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ETHICS TEST – 1 (APSC Mains 2023)

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INDEX NUMBER			INSTRUCTIONS
Q.NO.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained.	Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting the questions: • There are 10 questions. • All questions are compulsory. • Marks and word limit have been indicated against the questions. • The answers must not exceed 150 words for 10 marks and 250 words for 15 marks. • Content is more important than the number of words.
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Relevancy of the content					
Structure and flow of the answer					
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(b) Body					
(c) Conclusion					
Subject knowledge					
Language of the answer					
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(a) Underline to the keywords					
(b) Use of flowcharts or diagrams					
(c) Paragraph limits and overall					
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Q1) Discuss the values that make people sail through times of distress and crisis. [150 words]

Ans 1.

Values can be defined as individual preferences. It is one's understanding of right or wrong.

The values that make people sail through the times of distress and crisis are :-

- (i) The ability to channelize one's emotion and stress in an appropriate manner.
- (ii) Role of family plays an important role. The values inculcated by family like choosing the right and virtuous path to resolve the ethical dilemma & arising

out of the situation

(iii) Honesty and integrity are the helps and individual to understand the situation and act in a just manner.

(iv) Peer group and friends and their company helps.

(v) Role model who have been through such times acts as inspiration.

Good moral and social values in a person helps to sail through distress times.

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Q2) "True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else".
Comment [150 words]

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Q3) Law succeeds in encouraging ethical behaviour in a society only when it is backed by the conscience of its individuals. Discuss. [150 words]

Ans 3

Law is a set of norms accepted by the society in general. On violating these norms it can be taken into the court of justice. They are ethical-minima. Conscience is intrinsic inner values that guides a person to do right or wrong. It has no legal backing.

Law succeeds in encouraging ethical behaviour in a society only when it is backed by conscience of its individual :-

- (i) Safety in road :- Rash driving can lead to accident. An individual whose conscience is in line with the law can only

follow Road Safety and Security law.
 (ii) Eg. Slavery practice is ^{illegal} ~~delegatory~~. An individual whose conscience ~~say~~ is against slavery practice will not engage in such practices.

(iii) Sexual harassment at workplace is punishable in the eyes of law. If an individual merely sees this as law and his conscience is against this ~~below~~ law shall involve in such practices.

The rising cases of unethical practices in the society is largely because the conscience of the people are not in sync with the existing laws.

Q4) Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
 Martin Luther King Jr.
 [150 words]

Ans 4

Martin Luther King Jr. in the above quote emphasised on the need to speak for the unethical practices that no one bates an eye about.

In our lives there are many unethical practices going on around us but because of its ^{the} consequences we tend to avoid.

Some great leaders who raised their voices against such unethical practices are:-

- (i) Raja Ram Mohan Ray on practice of sati
- (ii) Mahatma Gandhi on imposing

tax by Britishers on salt

(iii) Nelson Mandela on practice
of apartheid

(iv) Abraham Lincoln on racism
in Western countries

(v) Mahatma Gandhi in South
Africa & fought against Britishers
for making the Indians carry
the certificates with them.

Martin Luther King Jr. ~~encouraged~~ urged
people to speak for the right
and what people afraid to
talk about.

Q5) Why are some values considered as human values? What relevance do they have for society? [150 words]

Ans 5

Values can be defined as individual preferences. It is help to decide between what is right and what is wrong.

Some values are considered as human values because :-

- (i) Act as guiding principle while dealing with society in large
- (ii) Keeps a person ethical
- (iii) Helps to deal ethical doubt rising out of situation taking in consideration the welfare of people.
- (iv) Helps to treat others with respect and dignity.

RELEVANCE IN SOCIETY

- (i) Trust and assurance :- A person with high values are trustworthy
- (ii) Good governance :- Good human values encourages good governance
eg. → voting the right order candidate
- (iii) Environment protection :- The society with good human value will try to protect the environment. e.g. keep the neighbourhood clean, ensure sanitation
- (iv) Compassionate towards animals and other plants.
- (v) Tolerant to other religion, race, caste and ethnic group.

Human values are essential in dealing with every aspect of life.

Q6) Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct are often taken as synonymous concepts. But they have different meanings and functions. Explain the difference between Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics with suitable examples.

[200 to 250 words]

Ans

Code of conduct are a set of rules that guide a public servant to act in an ethical just manner. This are legally enforceable.

Code of Ethics are broader in its scope. They try to encompass every ethical behaviour that a civil servant should showcase in his public and private life. Code of ethics are not legally enforceable in court of law.

There is a blur line between code of conduct and code of ethics.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS SYNONYMS

- (i) Code of conduct can be considered as a subset of code of ethics
- (ii) Code of conduct itself talks about ethical behaviour of a civil servant should adhere to. Code of ethics emphasises on including more ethical behaviour that would consolidate the rules as set under code of conduct.
- (iii) Code of conduct and code of ethics both tries to shape the behaviour of the civil servants in a way they see that they

more trustable and accountable in the discharge of their duty.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS

- (i) Code of conducts are codified guidelines for a civil servant. Code of ethics are not codified.
- (ii) Code of conduct are rules guide that help a public servant to understand 'what he should' or 'should not' commit as a civil servant. Acts as a guide book. Code of ethics are not absolute guidelines. It is difficult to know 'which behaviour' is ethical and 'which is not'.

iii) Code of conduct has been made more inclusive via different amendments.

Code of ethics is yet to be given a statutory status.

iv) to

Although there is a thin line between code of conduct and code of ethics both tries to accommodate 'just' and 'inclusive' ethical practices that makes the system more transparent and more inclusive.

Q7) RTI (Right to Information) Act is considered to be a hallmark of transparency and accountability in Public Administration. Discuss ethical issues associated with application of RTI. [200 to 250 words]

Right to Information Act of 2005 is tried to bring transparency and accountability in Public administration.

RTI-HALLMARK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

RTI ensured :-

- (i) Curbing corruption
- (ii) Timely disposal of cases registered
- (iii) Answerability of official for their actions.
- (iv) Disclosure of information in public interest.

- (v) Political influence on public servants.
(vi) ~~Nepal~~ lurking nepotism

ETHICAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICATION OF RTI

- (i) ~~Filing~~ Filing of cases :- The filing of case in RTI is time consuming
- (ii) Protection of the Whistleblowers :-
The whistleblower act of 2011 has been brought into RTI's ambit. Earlier, the whistleblowers were threatened and their protection was not ensured.
- (iii) The people ~~were~~ ^{are} unwilling to file cases as they ~~could~~ cannot not risk their life or job.

(iv) Political influence :- The money and muscle power in Indian politics is a real problem. People out of political fear for avoid filing RTI.

(v) Untimely disposal of cases.

STEPS TAKEN BY RTI TO RESOLVE THE DILEMMA

- (i) Whistleblower Protection Act, 2011
- (ii) Press Prevention against Corruption Act (2019)
- (iii) Rewarding the whistleblower
- (iv) Secrecy in maintaining the identity of the person who filed the case.

(v) Easy procedure to RT file case.

RTI Act of 2005 acted as a means to tackle the injustices and dishonest practices in the society.

Q8) "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Comment with appropriate examples [200 to 250 words]

Ans "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

From the above statement it can be under

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Q9) Discuss the significance of integrity in Public Administration and steps taken to foster it as a culture in administration. [200 to 250 words]

Ans 9.

Integrity is doing the right
and in all circumstances

"Integrity is doing right when
no one is watching" — C.S. Lewis

Integrity is an important
foundational value of civil services

SIGNIFICANCE OF INTEGRITY

- (i) helps to curb corruption
- (ii) maintain ethical behaviour
- (iii) avoid nepotism
- (iv) work for welfare of the
public
- (v) Build public trust

- (v) Accountability for the actions
- (vi) Transparency
- (vii) helps in proper policy making
- (viii) Just public service delivery
- (ix) Objectivity
- (x) Non-partisanship
- (xi) Tolerance towards others per the targetted population

STEPS TO FOSTER IT AS A CULTURE IN ADMINISTRATION

- (i) Prevent Corruption (Amendment) Act of 2014 will help to ensure integrity

(ii) Mission Karmyagi by Government of India tries to promote integrity among the public servants

(iii) Teaching of ethics to aspirants of civil services

(iv) Teaching ethics as a subject in Training Training.

(v) Role modelling.

Integrity helps a person to deliver public service in just and manner with public welfare in mind.

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Q10) Which philosophy should in your view work as the golden rule for people in deontology or teleology? Give justification to your view. [200 to 250 words]

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