct by successful politicians to train youth.

② Creating of awareness about the remarkable work done by Politician.

③ Development of political leadership since school and collage.

[Ethical concern in joining politics]

① Youth whose basic needs haven't been fulfilled can take Politics as source of earn money.

L, & leads to corruption and defeat of public welfare.

Q9. "I count him as a braver who overcomes his desires than he who overcomes his enemies."—Aristotle. [150 words]

Ans. Aristotle talks about Happiness and pleasure in this quote.

A person who overcomes his desires can able to get real happiness which is long lasting. Overcoming enemies will give instant pleasure which is short term.

Gautam Buddha advocates same ~~idea~~ idea in his philosophy →

- ① ^{world} ~~life~~ is full of sorrow
- ② Reasons for this sorrow
- ③ ~~ways to~~ It can be eliminated
- ④ Ways to ~~reduce the~~ get rid of this.

Buddha said the only way
to get rid of worldly sorrows is
to get rid of own desires.

In this idea Swami Vivekananda
talks about self belief ~~and~~ ~~not~~
which is key get out from frame
of desire of materialist life. He
suggested a balanced approach.

A person with emotional
intelligence ~~and~~ can build the
ability to come out ~~from~~ material
desires. ~~and~~

Q10. Explaining the concept of political neutrality, discuss its significance in administration. Also highlight how Civil Services Code of Conduct rules seek to ensure political neutrality in civil services. [150 words]

Ans.

Political neutrality means not inclined to any political party or ideology.

Significance of Political neutrality

- ① Civil servants values comes from constitution, so they should follow that.
- ② It will prevent impartiality and promote fairness in administration.
- ③ Promotes public trust on govt administration.
- ④ Improves legitimacy of administration.
- ⑤ Encourage Public participation in governance.

Civil services code of conduct rules & establishes some rules required for maintaining political neutrality.

Rules of ~~the~~ ^{civil} services code of conduct → help in maintaining neutrality →

- ① Civil servant can't give fund to political party.
- ② Civil servant can vote but shouldn't discuss about his preference.
- ③ Can't use flags or sign of political party in his vehicle.
- ④ ~~Rule~~ Civil servant can't take commercial appointment after retirement.
- ⑤ Can't do anything which make him unbecoming of an civil servant.

Political neutrality leads to unbiased decision making and leads to welfare of society.

Q11. Ethics gets meaning essentially in a social context. But not all social norms can be called ethical. Discuss. [150 words]

Ans. Ethics in society means the standards, on the basis of which society decided right against wrong.

Ethics depends on society and society depends on religion and religion depends upon geography. So essentially different societies have different ethical practices.



Ex → Porn in India considered as unethical and as subter adultery but in Canada it is considered as ethical, → as source of education.

All social norms can't be called
ethical →

- ① Deterrence & Retributive Punishment
system administered by west asia.
- ② Abortion is considered as illegal in
USA → violation to individual rights.
- ③ Caste based distinction in indian
society.
- ④ Animal sacrifice in indian and
many countries in the name of
religion.
- ⑤ Practice of Polygamy in many
societies of islamic countries.

A ~~practice~~ ethics is
in the process of changing with time
can be called as continuum.

Q12. Explain the ethical issues involved in spending government funds for advertisements campaigns and publicity. [150 words]

Ans.

Ethical issues in government funds for advertisement. →

- ① Misuse or waste of resources.
- ② Misuse of position of power.
- ③ Election should be based on developmental work not on publicity.
- ④ Government funds coming from hard earned taxpayers money. Using in advertising is not its best utilisation.
- ⑤ Deviation from Organisational integrity.

⑤ ~~chances of~~

⑥ Leads to Manipulation.

Ex - Cambridge analytical
~~data~~ analysis → role of facebook
 in 2016 US president election.

⑦ Setting wrong precedence
~~for~~ for future generation.

⑧ It prevents good governance.
 Government formed on the basis
 advertising doesn't ~~is~~ give much
 attention to public welfare.

Q13. The phenomenon of "Vaccine Nationalism" presents an ethical conundrum in the Age of Global Pandemic. Analyse. [150 words]

SECTION B

Q14. You are a young honest IAS officer who has been recently posed as an SDM in a district of a state in western India. The state has high incidence of agricultural poverty and farmers' suicide. This year has been especially bad for the farmers. The Covid induced lockdown drove down prices of food commodities, reduced purchasing power of people and restricted the supply of many agricultural inputs. During summer months the state witnessed locust attacks. Standing crops of farmers were destroyed. The government launched a loan waiver programme for the affected farmers. Many of the farmers whose crops were destroyed were compensated. After a few months, your district witnessed another agricultural disaster. A sudden hail storm severely affected the standing crops in your district. Given the widespread agricultural distress, the state government again launched a loan relief scheme. The state government laid down certain criteria for eligibility under the scheme. One of the criteria was that farmers can claim loan waiver only once. The process for the loan waiver started and you paid special attention that all eligible farmers get benefited as early as possible. One day, a group of distressed farmers approached you. They told you that due to a hail storm their house collapsed and all the documents were lost. They pleaded that you use your discretion and approve their name for the loan waiver scheme. They told you that if they don't get any help from the state, they have no other options but to commit suicide. You were moved by their plight and approved their name in the beneficiary list for loan waiver on compassionate grounds.

After some days, you saw a headline in your local newspaper mentioning scam and corruption in loan waiver schemes. The report mentioned multiple cases where a farmer was able to secure benefit under both loan waiver schemes: one for the locust attack and other for the hail storm. Many farmers who did not even have standing crops during the hail storm, as it was destroyed in locust attack, got the benefit of the loan waiver under hail storm related scheme. You have been accused of using your discretionary power and benefiting some undeserving farmers. A corruption enquiry has been started against you for your alleged role in this multi crore rupee scam.

- a) The entire episode has come as shock to you, where a decision in good faith has landed you in trouble. What approach will you adopt to handle the situation in hand? Justify.
b) What measures can be taken to ensure that honest civil servants are not punished for bonafide mistakes on their part? [250 words]

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This is often the easiest part, but it is crucial to get it right. Once you have identified the problem, you can then move on to the next step.

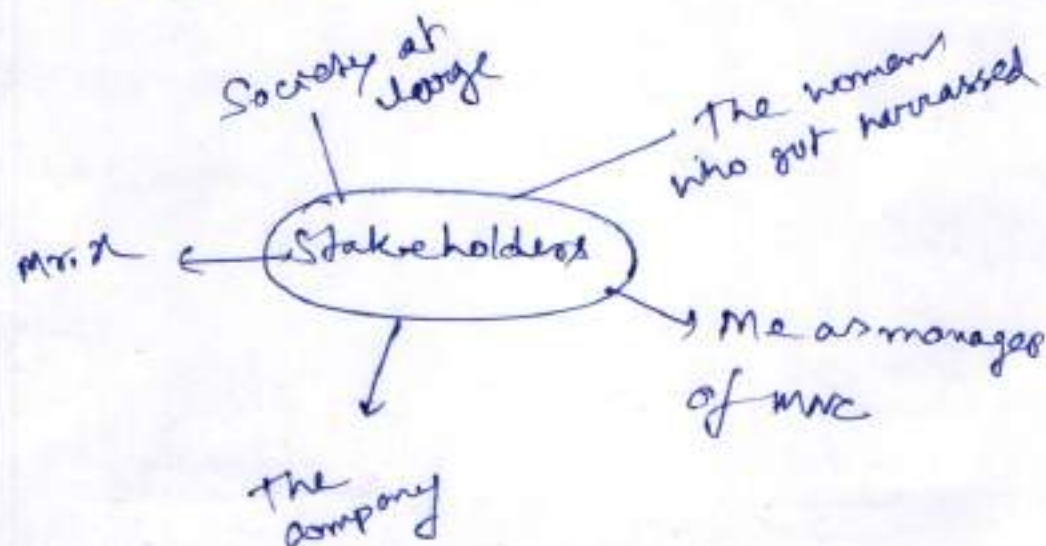


Q15. You are a senior manager in one of a MNC. One day you receive a harassment complaint from one of your female employee against Mr. X, a star performer of the software development unit. Mr. X is leading a major project of the company after which the company will be eligible to bag government contracts. On preliminary investigation you find that Mr. X is liable for the offence. At this juncture, serving a suspension notice to him or setting up a departmental inquiry will have serious repercussions on the project in particular and image of the company in general. You have the following options.

- Ignore the issue as giving warning or initiating an enquiry will have repercussions on the company's image.
- Giving a warning to Mr. X.
- Assure the female for a stringent action so that she may remain quite till the completion of Project and then initiating an action.
- Initiating an action against Mr. X as the act done by him should have zero tolerance. What will be your stand in the above mentioned scenario? [250 words]

Ans.

In this case, it shows the growing cases of sexual harassment at workplace. Here, Mr. X, who is an efficient worker but with low moral value and ethical values.



Ethical issues in this case

- ① Misuse of position of power by Mr. X.
- ② Demeaning values in organisation.
- ③ Deviation from moral value by Mr. X.
- ④ Work culture of the organisation for such incidents.
- ⑤ Conflict of interest for Mr. X whether to talk about company and women safety.

Options

- ① Ignore the issue

Positives

Negatives

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| ① Company image will be saved | → ① <u>Demeaning value of organisation</u> |
| ② Will get govt. contract. | ② Pangs of conscience
sense of guilt. |
| | ③ Same incident may repeat. |

(B) Giving Warning to x

Positives

1) Organisation image will be saved

2) Efficiency of Organisation will be maintain.

Negative

1) Not in line with justice

2) Same incident may happen in future.

(C) Assure the female for stringent action so she can remain quiet till completion of projects.

Positives

① Organisation image will be saved.

② Efficiency will not hamper.

Negatives

① Unjustice for the women.

② Wrong precedence for future.

③ Pangs of conscience for me.

(D) Initiating Action immediately

Positives

① Clear conscience for me

Negatives

① Organisation's Image will spoil

② Justice for the women

② Reduce the efficiency of the organisation.

My course of Action

I will ~~not~~ adopt option 4 that is zero tolerance for harassment and take immediate action.

Justification for my action

- ① My action based on my conscience moral value and organisational integrity.
- ② Dignity is categorical imperative. Can't be compromised with efficiency.
- ③ ~~Support this kind~~ It will establish a precedence in the organisation for future.
- ④ It will prevent such types of incidents in future.

Q16. Sunita is a brilliant student with a lot of interest in biology and medical sciences. She wants to seek admission in medical stream in a private college because she missed the cut off to get admission in government run medical colleges. Her father has sufficient wherewithal and he has no objections to pay the heavy fee structure for private medical education. However, Sunita's grandfather as well as mother say that, what is the use of spending so much money on a daughter as eventually she would go to somebody else's family. It is better to keep money for her marriage or for their son's requirements, who will look after the family.

Assess the attitudinal differences between father and daughter on one side and grandfather and mother on the other side and its repercussions on society. How Sunita can persuade her family to allow her to become a doctor? [250 words]

Ans:

This case shows the gender based inequality that is existing in society. Sunita wants to become doctor supported by her father. But grandfather and mother interested in saving money for marriage instead of education.



Attitudinal difference between both sides

① ~~Girls as matter of prosperity as~~
~~by her father.~~
 Father

Grandfather and
 Mother

② Girl as prosperity — girl as burden

③ Neutral
 attitude

Patriarchal
 attitude.

④ Considers boys
 and girls equal

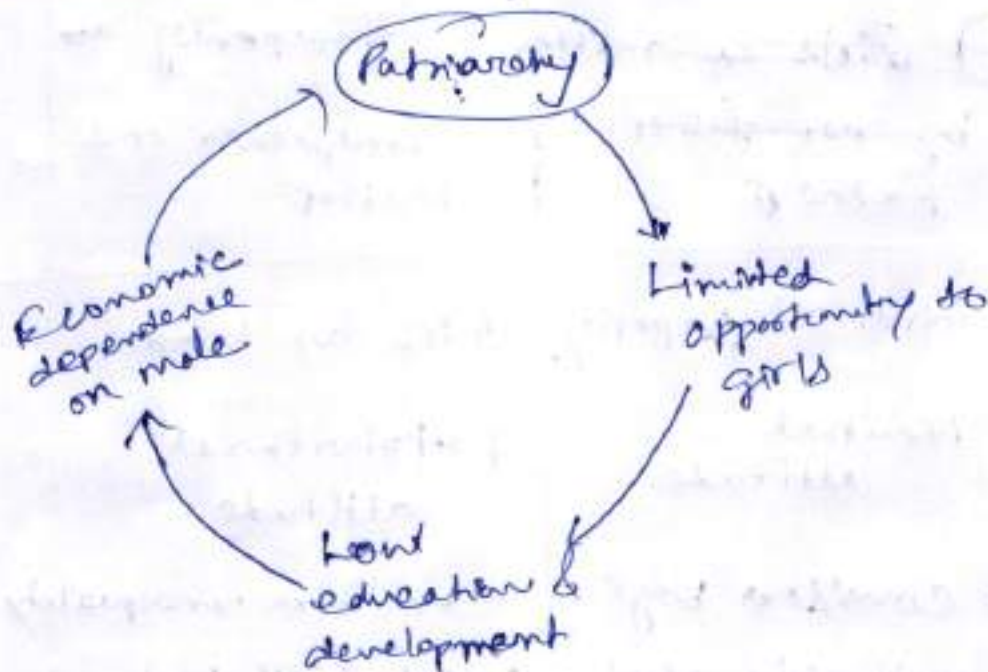
Considers inequality
 among boys and
 girls.

⑤ Shows neutral
 and balance
 attitude towards
 boys and girls.

Only concentrates
 in educational
 upliftment of boys.

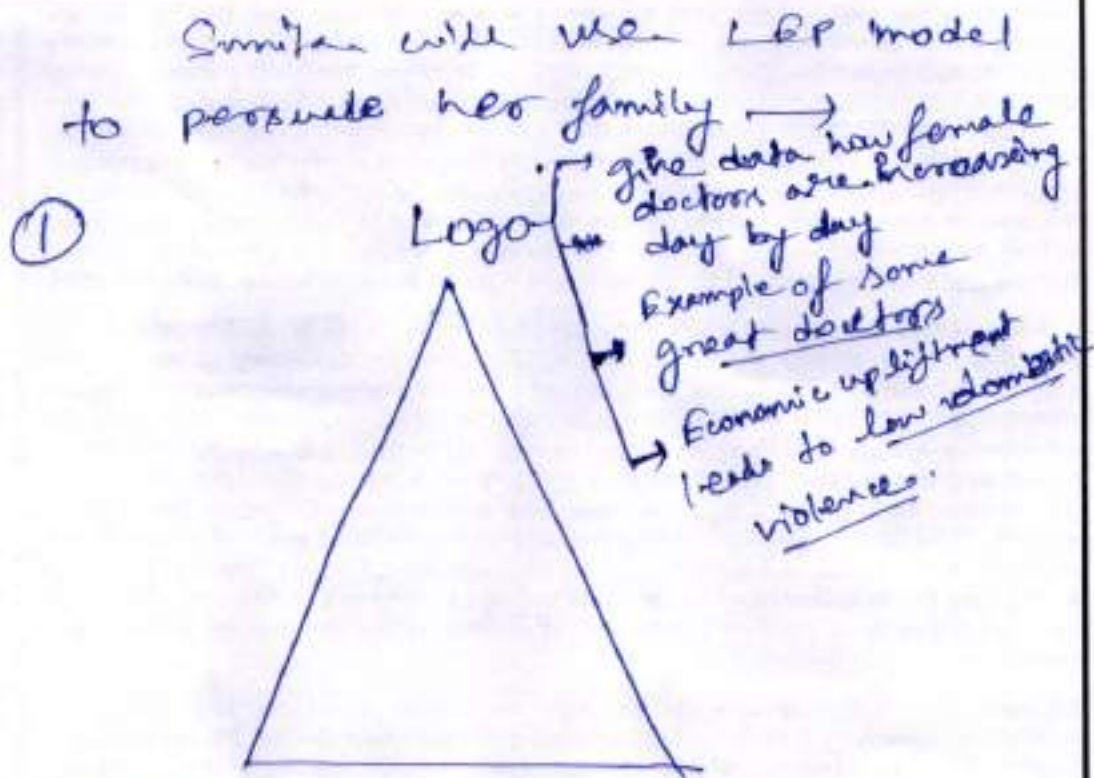
Consequences on society

- ① This kind of Patriarchy attitude created a vicious cycle. ~~create~~



- ② This kind of attitude leads to problems like domestic violence, girls foeticide etc.

- ③ Low participation of girls in all spheres of activities. →
 Judiciary → only 4 SC judge till 2021
 Legislature — only 14%



Ethos
↓
Make mother talk to a successful female doctor who can change her attitude.

Pathos
↓
→ emotionally appeal like if she can't become doctor she will be in dissatisfaction for entire life
→ If ~~help~~ will improve respect of family in society

② Sunita can use her emotional intelligence to persuade her mother and grandfather.

Q17. Saraswathi has been recently appointed as a Labor Enforcement Officer (LEO). Saraswathi has always lived with her family in a metropolitan area. Due to her new posting, she has shifted to a suburban area and this is the first time that she is living away from her family. Though Saraswathi is enjoying her work, some cultural difference, especially related to gender discrimination, has come as a rude shock to her. One day, Saraswathi was inspecting a construction site as part of her official duty of protecting the rights of labourers and ensuring a safe work environment. Upon her arrival on the project site, she was greeted by Ajith, the chief contractor of the project. Ajith showed her around the project site and everything appeared sound at first. However, when she was about to leave, she saw an injured woman, Shanti. Saraswathi initially assumed that Shanti was injured in some work-related accident.

She asked Shanti about her injury and what Shanti revealed to Saraswathi shook her. Shanti told Saraswathi that she was a 17-year-old girl belonging to a tribal community and the contractor had brought her to the construction site with a promise of a decent working wage. While the male labourers were paid 25 rupees/day, Ajith paid Shanti just 15 rupees/day for her back breaking manual labour. Shanti approached Ajith and demanded an increase in her daily wage to 20 rupees/day or she would go back to her village. Shanti was accompanied by some other women labourer. Not only Ajith refused to accept her demand but also thrashed her with a steel rod to set an example for the other labourers. Further, Shanti was forced to work on the construction site and not allowed to go back to her village, so that she can serve as a constant reminder of terrible repercussions for defying the contractor.

Saraswathi, who had never witnessed such barbarism in her sheltered urban life, was overwhelmed by emotions. Saraswathi was furious with the contractor Ajith and demanded an explanation on the incident. Ajith brazenly replied that he pays his employees what they deserve implying gender and the caste status of the employees. Saraswathi decided to initiate legal action against Ajith. However, her subordinates advised her against taking any action as Ajith is a local strongman and politically well-connected with the ruling dispensation. Ajith also threatened Saraswathi, who lives all by herself in a small town, of dire consequences for her activism. Considering this case, answer the following questions:

- What explains the widespread gender-based pay gap in jobs across sectors?
- Highlighting ethical issues involved in this case, evaluate different courses of actions available to Saraswathi.
- If you were in Saraswathi's position, what would you have done? Justify.

[250 words]

Q18. According to some reports, gambling and betting together, while illegal, have evolved into a multi-billion dollar industry in India with one estimate pegging the market at \$60 billion. Added to this is the wide reach of cricket as a sport and the periodic cases of betting in it making to news. It has been suggested by some that making gambling and betting legal would resolve many issues and also contribute to the exchequer.

On the other hand, there remains a strong opinion against doing so.

(a) What is your opinion on the matter?

(b) Also, identify the merits of the arguments in opposition to the stand you have taken. [250 words]

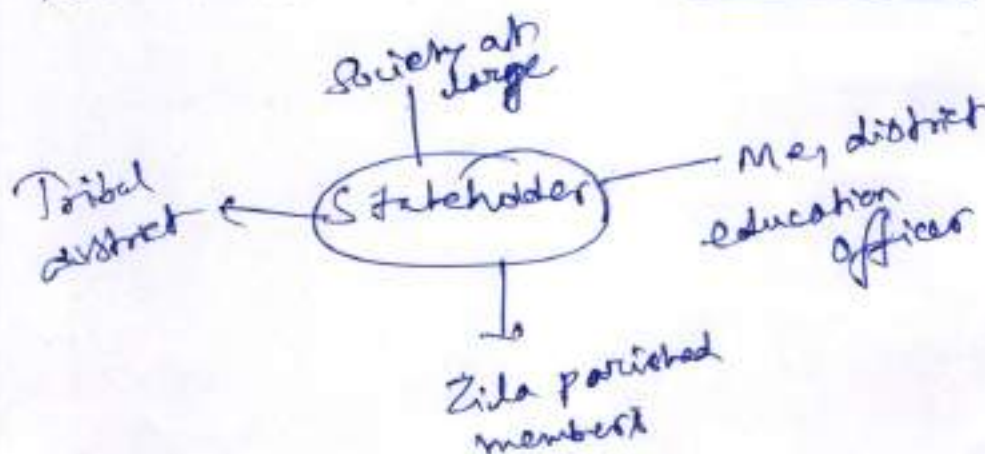
Q19. You are a District Education Officer in the Tribal District of the Country. On a survey of the district you found a need of setting up schools in several zila panchayats as they have only private schools run by zila panchayat members. When you proposed the setting up of new schools to the zila panchayat, they denied the proposal citing land acquisitions concerns as it being a tribal district. But the real motive is that they have their own schools and their business will be hampered. Convincing the gram sabhas for acquiring a village land seems a tough job as many members of gram Sabha are affiliated to zila panchayat.

a) What options do you have? Explore each option vis-à-vis constraints.

b) What will be your course of action?

[250 words]

Ans. This case shows how private institutions leads to denial of basic needs of education for poor people. In this case Zila panchayat member obstructing to construct government school due to loss to their business.



[Options]

① Try to persuade the govt. sabha

<u>Positives</u>	<u>Negatives</u>
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① Direct connect with
~~be~~ beneficiary
may help.

→ Relation with the
Zila parishad member
can hamper

②

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