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INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting the questions:

- There are NINETEENTH questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed in ENGLISH.
- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- The answers must not exceed 150 words for 10 marks and 250 words for 20 marks.
- Content is more important than the number of words.
- Answers must be written in the medium authorised in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorised one.
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Brief report of Performance Evaluation of student in the paper

	Poor	Average	Good	Very good	Excellent
Understanding the context and demand of the questions					
Relevancy of the content					
Structure and flow of the answer					
(a) Introduction					
(b) Body					
(c) Conclusion					
Subject knowledge					
Language of the answer					
Presentation					
(a) Underline to the keywords					
(b) Use of flowcharts or diagrams					
(c) Paragraph limits and overall					
Understanding of directives					
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SECTION A

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

values are the strong belief that a person has towards something which he consider good or prefered the most.

Values leads to Ethics

belief → values → Moral → Ethics.

Significance of values in the society of Assam

1. The society of Assam consider their culture valuable so try to adhare that.

2. consider every religion and society valuable therefore try to establish harmony with all.

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3. The languages in Assam is consider unique and valuable therefore try to conserve it.

4. ~~Consider~~ Assames culture consider praying true like. people, is secrate and there fore donot cut these.

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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)

To become successful aptitude, Motivation, attitude all are important. But their degree may ~~varie~~ varry.

Aptitude → is an innate phenomenon. A person born with some specific aptitude.

Eg: A person may be good at solving maths but he might not good at literature.

Motivation → It is the push a someone gives to oneself or other. It is basically external and might not last for long.

Attitude → It is the ~~feeli~~ feeling some one have for something. It might be positive or

negative.

Eg: ~~Some or A person may take~~

A student may think positively after getting ~~scroled~~ scolled by a teacher or he may think of taking revenge from him.

According to Zig Ziglar "It is attitude not aptitude which determine one's altitude.

A positive attitude helps a person to achieve success. While aptitude is important to decide the goal, and motivation help a person to stick in his goal.

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

a. **Hatred and indifference**
b. **Envy and jealousy**
c. **Conscious, Subconscious and Unconsciousness actions**

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

Knowledge is like a sky that has no limit. A person may know about something that the other may not or vice versa.

True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing

A knowledgable / wise person never consider himself / herself as wise. Because she always aspire to gain more knowledge. If she think she knows everything ~~his~~ her ~~will not able to~~ knowledge will limit. ~~only to~~

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It is easy to give knowledge to a person, that knows nothing than a person that knows a little.

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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)

A civil servant should always maintain the ethical standard of civil servants that includes intellectual competence, moral qualities like empathy and compassion etc.

Moral qualities

Antipathy → Anti emotion
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Apathy → zero emotion
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Sympathy → little emotion
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Empathy → ability to think self on the position of others.
↓
Compassion → Empathy + willingness to ~~chow~~ help.

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To be a good civil servent one must have compassion toward others. It will motivate him/her to do the right for those people.

Gandhi's talisman says when your in doubt and self become less think of poorest person that you have seen and asked yourself if your work can give him happyness, if yes your in the right path.

It simply talks about the empathy and compassion which can bring happyness to the poor.

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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)

Ragging is a social crime. In the name of ragging ~~students~~ students has lost their carrier and lives.

In 2022 a student of Dibrugarh University of Assam get physicall and mentally deprived due to ragging.

Factors contributing ragging in Assam

1. It is treated as done thing. Student thinks it is cool to treat juniors the way they want.
2. ~~Some student~~ personal revange: In the name of ragging some student takes their personal

revenge.

3. Presence of super senior: Students after completing their study do not left the hostle and they consider it as their own territory.

Respond to incidents of ragging

1. The anti ragging nomes under Department of Higher studies should implement properly.
2. Creating awarness through street plays, personal massege etc.
3. Create a anti ragging brance in every college or university.
4. Complain box where student can give complain against ragging anormously.

Ragging may be fun for one but not for all. Universities and colleges should have compulsary class for moral education.

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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 Dimasa 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)

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

Happiness is sense of feeling that come from the soul. Happiness can come from helping others.

Compassion ~~the~~ is the sense of feeling where a person feel empathy at the same time willingness to do something.

Want others to be happy

We can give happiness to other only by helping them, and to help them first we need ~~have~~ to feel them. Empathy enable us to place ourself in the place of other and compassion enable us to help as well.

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Want yourself to be happy

Nothing can buy the happiness gain by helping other. To help other we need to ~~comap~~ compassionate.

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

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1. Transparency brings confidence of common people in ~~decom-~~ democratic system.

2. It prevents corruption: If the ground are clear there is less chance of corruption.

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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)

No man is an island.

Humans are social animal. They need each other in every step of life. no one can be self sufficient completely.

In the given quote Erik Erikson tries to established the relation of a person with society.

We need each other [Family / Friends]

People need each other –

1. To help each other
2. To minimise the sorrow
3. To celebrate the joy

Society

→ To behave like an civilized person.
→ To adopt the social skill.
→ To complement need of one another.

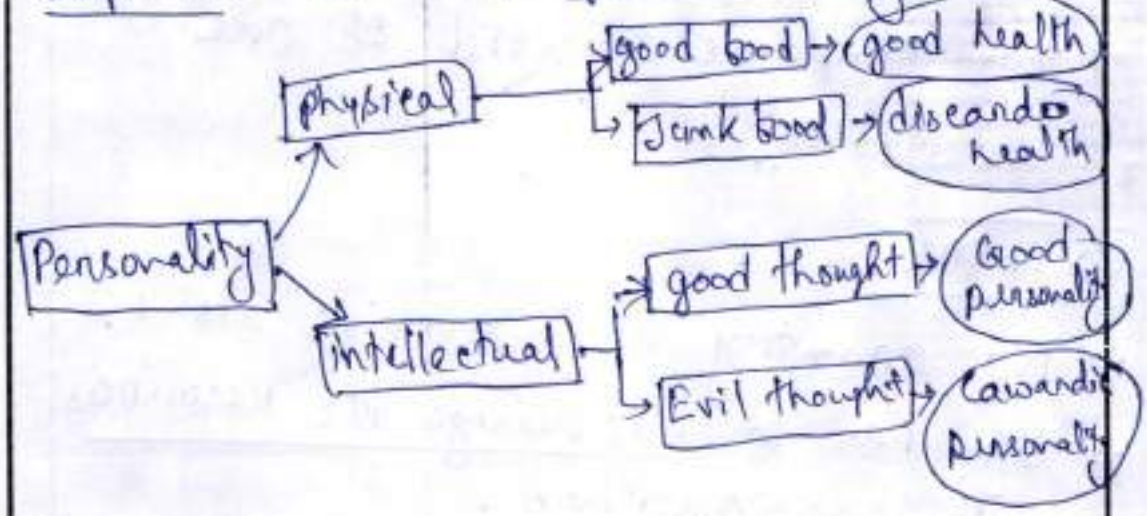
Country

→ No country can survive alone.
→ It has to exchange its resources with one another.
~~→ It has to~~

The sooner we learn the better for us all. If we ~~know the~~ realise the importance of one another the dispute between religion, region, caste, state, country would be an allien thing for us.

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)

The behaviour of a person depends on his personality.



Personality of a person shaped on his childhood. So it is very important for a child to have good childhood.

Childhood depends on —

~~Parents~~ Family

→ Family is the initial school

for a child. He learn what he see in his surrounding. If parent behave in ethical manner the child will imbibe it.

→ Eg: If a child watch WWE on T.V. he will be more affectionate toward violence.

School

→ The next place where a child spends his time is school.

→ If teacher teach them to be truthful the child will become truthful.

* 80% development of brain takes place in childhood so if a child is baked with good personality he will become good and ethical person.

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

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

Life of an civil servant is full of ethical ethical dilemmas. But an ethical person can discharge their duty with no stress.

Ethical dilemmas faced by civil servants

1. Political pressure: The political party may pressurise for their own benefit.
2. Limited resource that have to utilised appropriately not leaving any section of society.
3. ~~Demands~~ Unreasonable demands from different section of society.

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4. Pressure of Media to do work in larger social benefit in a timely manner.
5. Using discretionary power may sometime lead to corruption.
6. Order of superior v/s larger social benefit.

Civil servants are the "steel pillar" of a democratic system. with foundational value of civil service and emotional intelligence a civil servant may tackle a situation in most ethical manner.

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)

In India the suicidal case is very pron to Assam.

Causes of rising suicide cases in Assam

1. Work pressure

→ In case of student the pressure from family and society to do good result is a common reason for suicide.

2. Depression

→ Due to inferiority complex people

getting depressed and suicidal tendancy often hunt them.

3. Over Use of social media
→ The [catfishing] tendency in social media lead some youth to get depressed and taking the path of suicide

4. Financial problem
→ Few decade ago suicide of temporary government employee was very common in Assam.
→ ~~Debt of fam~~ Unable to pay family debt is also one of the reason.

5. Personal issue like breakup, one sided love etc.

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Measures to reduce suicide cases

1. Assam government has issued a toll free number where any person can get free assistance for his/her mantal dipression.

2. Happiness class like in Delhi school will also be an good initiative to reduce the problem.

3. Role of family/Society:

→ Family / society should not give unnecessary pressure to school student. ~~The time of a student~~ Student life is for enjoy and learning need not to make it competition.

4. Show empathy toward others:
→ Most of the people are in a race to persuit material success. One should also need to became empathyised toward other.

5. No excess use of social media:
As PM Modi says one should spend at least one hours without Mobile / T.V. / Laptop.

Earlier suicide or attempt to suicide was a crime but recently supreme court decriminalized it by saying it is duty of a state to provide good environment to its people.

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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)

Illegal migration is one of the problem that Assam has facing ~~from~~ before the independence.

[Ethical issues in the case]-

1. The ~~[illegible]~~ interest of local people is getting neglected. when the illegal migrant occupy the area.

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2. The illegal migrants can not throw out of state ~~and~~ which may ~~cause to~~ bring conflict ~~between~~ ~~the~~ with the neighbouring state Bangladesh.

3. Protect of tribal interest against humanetarial approach.

Step to prevent illegal migration

1. The illegal migrant should first identity and then they should given work visa so that they can work here legally and can contribute to the economy.

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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)

a) The corruption in government offices considered acceptable as it is consider as a done thing. It is seen as an ritual.

The is a consistancy with the action ~~and~~, attitude

and behaviour regarding ~~the~~ bribe.

The salary of employees ~~and their need~~ is not according to their need. They consider bribe as a means to ~~coll~~ fill the gap between two.

b) ~~The~~ corruption or bribe whether it is small or big is illegal. There should be an action against the peon so that no one does the same in future. At the same time he should also need to give a chance to

reform.

Course of action

1. The daily time schedule of Chief Development officer should written in a board ~~of~~ in the office. or he can make it available online ~~to~~ for appointment. In this way the transperancy ~~of public~~ is also maintained.

2. To register complain there should be a online ~~portain~~ portail.

3. The employee should give training regarding ~~ethical~~ organizational value.

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4. In case of the pro's daughter the govern scheme that are available to treat chronic illness is

9. The govern schemes of the treatment of different scheme should also make available to all the employees at office.

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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)

Problem associated with the case

1. Issue of Malnutrition.
2. Supply of resources
3. Poor knowledge.
4. Poor connectivity.
5. rent seeking nature of vendors

Repercussions

1. The attitude of vendors should need to change first. By giving him knowledge about ~~about~~ Mal nurishment

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and it's effect to entire society.

↳ As soon as his knowledge change he will feel cognative disonance.

2. Educate people about Mal nutrition.

3. Try to improve the supply.

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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)

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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?

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Issues from ethical perspective

1. Dressing is a personal choice no one should interfare in this regard.

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