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Q1. Both Aristotle and Buddha emphasized the ethical value of moderation in human conduct. Compare their approaches and discuss how this idea remains relevant in contemporary ethical decision-making.

প্রশ্ন ১. এৰিষ্টটল আৰু বুদ্ধ দুয়োজনেই মানুহৰ আচৰণত সংযমৰ নৈতিক মূল্যৰ ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব আৰোপ কৰিছিল। তেওঁলোকৰ দৃষ্টিভঙ্গী তুলনা কৰা আৰু সমসাময়িক নৈতিক সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণত এই ধাৰণাটো কেনেকৈ প্ৰাসংগিক হৈ আছে সেই বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Aristotle's 'Golden Mean' and Buddha's 'Madhyamik Path' both emphasize the value of moderation of human conduct for ethical conduct.

Comparison of their approach.

Aristotle's approach	Buddha's approach
① Moderation is <u>moral</u> virtue.	① Moderation is <u>spiritual</u> necessity.
② Focus on capacity to <u>choose</u> <u>middle path</u> by individual.	② Focus on <u>rejecting</u> tendency to choose <u>extreme path</u> .
③ <u>Rational</u> in nature.	③ <u>Spiritual</u> in nature.
④ <u>Western</u> concept.	④ <u>Indian</u> concept.
⑤ Goal to be <u>ethical</u> .	⑤ Goal to attain <u>Moksha</u> .

Both reject extremes like dichotomy and believe in continuum.

Relevance in contemporary ethical decision making

- ① Helps to resolve conflict of interest.
(Eg) Personal interest Vs professional interest.
- ② Solve ethical dilemma.
(Eg) Right Vs Right type of situation.
- ③ Balance interest of all stakeholders.
- ④ Avoid taking rash and extreme decision.
- ⑤ Sustainable development and growth.
(Eg) Economic and environmental conservation.

Thus, in today's fast paced world, Aristotle and Buddha's teaching of moderation will help society move in ethical manner by declining extremities.

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Q2. Self-motivation is often celebrated as a personal virtue, but it also carries ethical significance in public service. Discuss how self-motivation influences decision-making and integrity in governance. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples, especially from the context of Assam.

প্রশ্ন ২. আত্মপ্রেৰণাক প্ৰায়ে ব্যক্তিগত গুণ হিচাপে উদযাপন কৰা হয় যদিও ই জনসেৱাতো নৈতিক তাৎপৰ্য্য বহন কৰে। আত্মপ্ৰেৰণায়ে সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণ আৰু শাসনৰ সততাক কেনেদৰে প্ৰভাৱিত কৰে সেই বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰা। বিশেষকৈ অসমৰ প্ৰসংগৰ পৰা উপযুক্ত উদাহৰণৰ সৈতে তোমাৰ উত্তৰটো বৰ্ণনা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Self Motivation is the process of motivating oneself to do something ethical or achieve a goal by increasing internal drive without outside influence.

It is a great quality that helps integrity and ethical decision making.

Self Motivation in Governance

① Public Welfare

Self motivation to do public welfare improves governance.

(Eg) Armstrong Lane's People's road.

② Reduce Corruption

One can make ethical decisions without giving into political or social pressure.

(Eg) Anti Corruption Campaign (CABIN)

Letter No.) by DC Mr. G. Lakshman of Kachar District.

② Actually remove social evils

Institute and pro-people campaigns to remove social evil.

(Eg) Project Probhri by Kalladhar Saikia to remove witch hunting.

③ Improve transparency in governance

To provide better delivery of service

(Eg) Digitization drive by district administration of Darrang.

④ Pro-active action

(Eg) SP Anand Mishra's aggressive anti drug operations.

Thus, self motivation is a moral virtue that helps individuals not only in private success but in building a better society.

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Q3. Wetlands in Assam face ecological threats from human activity. Examine the ethical responsibilities of the state and private actors in balancing development with environmental preservation in such sensitive areas.

প্রশ্ন ৩. অসমৰ জলাশয়সমূহে মানৱীয় কাৰ্যকলাপৰ পৰা পৰিৱেশগত ভাবুকিৰ সন্মুখীন হৈছে। এনে সংবেদনশীল ক্ষেত্ৰসমূহত পৰিৱেশ সংৰক্ষণৰ সৈতে উন্নয়নৰ ভাৰসাম্য বজাই ৰখাত ৰাজ্য আৰু ব্যক্তিগত কৰ্মচাৰীসকলৰ নৈতিক দায়িত্বসমূহ পৰীক্ষা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Due to focus in economic development, some-
times natural assets like wetlands face
ecological threats. Eg - Throwing industrial
wastes into wetlands.

Thus balancing development with
environment preservation is necessary.

Ethical responsibility of state

① Preserve wetlands

Make laws that can help protect
wetlands from human activities.

② Proactive action

Clearing wetlands and planting
trees. Eg - Deepor Beel

③ Restrict human activities that destroy

wetlands. Eg - Clearing encroachment in
Silsako Beel

Ethical Responsibility of Private

- ① Comply with government guidelines
using practices like green tourism,
green infrastructure.
- ② Avoid activities destroying wetlands
like encroachment, waste disposal etc.
- ③ Community engagement -
To revive wetlands like Deepor Beel
and Uzpad Beel..

Way Forward

- ① Collaboration between government and
private actors.
- ② Acknowledge service by wetland is more
than profit by destroying it.

Thus, using Madhyamik Marg of
Buddhist Philosophy, a balance between
economic development and wetland conser-
vation must be made to protect the
kidneys of our environment: wetlands

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Q4. "Yatra naryastu pujiyante ramante tatra devatah" - Where women are honoured, divinity flourishes. "To what extent has society upheld this maxim? How does this principle align with contemporary debates on gender justice and human dignity?"

প্রশ্ন ৪. "যাত্রা নর্যস্ত পুজ্যন্তে রামন্তে তত্র দেবতা-য ত মহিলাক সন্মান জনোরা হয়, তাত দেবতা বিকশিত হয়।" সমাজে এই উক্তিটো কিমান পরিমাণে সমর্থন করিছে? এই নীতিয়ে কেনেদৰে লিংগ ন্যায় আৰু মানৱ মৰ্যাদাৰ ওপৰত সমসাময়িক বিতৰ্কৰ সৈতে সংগতি ৰাখে?

(Answer in 150 words)

The above quote upholds the respect and honour of women and shows that wherever there is respect of women there will be prosperity.

State of women in society

- ① Discrimination - Unequal pay for equal work, more importance to boy child in.
- ② Dishonour - Increase in crime against women. (Eg) - Rape, acid attack etc.
- ③ Suppression - Glass ceiling effect, ~~not~~ domestic violence, dowry etc.

Positive steps by society

- ① Gender equality - Our constitution guarantees equality of gender.
- ② Codification of laws - Eg- Vishakha

guidelines for sexual harassment of women in workplace prevention.

② Women oriented govt schemes - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Orone didi, Nijit Meina scheme etc.

④ Awareness of women equality and empowerment - Through education, social media etc.

Contemporary debate on gender justice and human dignity

① Gender justice vs religion - ~~Ex~~ Salimata case, triple talaq case. SC provided justice to women in both cases.

② Sexual harassment - POCSO act, POSH act to prevent crime against women.

③ Workplace equality - Reservation for women in Panchayat and Lok Sabha.

Contemporary debates show that our society is evolving to recognize importance of gender justice and provide more respect to women.

Q5. Can integrity be automated? Critically examine the ethical dilemmas posed by AI-based identity verification systems used to counter deepfake-driven fraud in settings like recruitment and online services. How do such tools challenge principles of trust, privacy, and informed consent?

প্রশ্ন ৫. অখণ্ডতাক স্বয়ংক্রিয় কৰিব পাৰি নেকি? নিযুক্তি আৰু অনলাইন সেৱাৰ দৰে পৰিৱেশত গভীৰ ভুৱা-চালিত জালিয়াতি প্ৰতিহত কৰিবলৈ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা কৃত্ৰিম বুদ্ধিমত্তা-আধাৰিত পৰিচয় প্ৰমাণীকৰণ প্ৰণালীৰ দ্বাৰা উদ্ভৱ হোৱা নৈতিক দ্বিধা সমালোচনামূলকভাৱে পৰীক্ষা কৰা। এনে সঁজুলিসমূহে কেনেকৈ বিশ্বাস, গোপনীয়তা আৰু জ্ঞাত সন্মতিৰ নীতিসমূহক প্ৰত্যাহ্বান জনায়?

(Answer in 150 words)

Integrity refers to the quality of being ethical and honest in all circumstances. No, integrity cannot be automated, it is developed. With increase in deepfake frauds, AI-based identity verification systems have risen in recruitment and online services to tackle the problem of fraud.

Ethical dilemmas in using such system

- ① Individual privacy against necessity to counter deepfake.
- ② Short term gain of correct recruitment or online service against long term loss of misuse of private information.
- ③ Importance to verification process against importance to consent of the person.

Challenges of AI Verification system to ethical Principles

- ① Trust - Lack of trust on part of user ~~and~~ as data may be hacked and misused.
- ② Privacy - Use of AI compromises privacy of the person whose ID is verified. The information may be used to make deepfakes.
- ③ Informed consent - Use of such systems without prior consent of the individual breaks basic ethical quality of honesty.

Thus, use of AI must be done with ethical standards so that it does not compromise the trust, privacy or consent of individuals.

This shows necessity of integrity in professional field.

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Q6. 'Laws are a reflection of society.' Do you agree? In this context, critically examine the provisions of the Assam Coaching Institutes (Control and Regulation) Act, 2025.

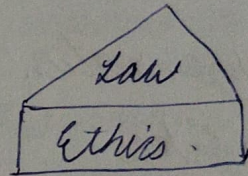
প্রশ্ন ৬. 'আইন হৈছে সমাজৰ প্ৰতিবিম্ব।' আপুনি সন্মত হৈছেনে? এই সন্দৰ্ভত, অসম কোচিং ইনষ্টিটিউট (নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ আৰু নিয়ন্ত্ৰক) আইন ২০২৫ৰ বিধানসমূহ সমালোচনাত্মকভাৱে পৰীক্ষা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Yes, I agree that laws are a reflection of society.

The values and ethics of a society act like the base and law becomes the superstructure.

Stringent law is some



times necessary to bring a change in society.
eg. Barti Abolition Act, Assam Coaching Institutes Act

Provisions of Assam Coaching Institutes (Control and Regulation) Act, 2025.

- ① Mandatory registration of all coaching institutes including those already operating.
- ② Clear information about course curriculum fee structure etc.
- ③ Maintain 1sq metre space for each student.

- ④ Provision of mental health counselling
- ⑤ Proper infrastructure with lease of at least 3 years.

This law has been brought to deal with societal problems —

- ① Better transparency and removal of fake institutes.
- ② Avoid deceptive marketing and false promises to students.
- ③ Proper environment for student to avoid stampede like situation.
- ④ Recognize mental pressure faced by students and help to deal with it.
- ⑤ Provide holistic learning experience.

Aiding by this law can eventually bring a change to tense environment and humongous pressure felt in coaching institutes. It will ensure quality education for better society.

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Q7. What is your opinion on digital mapping services displaying sensitive locations such as cemeteries and religious sites? Discuss the need for empathy and contextual sensitivity in the representation of such sites on digital platforms?

প্রশ্ন ৭. সমাধিক্ষেত্র আৰু ধৰ্মীয় স্থানৰ দৰে স্পৰ্শকাতৰ স্থানসমূহ প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰা ডিজিটেল মেপিং সেৱাসমূহৰ ওপৰত আপোনাৰ মতামত কি? ডিজিটেল প্লেটফৰ্মত এনে ছাইটসমূহৰ প্ৰতিনিধিত্বত সহানুভূতি আৰু প্ৰসংগ সংবেদনশীলতাৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তাৰ বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰা?

(Answer in 150 words)

With increasing application of digitalisation, most services are available in digital form to all. Sensitive locations like cemeteries and religious sites are also displayed in mapping services.

Ethical implication of such representation

- ① Sensitivity - Since they are considered holy or hold very deep meaning, so such representation may not be preferred by all.
- ② Empathy - Towards the people associated with these religious sites and cemeteries so that their feelings are not hurt.
- ③ Correct representation - This can be done by showing exact location with correct spelling and avoiding any misinterpretation.

④ Prior consent - from those associated with these places before showing them in digital platform.

⑤ Proper research on the location to avoid misinformation which may hurt the people.

Ex) A cemetery marked as vacant land.

⑥ Maintain Balance - Over disclosing religious sites in conflicted areas may bring in more tension.

Balancing Digitalization with cultural and religious sentiments of the society will make digital services more acceptable and useful.

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Q8. Kautilya emphasized that a ruler must use strategic foresight while also upholding dharma by minimizing harm and promoting peace. In today's world, how far are such principles followed in the conduct of war and international relations? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

প্রশ্ন ৮. কৌটিল্যই গুরুত্ব আরোপ কৰিছিল যে এজন শাসকে কৌশলগত দূৰদৰ্শিতা ব্যৱহাৰ কৰাৰ লগতে ক্ষতি হ্ৰাস কৰি আৰু শান্তি বৃদ্ধি কৰি ধৰ্ম বজাই ৰাখিব আজিৰ বিশ্বত যুদ্ধ আৰু আন্তঃৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সম্পৰ্কৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এনে নীতি কিমান দূৰলৈ অনুসৰণ কৰা হয়? প্ৰাসংগিক উদাহৰণৰ সৈতে আপোনাৰ উত্তৰটো বৰ্ণনা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Kautilya's advice for ruler highlights the importance of global peace despite need to defend our territory by rulers. But in recent times, it is been violated by countries to leverage undue advantage.

Conduct of war and international relation in recent times

- ① Russian Ukraine War — Neither sides have tried to bring in peace by negotiating leading to tensed situation affecting circumstances.
- ② Aggression by China — Ho claim South China Sea and Taiwan, disrespecting autonomy of other countries.
- ③ Israel-Gaza conflict — Continuous attacks

on civilian infrastructure like hospitals and schools.

- ④ US → pulling out of UNFCCC, sanctions on Russia, high tax (~50%) on India etc. Shows aggressive foreign policy which is not necessary.

However, amidst all chaos, India has diligently followed the principle.

Eg Strategic, calculated reply to Sahalgam attack without affecting civilians.

This shows, that upholding dharma or ethical behaviour by minimizing harm and promoting world peace will lead to overall peace and prosperity in the world.

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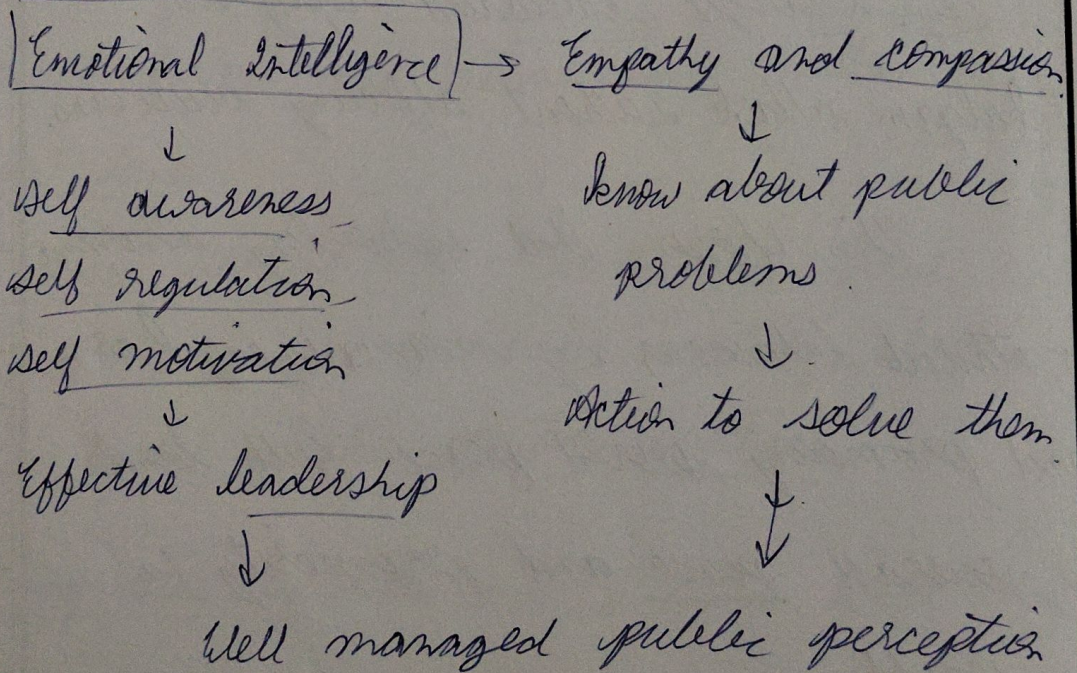
Q9. "Emotional intelligence precedes a well-managed public perception." Examine. Explain how emotional intelligence contributes to effective leadership and public trust, with examples from Indian luminaries.

প্রশ্ন ৯. "আবেগিক বুদ্ধিমত্তা এক সু-পরিচালিত রাজহুঁৰা ধাৰণাৰ আগত থাকে"। পৰীক্ষা কৰা। ভাৰতীয় বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিসকলৰ উদাহৰণৰ সৈতে আবেগিক বুদ্ধিমত্তাই কেনেদৰে ফলপ্ৰসূ নেতৃত্ব আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ বিশ্বাসত অৰিহণা যোগায় সেয়া ব্যাখ্যা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Emotional Intelligence refers to the ability to control our emotions and direct them in a positive way.

Emotional intelligence precedes a well managed public perception.



Emotional intelligence contributing to effective leadership and public trust

① Effective leadership — A person with EI

can take effective decisions without letting emotions in between.

→ They also know the state of their teammates and take effective decisions.

(Eg) Ratan Tata's response to 2008 Mumbai Attacks.

② Public Trust → Through demonstration of our values, a person with EI gain public trust.

(Eg) Kiran Bedi's steps to reform Jihar Jail earned trust of public.

Thus, in order to become successful emotional intelligence is as important as IQ. By earning public trust and showing effective leadership, a person can contribute better to the society.

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Q10. "We are the first generation that can end poverty, the last that can end climate change." – Ban Ki-moon.

In light of this statement, examine the moral responsibilities of present generations in shaping a sustainable and just future. How do concepts like intergenerational equity and global justice influence policy decisions in this regard?

প্রশ্ন ১০. "আমি দৰিদ্ৰতা শেষ কৰিব পৰা প্ৰথম প্ৰজন্ম, জলবায়ু পৰিৱৰ্তন শেষ কৰিব পৰা শেষ প্ৰজন্ম।" - বান কি মুন।

এই বিবৃতিৰ পৰিপ্ৰেক্ষিতত, এক বহনক্ষম আৰু ন্যায়সংগত ভৱিষ্যত গঠনত বৰ্তমান প্ৰজন্মৰ নৈতিক দায়িত্বসমূহ পৰীক্ষা কৰা। আন্তঃপ্ৰজন্মৰ সমতা আৰু বিশ্বব্যাপী ন্যায়ৰ দৰে ধাৰণাসমূহে এই ক্ষেত্ৰত নীতিগত সিদ্ধান্তসমূহক কেনেদৰে প্ৰভাৱিত কৰে?

(Answer in 150 words)

This statement by Ban Ki moon, ex president of S. Korea highlights the reality of today's world where poverty is everywhere and climate change can wipe out human race.

Moral Responsibilities of present generation

- ① Reduce Inequality – By uplifting poor and deprived and reducing exploiting tendency of rich.
- ② Community welfare – Working together for inclusive development of all.
(Eg) Promoting SHGs.
- ③ Climate protection attitude – Conserving environment and switching to renewable.

sources of energy

① Social justice - Bringing education and healthcare to all.

Influence of Intergenerational equity

① Paris Agreement - To reduce and limit global rise in temperature to 2°C from pre-industrial level.

② Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
17 SDGs have been identified for sustainable development to reduce inequality and protect environment.

Influence of Global Justice

① Common but Differentiated Responsibility (CBDR) - Developed countries should compensate developing countries

as they had historically used more resources and their actions have higher impact on climate change.

By taking such steps we can fulfill ethical obligation to future generations.

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Q11. The "3P" principle of corporate governance — People, Planet, and Profit — reflects an evolving shift from shareholder primacy to stakeholder inclusion. In the context of global inequalities and environmental crises, examine how this principle redefines corporate responsibility and challenges traditional notions of ethical business conduct in the 21st century.

প্রশ্ন ১১. নিগম শাসনৰ "৩প" নীতি — জনসাধাৰণ, গ্ৰহ, আৰু লাভ — ই অংশীদাৰসকলৰ প্ৰাথমিকতাৰ পৰা অংশীদাৰসকলৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্তিৰ এক বিকশিত পৰিৱৰ্তনক প্ৰতিফলিত কৰে। বিশ্বব্যাপী বৈষম্য আৰু পৰিৱেশ সংকটৰ প্ৰেক্ষাপটত এই নীতিয়ে কৰ্পৰেট দায়বদ্ধতাক কেনেকৈ পুনৰ সংজ্ঞায়িত কৰে আৰু একবিংশ শতিকাৰ নৈতিক ব্যৱসায়িক আচৰণৰ পৰম্পৰাগত ধাৰণাক প্ৰত্যাহ্বান জনায়, সেই বিষয়ে পৰীক্ষা কৰা।

(Answer in 150 words)

Corporate governance earlier meant only considering interest and wellbeing of shareholders. With the '3P' principle — people, planet and profit — it includes wellbeing of all stakeholders including the environment and people of all classes sectors.

Redefining Corporate Responsibility

① People — It promotes well being of em-plo-yees, customers, local communities and other people who are affected directly or indirectly by the company.

(eg) community engagement.

② Planet — It encourages sustainable develop

-ment by reducing harmful effects on environment and promoting environment friendly practices.

(Eg) Reduce carbon footprint

③ Profit - It encourages long term profit by considering social and environmental impacts rather than short term gains.

(Eg) Use of renewable energy.

Challenges traditional notion

① From avoiding fraud and complying with law to actively promoting employee wellbeing and human rights.

② From being negligent towards environmental impacts of corporate activities to trying to conserve it.

③ From maximizing shareholder's profit to considering social and environmental goals.

Thus 3P principle helps in inclusive and sustainable development.

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Q12. Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth-telling, truth-speaking, truth-living, and truth-loving." Highlight two instances in your life where you upheld the value of honesty, even when it was difficult. How did it influence your decision making.

প্ৰশ্ন ১২. "সাধুতা মাত্ৰ মিছা নকোৱা নহয়। ই সত্য কোৱা, সত্যৰ কথা পতা, সত্যৰ সৈতে জীৱন যাপন কৰা আৰু সত্যক ভালপোৱা।" তোমাৰ জীৱনৰ এনে দুটা পৰিস্থিতিৰ বৰ্ণনা দিয়া, য'ত তুমি কঠিন সময়তেও সততাৰ মূল্যমান অটুট ৰাখিছিল। ই তোমাৰ সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণত কেনেদৰে প্ৰভাৱ পেলাইছিল?

(Answer in 150 words)

Honesty is the value of being truthful at all situation. It is not only about speaking the truth but living a life with being true to oneself as well as others.

It is often said "Honesty is the best policy", so I also try to live in honest manner.

Two instances from my life where I upheld honesty

① Reporting extra marks given by error

Once after receiving the evaluated copies of mid term examination, I noticed that the professor had awarded me 3 marks extra by an error.

Ethical dilemma - to report the marks error

out of honesty or to not say anything and not lose marks.

My action - I politely informed the professor about the error and the marks were adjusted.

② Returning extra ~~exchange~~ given by shopkeeper

While buying some groceries, I received ₹500 as change but after calculation, I found out that I should have received ₹200.

Ethical Dilemma - Return the extra cash out of honesty or keep it silently.

My action - I returned the extra ₹300 to the shopkeeper.

These small incidents have given me satisfaction for being able to live with integrity and be honest not only in talks but in actions.

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Q13. You are the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Mayong in Morigaon district, Assam. The state government recently auctioned rights for granite extraction from Hati Utha Pahar, a hill revered by local tribal communities and known for its ecological sensitivity. The site also serves as a flood refuge for nearby villagers during monsoons.

The auction was conducted without any public hearing or environmental impact assessment, and the district administration was not consulted. Local residents have begun protesting, citing threats to biodiversity, spiritual harm, and procedural injustice. Tribal elders claim the project violates their cultural rights and environmental safeguards.

Meanwhile, the private mining company has begun mobilization and seeks police protection to begin operations. The state government is pressing for rapid project execution, viewing it as a development initiative. Social media coverage and environmental groups are intensifying scrutiny, and there is potential for unrest.

(a) What are your core responsibilities as a civil servant in this situation? Identify the ethical issues involved in light of public service values.

(b) How will you balance the development agenda of the state with the legal, environmental, and cultural concerns of the local community? Suggest a course of action that is ethical, inclusive, and administratively sound.

প্ৰশ্ন ১৩. আপুনি অসমৰ মৰিগাঁও জিলাৰ মাংগৰ মহকুমা বিষয়া (SDO)। শেহতীয়াকৈ ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে স্থানীয় জনজাতীয় জনগোষ্ঠীৰ শ্ৰদ্ধা আৰু পৰিৱেশ সংবেদনশীলতাৰ বাবে পৰিচিত হাতী উঠা পাহাৰৰ পৰা গ্ৰেনাইট নিষ্কাশনৰ অধিকাৰ নিলাম কৰে। বাৰিষাৰ সময়ত ওচৰৰ গাঁওবাসীৰ বাবেও এই ঠাইখনে বানপানীৰ আশ্ৰয়স্থল হিচাপে কাম কৰে।

কোনো ধৰণৰ ৰাজহুৱা শুনানি বা পৰিৱেশ প্ৰভাৱৰ মূল্যায়ন নকৰাকৈয়ে নিলাম অনুষ্ঠিত কৰাৰ লগতে জিলা প্ৰশাসনৰ লগত কোনো ধৰণৰ পৰামৰ্শ লোৱা হোৱা নাছিল। জৈৱ বৈচিত্ৰ্য, আধ্যাত্মিক ক্ষতি, পদ্ধতিগত অন্যায়ৰ প্ৰতি ভাবুকি দি স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাসকলে প্ৰতিবাদ আৰম্ভ কৰিছে। জনজাতীয় বয়োজ্যেষ্ঠসকলে দাবী কৰে যে এই প্ৰকল্পটোৱে তেওঁলোকৰ সাংস্কৃতিক অধিকাৰ আৰু পৰিৱেশ সুৰক্ষা উলংঘা কৰিছে।

ইফালে, ব্যক্তিগত খনি কোম্পানীটোৱে একত্ৰীকৰণ আৰম্ভ কৰিছে আৰু কাম-কাজ আৰম্ভ কৰিবলৈ আৰক্ষীৰ সুৰক্ষা বিচাৰিছে। ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে ইয়াক উন্নয়নৰ পদক্ষেপ হিচাপে লৈ দ্ৰুত প্ৰকল্প নিষ্পাদনৰ বাবে হেঁচা প্ৰয়োগ কৰিছে। সামাজিক মাধ্যমৰ প্ৰচাৰ আৰু পৰিৱেশ সংগঠনসমূহে নিৰীক্ষণ তীব্ৰতৰ কৰি তুলিছে, আৰু অশান্তিৰ সম্ভাৱনা আছে।

ক) এই পৰিস্থিতিত লোক সেৱক হিচাপে আপোনাৰ মূল দায়িত্বসমূহ কি কি? ৰাজহুৱা সেৱাৰ মূল্যবোধৰ প্ৰতি লক্ষ্য ৰাখি জড়িত নৈতিক বিষয়সমূহ চিনাক্ত কৰক।

খ) আপুনি স্থানীয় সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ আইনী, পৰিৱেশগত আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক চিন্তাধাৰাৰ সৈতে ৰাজ্যখনৰ উন্নয়ন কাৰ্যসূচীৰ ভাৰসাম্য কেনেকৈ বজাই ৰাখিব? নৈতিক, সৰ্বাংগীন আৰু প্ৰশাসনিকভাৱে সুস্থ কাৰ্য্যপন্থাৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ক।

(Answer in 150 words)

This is a case of violation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and haphazard economic development.

(a) As a civil servant, there are some role

responsibilities that I have in this situation.

Core Responsibilities

- ① Ensure public hearing and environment Impact assessment as rule of law.
- ② Justice to local residents to protect them from harm.
- ③ Protect the environment to prevent natural disasters after completion of project.

Ethical Issues

- ① Lack of transparency.
- ② No compassion for local people.
- ③ Absence of responsibility and accountability of private company and state government.
- ④ Injustice to society.
- ⑤ Disregard to environment and fact that it is ecologically sensitive area.

- ⑤ Balancing development agenda with legal environmental and cultural concerns will need a sustainable approach.

Course of Action

- ① Ensure public hearing and EIA.
- ② Consult district administration about the project.
- ③ Stop mobilization of private company till they get report of EIA.
- ④ Create a community of environmental groups and local people to discuss about impact of the project.
- ⑤ Enlighten local people about benefits of the project if EIA allows mining, like employment, economic growth etc.
- ⑥ Put guidelines to be followed by private company so as not to harm culture of local people and the environment.

In this way we can balance economic growth with ecological safety.

Q14. Barpeta Jail in Assam has emerged as a model of reform-oriented incarceration, focusing on rehabilitation, vocational training, and emotional well-being of inmates. In this context, critically examine the ethical importance of upholding the dignity of prisoners in a democratic society. How does the reformatory approach align with public service values and constitutional morality?

প্ৰশ্ন ১৪. অসমৰ বৰপেটা কাৰাগাৰ পুনৰ্বাসন, বৃত্তিমূলক প্ৰশিক্ষণ, আৰু বন্দীসকলৰ আৱেগিক সুস্থতাৰ ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব আৰোপ কৰি সংস্কাৰমুখী কাৰাগাৰৰ এক আৰ্হি হিচাপে আত্মপ্ৰকাশ কৰিছে। এই সম্ভৱত গণতান্ত্ৰিক সমাজত বন্দীসকলৰ মৰ্যাদা বজাই ৰখাৰ নৈতিক গুৰুত্ব সমালোচনামূলকভাৱে পৰীক্ষা কৰক। সংস্কাৰমূলক দৃষ্টিভঙ্গী জনসেৱাৰ মূল্যবোধ আৰু সাংবিধানিক নৈতিকতাৰ সৈতে কেনেদৰে সংগতি ৰাখে?

(Answer in 250 words)

The example of Barpeta jail shows dignity of prisoners and their training as human capital. It makes jail truly a place of reform and not punishment.

Ethical Importance of upholding dignity of prisoners.

- ① Human Rights - Prisoners also have basic human rights of living by virtue of being born as human. (Eg) Decent feeding and shelter (condition of jail)
- ② Compassion - Over populated cells and worst living conditions.
- ③ Right to live with dignity - Art 21 of our constitution allows right to live

with dignity to all citizens including prisoners.

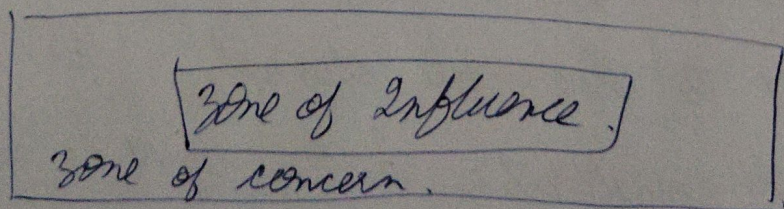
- ③ Justice - Prisoners already serve their sentence for their crime. Lack of dignity would render double punishment.

Criticisms

- ① Wastage of resource - As they are prisoners and not live in society.
- ② Unhealthy living conditions.
- ② Lack of privacy to women prisoners.
- ② Custodial violence and conflicts among prisoners.
- ③ Food lacking nutrition and calorie.
- ③ Inadequate toilets.

Reformative Approach

Utilization of zone of influence and zone of concern.



Kiron Bedi used this ethical approach to reform Lahore Jail through yoga, exercise, community work, education etc.

Reformatory approach aligning with public service values.

- ① Public Welfare - Betterment of life of prisoners through improved facilities and reformatory guidance.
- ② Integrity - Display of ethical values regardless of place or person.
- ③ Better governance - Providing service to all citizens.

Reformatory approach aligning with constitutional Morality.

- ① Fundamental Rights - Right to life under art 21.

- ② DPSR - Promoting rehabilitation and humane condition.
- ③ Preamble - Value of democracy and justice which are basic components of Indian Constitution.

Reform oriented incarceration like seen in Barpeta Jail is also in line with International Law for Human Rights. Such measures would help inmates to utilize jail time as time of reformation and become better human.

Q15. Mr. Raghav Sharma is the Vice President of the Home Owners' Association (HOA) of a well-established gated residential society in a metropolitan city. Within the society, children enjoy access to well-maintained parks, surveillance, and scheduled outdoor activities. Many residents, particularly parents, are protective of this controlled environment, citing concerns over safety, hygiene, and unfamiliar outsiders.

Across the boundary wall lies an informal settlement where children play on open streets, often near hazardous construction zones or traffic-heavy roads. Last week, a young boy from the settlement was severely injured after being struck by a vehicle near the society's entrance. The incident sparked media attention and prompted calls for inclusive urban recreational planning.

Within the society, opinions are divided. A few residents, especially the younger ones and retired professionals, feel that the community should do more—perhaps by temporarily sharing playground space or lobbying the municipality for a joint children's park. Others argue firmly against this, warning that opening up spaces could lead to safety issues, increased maintenance costs, and “a dilution of the environment they pay for.”

Mr. Sharma himself is caught between multiple roles: as a resident accountable to his peers, as a father aware of children's need for play, and as a citizen conscious of the deep urban inequalities playing out beyond the gates. Some residents have even warned that supporting access to outsiders could hurt his chances in the upcoming HOA elections.

- Identify and discuss the ethical dilemmas faced by Mr. Sharma in the given scenario.
- What values and principles should guide his decision-making in this context?
- Suggest a reasoned course of action that balances the interests of all stakeholders while upholding fairness and long-term social good.

প্ৰশ্ন ১৫. শ্ৰী ৰাঘৱ শৰ্মা এখন মহানগৰীৰ এক সু-প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত গেটেড আৱাসিক সমিতিৰ গৃহ মালিক সংস্থাৰ (HOA) উপ-সভাপতি। সমাজৰ ভিতৰত, শিশুসকলে সু-পৰিচালনা কৰা উদ্যান, নিৰীক্ষণ, আৰু অন্যান্য কাৰ্যকলাপসমূহ উপভোগ কৰে। বহু বাসিন্দা, বিশেষকৈ পিতৃ-মাতৃয়ে সুৰক্ষা, পৰিষ্কাৰ-পৰিচ্ছন্নতা আৰু অচিনাকি বাহিৰৰ মানুহৰ ওপৰত উদ্বেগৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰি এই নিয়ন্ত্ৰিত পৰিৱেশ বিচাৰে।

সীমান্তৰ দেৱালৰ সিপাৰে এটা অনানুষ্ঠানিক বসতি আছে য'ত শিশুৱে মুকলি ৰাস্তাত খেলে, তাত প্ৰায়ে বিপজ্জনক নিৰ্মাণ মণ্ডল বা যান-জঁট বেছি। যোৱা সপ্তাহত, এই বসতিস্থলৰ এজন সৰু ল'ৰা আৱাসিক সমিতিৰ প্ৰৱেশদ্বাৰৰ ওচৰত এখন বাহনৰ খুন্দাত গুৰুতৰভাৱে আহত হৈছিল। ঘটনাতোৱে সংবাদ মাধ্যমৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিছিল আৰু সৰ্বাংগীন নগৰ বিনোদন পৰিকল্পনাৰ আহ্বান জনায়।

সমাজৰ ভিতৰত মতামত বিভক্ত হৈ থাকে। কিছুমান বাসিন্দা-বিশেষকৈ কম বয়সীয়া ব্যক্তি আৰু অৱসৰপ্ৰাপ্ত পেছাদাৰীয়ে-বিশ্বাস কৰে যে সম্প্ৰদায়টোৱে অধিক পদক্ষেপ লোৱা উচিত—হয়তো সাময়িকভাৱে খেলপথাৰৰ স্থান ভাগ কৰি বা যুটীয়া শিশু উদ্যানৰ বাবে পৌৰসভালৈ ওকালতি কৰিব লাগে। অৱশ্যে, আন কিছুমানে ইয়াৰ বিৰুদ্ধে দৃঢ়ভাৱে যুক্তি আগবঢ়ায়, সতৰ্ক কৰি দিয়ে যে এই স্থানবোৰ মুকলি কৰিলে সুৰক্ষাৰ চিন্তা হ'ব পাৰে, ৰক্ষণাবেক্ষণৰ ব্যয় বৃদ্ধি হ'ব পাৰে; যাক তেওঁলোকে “তেওঁলোকে পৰিশোধ কৰা পৰিৱেশৰ শিথিলতা” বুলি বৰ্ণনা কৰে।

শ্ৰী শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়া নিজেই একাধিক ভূমিকাৰ মাজত আবদ্ধ হৈ আছে: এজন বাসিন্দা হিচাপে তেওঁৰ সহকৰ্মীসকলৰ ওচৰত দায়বদ্ধ, শিশুৰ খেলৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তাৰ প্ৰতি সচেতন এজন পিতৃ, আৰু সমাজৰ দুৱাৰৰ ঠিক বাহিৰত উদ্ভৱ হোৱা সম্পূৰ্ণ নগৰীয়া বৈষম্যৰ বিষয়ে অৱগত এজন নাগৰিক। কিছুমান বাসিন্দাই আনকি সতৰ্ক কৰি দিছে যে বাহিৰৰ মানুহৰ প্ৰৱেশাধিকাৰৰ বাবে ওকালতি কৰিলে আগন্তুক HOA নিৰ্বাচনত তেওঁৰ সম্ভাৱনা বিপদাপন্ন হ'ব পাৰে।

ক. প্ৰদত্ত পৰিস্থিতিত শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই সন্মুখীন হোৱা নৈতিক দ্বিধাদ্বন্দ্বসমূহ চিনাক্ত কৰি আলোচনা কৰা।

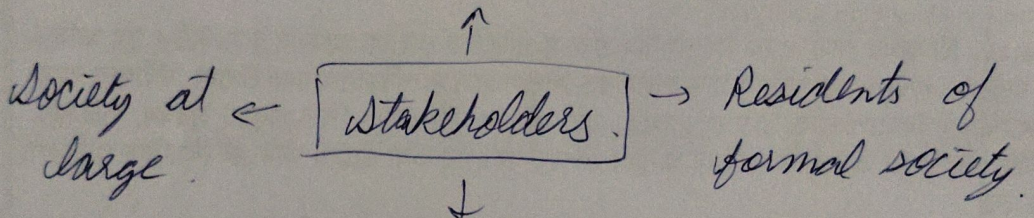
খ. এই প্ৰসংগত তেওঁৰ সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কি কি মূল্যবোধ আৰু নীতিয়ে পথ প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিব লাগে?

গ. ন্যায্যপৰায়ণতা আৰু দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী সামাজিক কল্যাণ বজাই ৰাখি সকলো অংশীদাৰৰ স্বাৰ্থৰ মাজত ভাৰসাম্য বজাই ৰাখিব পৰা এক যুক্তিসংগত কাৰ্য্যপন্থাৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়া।

(Answer in 250 words)

This is a case where a tragic accident occurred due to unavailability of protected playground for children of informal settlement even though there exist a place inside the residential society adjacent to it which is inaccessible to them.

Residents of informal society.



Raghu Sharma, Vice President of Home Owners' Association.

1) The ethical dilemmas faced by Mr. Sharma are:—

① Protection of residents of HOA vs welfare to children of informal settlement
Whether to prevent entry of children for concerns of parents of HOA or to allow them to give a safe environment which can prevent such accidents.

④ Personal gain vs societal gain

Temporary allowing to share playground will hurt his chances of in HOA elections but help society at large.

⑤ Short term vs long term goal

Opening the playground will only solve the situation temporarily but urban recreational planning will be long term solution.

⑥ Residents' interest vs interest of children of informal settlement

Opening the playground will dilute the environment of HOA but help those children.

⑦ Values and principles guiding his action

① Compassion - towards the unfortunate children who do not get protected environment to play.

② Integrity - shows his ethical principles at all times without letting to be

pressured by the residents of HOA and their warnings.

③ Accountability - The incident was caused due to lack of proper urban planning, so Mr. Raghav Sharma must take accountability.

④ Equality - The children of residents of HOA and informal settlement must be treated equally.

⑤ Course of action.

① Discussion with all representatives of stakeholders.

② Explain to ~~at~~ the residents of HOA about need of opening the playground to ensure safety only temporarily.

③ Ensure fixed hours during which children from informal settlement can access the park.

④ Provide guidelines and separate play

areas for the children.

- ③ Ensure crowd control mechanisms and watch facility.
- ④ Urge the Municipal corporation to build a playground for the children of informal settlement as soon as possible.

With this, the issue can be solved without hurting sentiments of stakeholders involved.

Feedback
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Q16. You are a senior officer in the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau of Assam. A whistleblower has submitted documents indicating large-scale irregularities in the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) involving the procurement of mobile iron removal plants. The project, worth over ₹1200 crore, was intended to provide clean drinking water to rural communities affected by iron-contaminated groundwater.

The documents show signs of bid rigging, overpricing, and political pressure to favour certain vendors, many of whom supplied non-functional or poor-quality equipment. Several engineers and officials involved have connections with ruling party members. The matter has now attracted media attention following a series of investigative reports in a reputed newspaper.

Your department is now tasked with conducting a preliminary investigation. However, a senior bureaucrat unofficially advises you to "go soft" on the matter, suggesting that "higher-ups want this issue to die quietly." Meanwhile, the rural population continues to suffer from lack of access to clean drinking water, and several NGOs have demanded a thorough probe. In this context, answer the following questions.

- Identify the ethical issues and dilemmas involved in this case.
- What values and principles should guide your decision-making as a public servant?
- How would you proceed with the investigation while upholding probity and integrity? What systemic reforms can help prevent such corruption in future procurement processes?

প্ৰশ্ন ১৬. "আপুনি অসম সতৰ্কতা আৰু দুৰ্নীতি দমন বিভাগৰ এজন জ্যেষ্ঠ বিষয়া। এজন হুইচলৰ ব্লোৱাৰে জনস্বাস্থ্য অভিযান্ত্ৰিক বিভাগ (PHED)-ত ভ্ৰাম্যমাণ লোহা অপসাৰণ উদ্যোগৰ ক্ৰয়ৰ সৈতে জড়িত বৃহৎ পৰিসৰৰ অনিয়মৰ সন্দেহত কিছুমান নথিপত্ৰ দাখিল কৰিছে। এই প্ৰকল্পটোৰ মূল্য ১২০০ কোটি টকাৰো অধিক, যাৰ উদ্দেশ্য আছিল আয়ৰণে দূষিত ভূগৰ্ভস্থ পানীৰ পৰা পীড়িত গ্ৰাম্য অঞ্চলসমূহলৈ পৰিষ্কাৰ পানী যোগান ধৰা।

নথিপত্ৰবোৰে কিছুমান বিক্ৰেতাক সমৰ্থন কৰিবলৈ নিলামৰ জালিয়াতি, অতিৰিক্ত মূল্য আৰু ৰাজনৈতিক চাপৰ লক্ষণ দেখুৱাইছে, যিসকলৰ বহুতে অ-কাৰ্য্যকৰী বা নিম্ন মানদণ্ডৰ সঁজুলি প্ৰদান কৰিছিল। ইয়াৰ লগত জড়িত কেইবাজনো অভিযন্তা আৰু বিষয়াসকলৰ শাসক দলৰ সদস্যসকলৰ সৈতে সম্পৰ্ক আছে। এখন প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত বাতৰি কাকতত ধাৰাবাহিকভাৱে তদন্তমূলক বাতৰি প্ৰকাশ পোৱাৰ পিছত এই বিষয়টোৱে এতিয়া সংবাদ মাধ্যমৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিছে।

আপোনাৰ বিভাগটোক এতিয়া প্ৰাথমিক তদন্ত চলোৱাৰ দায়িত্ব দিয়া হৈছে। অৱশ্যে, এজন জ্যেষ্ঠ আমলাতন্ত্ৰই অনানুষ্ঠানিকভাৱে আপোনাক বিষয়টোৰ ওপৰত "কোমল হ'বলৈ" পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে আৰু পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে যে "উচ্চপদস্থসকলে এই বিষয়টো শান্তভাৱে শেষ হোৱাটো বিচাৰে।" ইফালে, গ্ৰাম্য জনসাধাৰণে পৰিষ্কাৰ খোৱা পানীৰ অভাৱত ভুগি আছে, আৰু কেইবাটাও বেচৰকাৰী সংগঠনে সম্পূৰ্ণ তদন্তৰ দাবী জনাইছে। এই সন্দৰ্ভত তলৰ প্ৰশ্নবোৰৰ উত্তৰ দিয়ক।

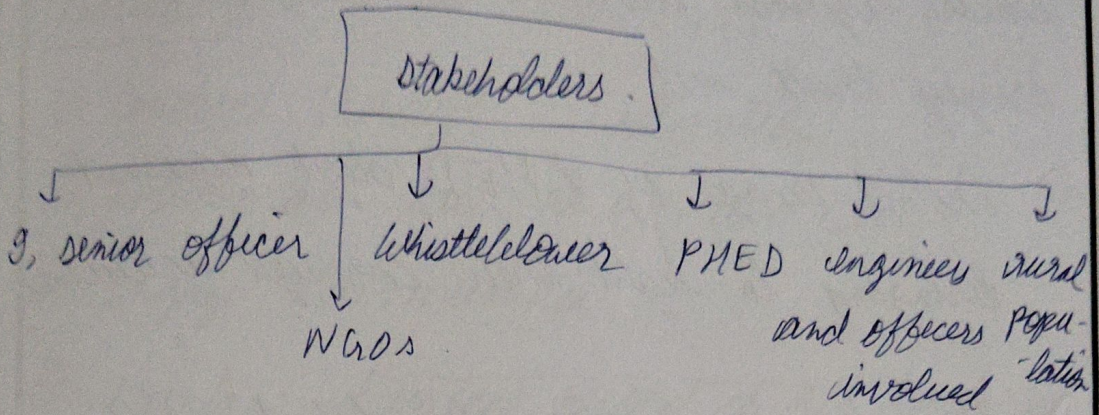
ক. এই ক্ষেত্ৰত জড়িত নৈতিক সমস্যা আৰু দ্বিধাদ্বন্দ্বক চিনাক্ত কৰক।

খ. ৰাজহুৱা কৰ্মচাৰী হিচাপে আপোনাৰ সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণত কি কি মূল্যবোধ আৰু নীতিয়ে পথ প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিব লাগে?

গ. সততা আৰু সততাক বজাই ৰাখি আপুনি তদন্ত কেনেকৈ আগবঢ়াই নিব? কি কি পদ্ধতিগত সংস্কাৰে ভৱিষ্যতৰ ক্ৰয় প্ৰক্ৰিয়াত এনে দুৰ্নীতি প্ৰতিৰোধ কৰাত সহায় কৰিব পাৰে?

(Answer in 250 words)

This is a clear case of corruption of misuse of govt fund which has led to suffering of rural people due to unclear water.



(a) The ethical concerns in this case are, -

Ethical Issues

- ① Corruption and misuse of fund.
- ② Bid rigging.
- ③ Lack of integrity leading to succumbing to political pressure.
- ④ Lack of responsibility and accountability.
- ⑤ Impact on health of rural people.

Ethical dilemmas

- ① Pressure from higher ups against work to greater good of rural people.
- ② Personal interest of not going against

seniors against professional interest of bringing truth out.

④ Protect image of PHED dept against bringing to light their corrupt activities.

⑤ The values and principles which will guide my decision-making as a public servant are:-

① Transparency of all transactions in PHED

② Integrity to show ethical values at all circumstances and not heed to pressure from higher ups.

③ Compassion towards rural people who are suffering.

④ Deontological approach to perform duty for the sake of duty.

⑤ Justice to society by curbing corruption practices.

① Proceeding with the investigation

- ① Conduct thorough investigation.
- ② Collaborate with NAOs and CSO.
- ③ Engage communities.
- ④ Maintain detailed record of all findings.
- ⑤ Report findings to higher authorities.

Systematic Reforms to prevent corruption

- ① Digitalization of all transactions of govt fund - This will increase transparency and bring accountability.
- ② Whistleblower Protection - so that such cases of corruption are easily reported.
- ③ Training to officers - To refrain from such activities.
- ④ Independent body for auditing departments.

These can prevent cases of corruption occurring in future.

Q17. You are serving as a senior administrative officer in a state department. A temporary staff member, Shweta, files a complaint alleging repeated inappropriate conduct by a senior public functionary. She claims that during late evening office meetings, the officer made unsolicited advances and implied that her contract renewal and potential promotion depended on her 'understanding' with him. In her statement, she mentions bringing a colleague with her to later meetings, and how, despite that, the officer continued to behave suggestively and warned her against speaking out. After her internal complaint went unanswered, she took the matter to the media. The accused officer denied the allegations and termed them a conspiracy orchestrated by his political opponents. He banned investigators from entering the premises and selectively released CCTV clips, citing "full transparency" while potentially exposing Shweta's identity. In this context, answer the following questions:

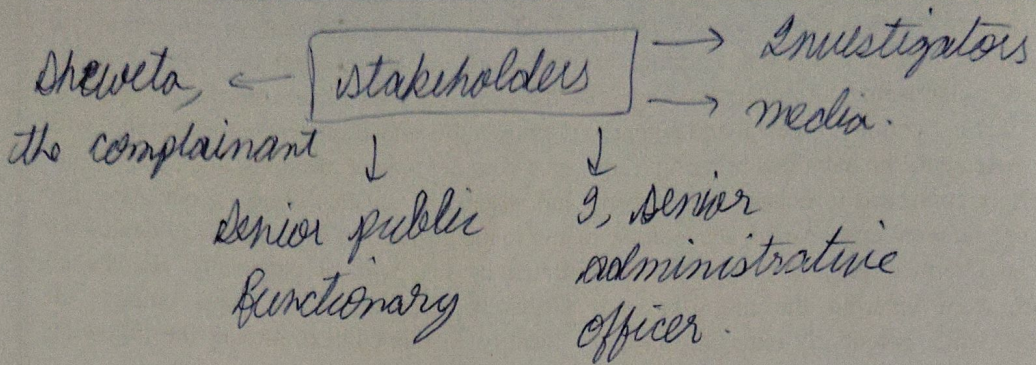
- (a) Identify the ethical issues involved.
- (b) What systemic and organizational failures contribute to such incidents in public institutions?
- (c) As the senior officer, what immediate and long-term steps will you take to address the situation while upholding public service values?

প্রশ্ন ১৭. আপুনি এখন ৰাজ্যিক বিভাগত এজন জ্যেষ্ঠ প্রশাসনিক বিষয়া হিচাপে সেৱা আগবঢ়াই আছে। শ্বেতা নামৰ এজন অস্থায়ী কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে এজন জ্যেষ্ঠ ৰাজহুৱা কৰ্মচাৰীৰ দ্বাৰা বাৰে বাৰে অনুপযুক্ত আচৰণৰ অভিযোগ উত্থাপন কৰে। তেওঁ দাবী কৰে যে সন্ধিয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ বৈঠকৰ সময়ত, বিষয়াজনে অবাস্তিত অগ্ৰগতি লাভ কৰিছিল আৰু ইঙ্গিত কৰিছিল যে তেওঁৰ চুক্তি নৱীকৰণ আৰু সম্ভাৱ্য পদোন্নতি তেওঁৰ সৈতে তেওঁৰ 'বুজাবুজি'ৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰ কৰিছিল। তেওঁৰ বিবৃতিত, তেওঁ তেওঁৰ সৈতে এগৰাকী সহকৰ্মীক পৰৱৰ্তী বৈঠকলৈ অনাৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছে, আৰু কেনেকৈ, তথাপিও, বিষয়াজনে পৰামৰ্শমূলক আচৰণ অব্যাহত ৰাখিছিল আৰু তেওঁক কথা কোৱাৰ বিৰুদ্ধে সতৰ্ক কৰি দিছিল। তেওঁৰ আভ্যন্তৰীণ অভিযোগৰ উত্তৰ নোপোৱাৰ পিছত, তেওঁ বিষয়টো সংবাদ মাধ্যমলৈ লৈ গৈছিল। অভিযুক্ত বিষয়াজনে অভিযোগবোৰ অস্বীকাৰ কৰিছিল আৰু ইয়াক তেওঁৰ ৰাজনৈতিক বিৰোধীসকলৰ দ্বাৰা সংঘটিত ষড়যন্ত্ৰ বুলি অভিহিত কৰিছিল। তেওঁ তদন্তকাৰীসকলক পৰিসৰত প্ৰৱেশ কৰাত নিষেধাজ্ঞা আৰোপ কৰিছিল আৰু শ্বেতাৰ পৰিচয় সম্ভৱতঃ প্ৰকাশ কৰাৰ সময়ত "সম্পূৰ্ণ স্বচ্ছতা" উল্লেখ কৰি নিৰ্বাচিতভাৱে CCTV ক্লিপ মুকলি কৰিছিল। এই সন্দৰ্ভত তলৰ প্ৰশ্নবোৰৰ উত্তৰ দিয়ক:

- (ক) ইয়াৰ লগত জড়িত নৈতিক বিষয়সমূহ চিনাক্ত কৰক।
- (খ) ৰাজহুৱা প্ৰতিষ্ঠানত এনে কাণ্ড সংঘটিত হোৱাত কি কি ব্যৱস্থাগত আৰু সাংগঠনিক বিফলতাই অৰিহণা যোগায়?
- (গ) জ্যেষ্ঠ বিষয়া হিচাপে আপুনি জনসেৱাৰ মূল্যবোধ ৰক্ষা কৰি পৰিস্থিতিৰ সৈতে মোকাবিলা কৰিবলৈ কি কি তাৎক্ষণিক আৰু দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণ কৰিব?

(Answer in 250 words)

This case concerns with safety of women in workplace where a senior officers misuse his powers to make unsolicited advances and alter the truth in media



(a) The ethical issues involved are:-

Ethical Concerns

- ① Safety of women in workplace.
- ② Misuse of seniority to threaten the staff member
- ③ Breaching confidentiality by releasing CCTV footage.
- ④ Abuse of power for not allowing investigators from entering the premise.

Ethical dilemmas

- ① Conflict between delivery of justice to loyalty to Colleague.
- ② Disclosure of truth vs image of department

- (B) Systematic and organizational failures that contributed to such incidents
- ① Imbalance distribution of power - Seniors can handle promotion and transfer.
 - ② Lack of measures for protection of women from sexual harassment in workplace.
 - ③ Lack of power to investigators to deny order of senior officials.
 - ④ Poor ~~gov~~ complaint adressal mechanism
- (C) Immediate steps to address the situation
- ① Suspend the accused officer.
 - ② Allow investigators to transparently investigate the case.
 - ③ Bring report in front of public to clear the matter ~~and~~ ~~people~~ and expose the conspiracy.
 - ④ Provide protection to Sweeta during the process.

Long term measures

- ① Strengthen internal complaint mechanism.
- ② Strictly enforce Vishakha guidelines
against sexual harassment of women
at workplace.
- ③ Conduct awareness and sensitization
programs about workplace conduct.
- ④ Ensure transparency and accountability.
- ⑤ Provide punishable guidelines for misuse
of power.

Through these short term and long term measure, such incidents can be prevented in the future and workplace can become an environment of growth and safety.

Q18. You are a respected community educator in a border district of Northeast India. Due to evolving diplomatic and security concerns, the Indian government has recently suspended transshipment facilities to Bangladesh. This decision has disrupted the livelihood of many small business owners in the region.

One of your close friends, Mr. Karim, owns a modest transport business that depended heavily on the cross-border movement of goods. He confides that several of his employees may be undocumented immigrants. Though hired based on trust and need, he now fears enforcement action that could lead to the closure of his business.

He requests that you speak informally to a local administrative officer—whom you know personally—to prevent immediate scrutiny, assuring you it's a temporary fix while he "sorts things out." He believes the livelihoods of many depend on this small act.

Your region has witnessed heightened sensitivity around illegal immigration due to the NRC exercise and rising public discourse. Any misstep could escalate into legal and communal tension. In this context, answer the following questions:

- How would you respond to your friend's request without compromising your ethical responsibilities as a citizen and community leader?
- What ethical principles should guide you in balancing personal relationships with broader public interest in such contexts?
- Discuss the social and administrative risks of informal labour practices in border districts like yours.
- Suggest a constructive and lawful course of action for your friend to protect both his business and the rights of his workers.

প্রশ্ন ১৮. আপুনি উত্তৰ-পূব ভাৰতৰ এখন সীমান্ত জিলাৰ এগৰাকী সন্মানীয় সামূহিক শিক্ষাবিদ। কূটনৈতিক আৰু নিৰাপত্তা সম্পৰ্কীয় উদ্বেগৰ বাবে, ভাৰত চৰকাৰে শেহতীয়াকৈ বাংলাদেশলৈ ট্ৰেন্সশ্বিপমেণ্ট সুবিধা স্থগিত কৰিছে। এই সিদ্ধান্তই অঞ্চলটোৰ বহুতো ক্ষুদ্ৰ ব্যৱসায়ীৰ জীৱিকা ব্যাহত কৰিছে।

আপোনাৰ এজন ঘনিষ্ঠ বন্ধু কৰিমৰ এটা সামান্য পৰিবহণ ব্যৱসায় আছে যিটো সীমা অতিক্ৰম কৰি সামগ্ৰীৰ চলাচলৰ ওপৰত বহু পৰিমাণে নিৰ্ভৰশীল আছিল। তেওঁ আত্মগোপন কৰে যে তেওঁৰ কেইবাজনো কৰ্মচাৰী হয়তো নথি-পত্ৰবিহীন অনুপ্রৱেশকাৰী। যদিও বিশ্বাস আৰু প্ৰয়োজনীয়তাৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি নিযুক্তি দিয়া হৈছে, এতিয়া তেওঁ আশংকা কৰিছে যে বলবৎকাৰী ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণৰ ফলত তেওঁৰ ব্যৱসায় বন্ধ হ'ব পাৰে।

তেওঁ আপোনাক অনুৰোধ কৰে যে আপুনি এজন স্থানীয় প্ৰশাসনিক বিষয়াৰ সৈতে অনানুষ্ঠানিকভাৱে কথা পাতক-যাক আপুনি ব্যক্তিগতভাৱে জানে-তাৎক্ষণিক পৰীক্ষা প্ৰতিৰোধ কৰিবলৈ, আপোনাক আশ্বাস দিয়ে যে তেওঁ "বস্তুবোৰ সমাধান কৰাৰ সময়ত" এইটো এটা অস্থায়ী সমাধান। তেওঁ বিশ্বাস কৰে যে বহু লোকৰ জীৱিকা এই সৰু আইনৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰ কৰে।

NRC ৰ অনুশীলন আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত বৃদ্ধি পোৱা আলোচনাৰ ফলত আপোনাৰ অঞ্চলটোত অবৈধ প্ৰব্ৰজনৰ প্ৰতি সংবেদনশীলতা বৃদ্ধি পাইছে। যিকোনো ভুল পদক্ষেপ আইনী আৰু সাম্প্ৰদায়িক উত্তেজনালৈ বৃদ্ধি পাব পাৰে। এই সন্দৰ্ভত তলৰ প্ৰশ্নবোৰৰ উত্তৰ দিয়ক:

ক) এজন নাগৰিক আৰু সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ নেতা হিচাপে আপোনাৰ নৈতিক দায়িত্বৰ সৈতে আপোচ নকৰাকৈ আপুনি আপোনাৰ বন্ধুৰ অনুৰোধৰ প্ৰতি কেনেদৰে সঁহাৰি জনাব?

খ) এনে প্ৰসংগত বিস্তৃত ৰাজহুৱা স্বার্থৰ সৈতে ব্যক্তিগত সম্পৰ্কৰ ভাৰসাম্য বজাই ৰখাত কোনবোৰ নৈতিক নীতিয়ে আপোনাক পথ দেখুৱাব লাগে?

গ) আপোনাৰ দৰে সীমান্ত জিলাসমূহত অনানুষ্ঠানিক শ্ৰমিক অনুশীলনৰ সামাজিক আৰু প্ৰশাসনিক বিপদাশংকাৰ বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰক।

ঘ. আপোনাৰ বন্ধুৰ বাবে তেওঁৰ ব্যৱসায় আৰু তেওঁৰ শ্ৰমিকসকলৰ অধিকাৰ দুয়োটা সুৰক্ষিত কৰাৰ বাবে এক গঠনমূলক আৰু আইনী পদক্ষেপৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ক।

(Answer in 250 words)

In this case, there is issue of illegal migrants being employed and request of informal intervention.

② Response to the friend's request.

- ① Make him understand the gravity of the situation.
- ② Politely decline his offer.
- ③ As a community educator, it is unethical to informally accept the request.
- ④ Tell the friend about legal ways through which he can take help to protect his business.

Ethical Values that can guide

- ① Rule of law — Guide by what the legal pathway is.
- ② Transparency — To avoid taking any informal action.

- ③ Integrity - To show ethical values even when there is pressure from close friends.
- ④ Accountability - To always perform actions for which we are accountable.
- ⑤ Dakshi Chow - To think from perspective of a third person.

These values can guide me to take balanced approach between personal relationships and broader public interest.

① Social Risks of informal labour practice

- ① Poor living standard of labours
- ② Skewing population demography
- ③ Increase in poverty.
- ④ This may lead to increase in petty crime.

Administrative risks of informal labour practice

- ① Pressure on administration.

- ① Increase in communal and ethnic clashes
- ② Lack of documentation of workers
- ③ Difficulty in identifying beneficiaries for schemes

④ Constructive and lawful course of action

- ① Assures my friend about govt assistance and schemes for those affected.
- ② Recognize his workers and identify if they are illegal migrant.
- ③ Proper documentation and registration of workers.
- ④ Any illegal migrant worker must be report to authorities.

In this way, I can help my friend and also perform my duty towards the nation.

Q19. Bharati is a Class 10 student in a reputed school. During a free period, she notices that her class teacher—who is also her moral science instructor—is absorbed in watching reels and short videos on social media. This happens often, even during regular teaching hours. What makes Bharati uncomfortable is the apparent hypocrisy: in class, the teacher frequently warns students about the addictive nature of digital media and its impact on concentration and character. Bharati feels confused and disappointed. She wonders whether to talk to the teacher, inform the school principal, or simply ignore it. She respects her teacher and doesn't want to appear disrespectful or arrogant. However, she also feels that silence might make her complicit in a form of dishonesty.

Questions:

- Is Bharati justified in her analysis of her teacher's behaviour? Give your reasons.
- Suggest a mature and constructive way for Bharati to express her concerns without appearing confrontational or disrespectful.
- What long-term impact can inconsistencies between words and actions of authority figures have on the ethical development of young students? Support your answer with reasoning.

প্ৰশ্ন ১৯. ভাৰতী এখন প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত বিদ্যালয়ৰ দশম শ্ৰেণীৰ ছাত্ৰী। আজৰী সময়ত তেওঁ লক্ষ্য কৰে যে তেওঁৰ শ্ৰেণীৰ শিক্ষক-যি তেওঁৰ নৈতিক বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰশিক্ষক- সামাজিক মাধ্যমত বীল আৰু চুটি ভিডিঅ' চোৱাত মগ্ন হৈ থাকে। নিয়মীয়া পাঠদানৰ সময়তো এনেকুৱা প্ৰায়ে ঘটে।

ভাৰতীক অস্বস্তিত পেলোৱা কথাটো হ "ল আপাত ভণ্ডামি: শ্ৰেণীত শিক্ষকজনে ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলক ডিজিটেল মাধ্যমৰ আসক্তিমূলক প্ৰকৃতি আৰু মনোযোগ আৰু চৰিত্ৰৰ ওপৰত ইয়াৰ প্ৰভাৱৰ বিষয়ে সঘনাই সতৰ্ক কৰি দিয়ে। ভাৰতীয়ে বিভ্ৰান্ত আৰু হতাশ অনুভৱ কৰে। তেওঁ আচৰিত হয় যে শিক্ষকজনৰ সৈতে কথা পাতিব নে বিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষক জনাব নে কেৱল ইয়াক উপেক্ষা কৰিব। তেওঁ নিজৰ শিক্ষকক সন্মান কৰে আৰু অসন্মানজনক বা অহংকাৰী দেখা দিবলৈ নিবিচাৰে। অৱশ্যে, তেওঁ এইটোও অনুভৱ কৰে যে নীৰৱতাই তেওঁক এক প্ৰকাৰৰ অসততাৰ সৈতে জড়িত কৰি তুলিব পাৰে।

প্ৰশ্নসমূহ:

ক) ভাৰতীয়ে তেওঁৰ শিক্ষকৰ আচৰণৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰাটো ন্যায্য নেকি? আপোনাৰ কাৰণসমূহ উল্লেখ কৰক।

খ) ভাৰতীক মুখামুখি বা অসন্মানজনক যেন দেখা নোপোৱাকৈ নিজৰ উদ্বেগ প্ৰকাশ কৰিবলৈ এক পৰিপক্ক আৰু গঠনমূলক উপায়ৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ক।

গ) কৰ্তৃত্বপ্ৰাপ্ত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ কথা আৰু কাৰ্য্যৰ মাজত অসামঞ্জস্যই যুৱ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীৰ নৈতিক বিকাশত কি দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী প্ৰভাৱ পেলাব পাৰে? আপোনাৰ উত্তৰটো যুক্তিৰে সমৰ্থন কৰক।

(Answer in 250 words)

This case shows lack of integrity on part of the teacher which has also confused the students. It shows growing negative impact of short form videos.

② Yes, Bharati is justified in analysis of her teacher's behaviour.

Bharati learnt about addictive nature of digital media and its impact on concentration and character from her teacher.

But when she saw that her moral science instructor was watching reels and short videos on social media not only in free time but also during regular teaching hours, she saw the opposite action.

So she came to the analysis that it was hypocrisy.

③ Way for Bharati to express her concern

① Approach the teacher privately.

② Express her confusion due to opposite action of teacher from her words.

③ Ask teacher to make her understand the situation.

④ Show respect and tell teacher how her teachings have enlightened her and other students.

© Long term impact of inconsistency on young students

① Encourage hypocrisy - Students will start following such action.

② Devalue education - Students will only mug up studies and not inculcate them.

③ Unethical behaviour - Students can start not following rules and regulations.

④ Disregard to moral values - Even if someone imparts moral values, they would think it is okay to not follow them.

Thus, it is very important for social figures like teachers to show consistency of words and actions. Only then students can learn good values.

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