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DETAIL FEEDBACK**ALL THE BEST**

Q1. Differentiate between moral courage and physical courage. Why is moral courage more relevant for public life?

প্রশ্ন ১) নৈতিক সাহস আৰু শাৰীৰিক সাহসৰ মাজত পাৰ্থক্য উল্লেখ কৰক। ৰাজহুৱা জীৱনৰ বাবে নৈতিক সাহস কিয় অধিক প্ৰাসংগিক? (Answer in 150 words)

Ans Moral Courage entails values like emotional Intelligence, integrity and incorruptibility of character. It combines these values with mental aptitude so as to overcome any mental barrier. [Eg] Working hard to succeed in life.

Physical Courage on the other hand enables one to overcome the adversities of physical world. It enables one to break his/her limits via brute power.

* Relevance of moral courage in public life :-

- (a) Brings ethicallity to one's actions.
- (b) Builds trust and fosters fraternity in society.
- (c) Enables better intra-personal and inter-personal relations which is important in public life.
- (d) In line with "Duty dictum" of Kantian philosophy which is sine qua non in public life

Thus, importance of moral courage outweighs physical courage in public life.

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Q2. "Consumerism tests the ethical foundations of society." Discuss.

প্রশ্ন ২) "উপভোক্তাবাদে সমাজের নৈতিক ভেটি পরীক্ষা করে"। আলোচনা করক।

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans Consumerism is our incessant
chase after material resources. It
brings dopamine plaks and short term
happiness to one's life.

* Consumerism tests ethical foundation
of society:-

- (a) It leads to gross inequality
in society.
- (b) Leads to perception of relative
poverty for those left out.
- (c) Promotes unsustainable use of
Earth's resources [Eg] The state of
New York use more electricity

than entire Country of Zimbabwe
uses in a year.

(d) This gap is further exacerbated
due to rise in social media
Culture [Eg] Cat fishing phenomenon
of one's life.

Thus, we need to fall back to
our roots and ancient philosophy
of 'Idam-Na-Maam' (This is not
mine, its for collective wellbeing) is
the best guiding light to turn
our actions into ethical ones

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Q3. In what ways do joint families contribute to ethical decision-making, and what challenges arise in their decline?

প্রশ্ন ৩) যৌথ পৰিয়ালে নৈতিক সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণত কি ধৰণে অৰিহণা যোগায়, আৰু যৌথ পৰিয়ালৰ অৱনতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কি প্ৰত্যাহ্বানৰ সৃষ্টি হয়? (Answer in 150 words)

Ans Joint families are a traditional family set up where 3 or more generations share a single roof under one head of family (usually a male).

* Joint families contributing to ethical decision making:-

- (a) Makes a child more empathetic towards life via bed time tales like Panchatantra.
- (b) Makes one culturally more sensitive due to transmission of culture directly from 1st generation to 3rd generation.
- (c) Helps maintain social fabric.

by halting decisions made in a hurry.

* Challenges due to their decline:-

- (a) Rise in divorce rate in Indian society.
- (b) Rise in crime rate in urban set up.
- (c) Cultural apathy in younger generation.
- (d) Breach of society's social security net

Thus, individuals must make more rational decisions so as to preserve this unique tradition i.e. Joint families.

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Q4. How can folk traditions and festivals act as instruments of value inculcation in modern society?

প্ৰশ্ন ৪) আধুনিক সমাজত লোক পৰম্পৰা আৰু উৎসৱবোৰে কেনেকৈ মূল্যবোধৰ প্ৰসাৰৰ সঁজুলি হিচাপে কাম কৰিব পাৰে? (Answer in 150 words)

Ans Folk traditions and cultures
are part and parcel of the set of
cultural traditions, thereby acting as
instrument of value inculcation.

* Ways folk traditions and festivals
inculcate values in modern society:-

(a) It enriches life of younger
generations regarding lost traditions

[Eg] Latest renditions of Assamese
'Biya Naam' ~~is~~ with modern musical
instruments.

(b) Preserves culture and reinforces
social cohesion [Eg] Husori tradition
in Assam.

(b) Brings peace and joy to
society [Eg] Durga Puja

(d) People break their boundaries
created by arbitrary parameters
like religion, caste, creed to ~~be~~
celebrate as one [Eg] Celebration
of Diwali.

(e) Festivals and folk traditions
promotes cultural exchanges
between community. [Eg] Xako
Initiative by Sulamta Foundation

Thus, values in modern society
are further strengthened by festivals
and folk traditions

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Q5. Explain the ethical significance of accountability to future generations in governance and policy-making.

প্রশ্ন ৫) প্রশাসন আৰু নীতি-নিৰ্ধাৰণত ভৱিষ্যত প্ৰজন্মৰ প্ৰতি দায়বদ্ধতাৰ নৈতিক গুৰুত্ব ব্যাখ্যা কৰক।
(Answer in 150 words)

Ans While policy making we must always keep the words of Gandhiji in our mind "We do not inherit the world from our ancestors, ~~but~~ we borrow it from our children".

* The ethical significance of accountability:

- (a) Promotes sustainable use of world's scarce resources.
- (b) It would not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- (c) It would reduce inter-generat-

ional disparities.

(d) Promotes the ancient ethos
of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'

Thus, we need to adopt a
more responsible attitude while
policy making so as to accommodate
the needs and concerns of
future generations

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Q6. How and why Civil Servants should be 'enablers' of growth, not mere 'regulators'?

প্রশ্ন ৬) কেনেকৈ আৰু কিয় অসামৰিক কৰ্মচাৰীসকল কেৱল নিয়ন্ত্ৰক হৈ নাথাকি বিকাশৰ 'সক্ষমকাৰী' হ'ব লাগে?

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans With the changing roles of civil servants, they are now expected to be 'enablers' of growth, not mere 'regulators'.

* Why Civil Servants should be enablers of growth:

- (a) Their unique position as the bridge between the government and the governed
- (b) Changing expectations of society from civil servants.
- (c) Sine qua non for them to act as enablers so that India attains the status of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047

* How can civil servants be enablers of growth?

(a) Training civil servants to be more compassionate via programmes like Mission Karmayogi.

(b) Conducting rigorous examinations to select candidates with not just high aptitude but also a positive attitude.

(c) Having a single set of values to prevent the 'Knower-Doer split'

Thus, we must keep the words of Pt Nehru in mind "The truest test of a civil servant is not how much he knows, but how much he cares".

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Q7. "The end of law is not punishment, but justice." Comment in the Indian context.

প্রশ্ন ৭) "আইন শাস্তিতেই শেষ নহয়, কিন্তু ন্যায়তহে"। ভারতীয় প্রসংগত মন্তব্য করুন।

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans The given quote highlights the core philosophy behind justice, i.e. to rehabilitate offenders and not mere retributive justice.

* The end of law is not punishment, but justice:-

(a) The bringing of the 3 new criminal laws aims to ensure justice to victims.

(b) Even harsh punishment like 'death penalty' is given in the scarest of the rare cases (Bacchan Singh Judgement)

(c) skilling of inmates in UP's jail aims to enable softer integration with the society.

(d) Concept of 'Open Air jail' being tested in Barpeta, Assam

(e) Government's Model Prison Act and the Prosecution Bill also seeks to ensure complete justice.

Thus, ~~can~~ a law that ensures ~~the~~ justice can ensure 'Dharma' in society

"Yatho Dharma, Tatho Jaiasya"

(Where there is justice, there is victory)

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Q8. What ethical lessons can be drawn from the life of Swami Vivekananda for today's youth?

প্রশ্ন ৮) আজিৰ যুৱক-যুৱতীসকলৰ বাবে স্বামী বিবেকানন্দৰ জীৱনৰ পৰা কি কি নৈতিক শিক্ষা ল'ব পাৰি?
(Answer in 150 words)

Ans Swami Vivekananda was an
enlightened philosopher of 19th Century
modern India.

* Ethical lessons for today's youth :-

- (a) He encouraged youths to have
"nerves of steel and minds like
thunderbolt"
- (b) He promoted ideas of hardwork
and dignity of labour, which will
be crucial as India aims to
reap its demographic dividend.
- (c) He promoted idea of tolerance
in society, crucial to overcome

instances of radicalism.

(d) Conveyed ideas of multi-religious co-existence, crucial in a diverse nation like India "All religions are like rivers, merging into the sea of God"

(e) His ideas invoked self belief in own ability, which will be important as India aims for successful campaigns under 'Make in India'

Thus, these lessons from 'Saram' Vivekananda's life propel today's youth into the light of the future.

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Q9. You are posted as a Sub-Divisional Officer in a flood-prone area of Assam. During relief distribution, you notice that some local influencers on social media are live-streaming selective clips that misrepresent the situation, alleging discrimination against certain communities. This has created tension, and angry crowds have gathered demanding action against you. At the same time, genuine relief work is being delayed due to the unrest. What immediate steps will you take to:

- defuse the tension,
- ensure fair distribution, and
- restore public trust while protecting freedom of expression?

প্রশ্ন ৯) আপোনাক অসমৰ বানপানী-প্ৰৱণ অঞ্চল এটাত মহকুমা বিষয়া হিচাপে নিযুক্তি দিয়া হৈছে। সাহায্য বিতৰণৰ সময়ত, আপুনি লক্ষ্য কৰিছে যে সামাজিক মাধ্যমত কিছুমান স্থানীয় প্ৰভাৱশালী ব্যক্তিয়ে নিৰ্বাচিত ক্লিপবোৰ লাইভ-ষ্ট্ৰিমিং কৰি আছে যিয়ে পৰিস্থিতিটো ভুলকৈ উপস্থাপন কৰিছে, আৰু ই কিছুমান সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ বিৰুদ্ধে বৈষম্যৰ অভিযোগ উত্থাপন কৰে। ইয়াৰ ফলত উত্তেজনাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে, আৰু ক্ষুদ্ৰ জনতা আপোনাৰ বিৰুদ্ধে ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণৰ দাবীত একত্ৰিত হৈছে। একে সময়তে, অস্থিৰতাৰ বাবে প্ৰকৃত সাহায্য কাৰ্য বিলম্বিত হৈ আছে।

আপুনি কি কি তাৎক্ষণিক পদক্ষেপ ল'ব:

- উত্তেজনা দূৰ কৰাৰ বাবে-
- ন্যায্য বিতৰণ নিশ্চিত কৰিবলৈ, আৰু
- মত প্ৰকাশৰ স্বাধীনতা সুৰক্ষিত কৰি ৰাজহুৱা বিশ্বাস পুনৰুদ্ধাৰ কৰিবলৈ?

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans In sensible use of social media
during disasters from the section of
influencers has led to a tensed
situation in my area of jurisdiction

(a) Steps to defuse tension:-

① Come clean and present objective
evidences in front of media.

② Take help of authority to know
the motives behind such biased

reporting by local influencers.

(b) Steps to ensure fair distribution:-

(1) Short term - maintain proper records
of relief material distributed and
short future demands.

(2) Long term - create an online portal
to enhance relief distribution.

(c) Restore public trust and balance
freedom of expression:-

(1) Demand a public apology to
immediately restore trust of public.

(2) Mandatory training for offenders
regarding ethical use of social media.

(3) Fines for repeat offenders.

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Q10. Distinguish between optimism and idealism in shaping a civil servant's attitude. Which is more sustainable in public life?

প্রশ্ন ১০) এজন অসামৰিক কৰ্মচাৰীৰ মনোভাৱ গঢ়াত আশাবাদ আৰু আদৰ্শবাদৰ মাজত পাৰ্থক্য উল্লেখ কৰক। ৰাজহুৱা জীৱনত কোনটো অধিক বহনক্ষম? (Answer in 150 words)

Ans Optimism is having a positive attitude towards curve balls thrown by life while keeping a check on reality.

Idealism is the most suitable pathway to ensure dharma but sometimes detaches with ground realities

* Suitability of both in public life:-

① Idealism:-

(a) Following it can foster true human development and welfarism

(b) Foster trust of people in governance

② Optimism :-

(a) Helps overcome the high public demand while balancing scarcity of resources.

(b) Leads to self belief in one's own ability to handles pressures of work.

Thus, a civil servant must find a 'golden mean' between idealism and optimism to ensure justice in public life

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Q11. "Mass persuasion without wisdom can corrupt democracy." In this context, critically evaluate the ethical concerns arising from the growing influence of social media influencers in shaping public opinion and governance."

প্রশ্ন ১১) "জ্ঞান অবিহনে সামূহিক হয়মতে গণতন্ত্রক দুর্নীতিগ্রস্ত কৰিব পাৰে"। এই সন্দৰ্ভত, জনমত আৰু প্রশাসন গঠনত সামাজিক মাধ্যমৰ প্ৰভাৱকাৰীসকলৰ বৰ্ধিত প্ৰভাৱৰ পৰা উদ্ভৱ হোৱা নৈতিক উদ্বেগবোৰ সমালোচনামূলকভাৱে মূল্যায়ন কৰক।"
(Answer in 150 words)

Ans Social media has truly democratized the distribution of information. Everyone now can generate and consume information at the push of a button. It is truly a double edged sword.

* Ethical concerns from growing influence of social media influencers:-

- (a) Peddling of misinformation.
- (b) Sensationalization of trivial news.
- (c) Violation of privacy of individuals.
- (d) May led to violence in society
[Eg] Gen Z protest in Nepal turned

Violent.

- ② May led to radicalization in society. [Eg] Use of social media by Burhan Wami to radicalize Youths of Kashmir.

Thus, we need responsible individual behaviour and stronger statutory regulations to prevent the issues of mass persuasion.

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Q12. "Prejudices are like shadows that silently shape our choices." Substantiate.

প্রশ্ন ১২) "কুসংস্কারবোৰ ছায়াৰ দৰে যি নীৰৱে আমাৰ সিদ্ধান্তবোৰক প্ৰভাৱিত কৰে"। প্ৰমাণসহকাৰে
লিখক

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans Prejudices are like invisible
strings pulling the hands of puppets.

They are formed due to our lived
experiences and are hard to change.

* Prejudices shaping our choices:

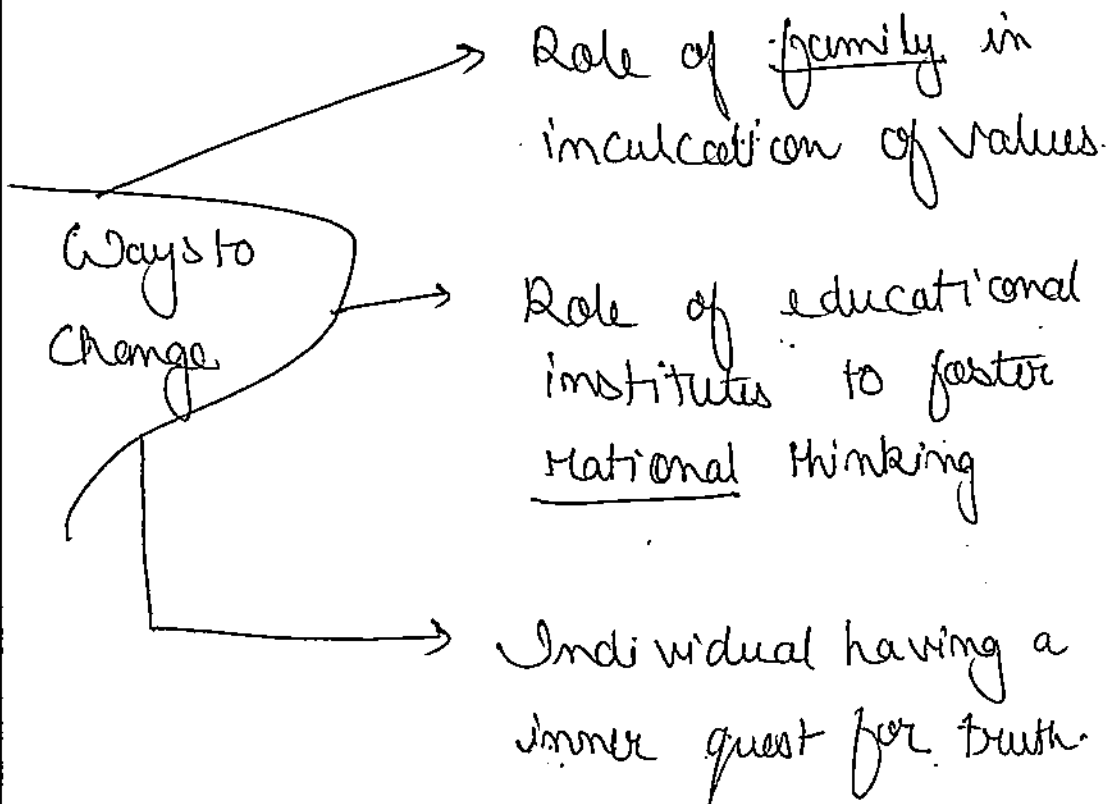
(a) May create differences and
discrimination in society.

[Eg] Racial discrimination in US

(b) May led to unintended consequences

(c) Prejudices hurt individual's
sentiments [Eg] Gandhiji's train
incident in South Africa.

④ May led to tensions between nations [eg] ~~the~~ Average Indian's perception about Pakistan being a violent nation.



Fighting out ~~in~~ inner prejudices is the biggest battle one can uptake

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Q13. Distinguish between moral relativism and moral absolutism. Which approach is more relevant for decision-making in a plural society like India?

প্রশ্ন ১৩) নৈতিক আপেক্ষিকতাবাদ আৰু নৈতিক সৰ্বোচ্চতাৰ মাজত থকা পাৰ্থক্য উল্লেখ কৰক। ভাৰতৰ দৰে বহুস্বৰাদী সমাজত সিদ্ধান্ত গ্ৰহণৰ বাবে কোনটো পদ্ধতি অধিক প্ৰাসংগিক?

(Answer in 150 words)

Ans. Moral relativism acknowledges the difference in moral standards between societies both temporally and spatially. [Eg] Instances of polygamy in Arab nations

Moral absolutism recognises one's own moral standards as the only truth. [Eg] It can led to instances like Burqa ban in France that imposed Christian values in the name of secularism.

In my opinion, moral relativism is more relevant in a plural society.

* Reasons for the same:-

- (a) Gives scope to minority to profess and practice their beliefs. [Eg] Secularism in India based on Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava.
- (b) Accommodates diversity and celebrates uniqueness.
- (c) Fosters fraternity in a pluralistic society.

Thus cultural view of all sections are more adequately

protected by adhering to the
values of moral relativism

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Q14. You are the District Transport Officer of a semi-urban district. A citizen's group files a complaint that a series of bogus driving licences have been issued in your office without proper tests. Preliminary enquiry reveals that a clerk has indeed issued them in exchange for bribes. Just as you prepare your report, a local MLA calls you personally, urging you to "go soft" because the clerk belongs to his constituency.

Questions:

- What are the ethical dilemmas you face in this situation?
- List out your possible courses of action.
- Evaluate the ethical implications of each action.
- Which action will you finally take, and why?

প্রশ্ন ১৪) আপুনি এখন অৰ্ধ নগৰীয়া জিলাৰ জিলা পৰিবহণ বিষয়া। এটা নাগৰিকৰ গোটে অভিযোগ দাখিল কৰে যে আপোনাৰ কাৰ্যালয়ত সঠিক পৰীক্ষা অবিহনে কেইবাটাও ভুৱা ড্ৰাইভিং লাইচেন্স জাৰি কৰা হৈছে। প্ৰাথমিক অনুসন্ধানৰে প্ৰকাশ কৰে যে এজন কেৰাণীয়ে প্ৰকৃততে উৎকোচৰ বিনিময়ত তেওঁলোকক ড্ৰাইভিং লাইচেন্স জাৰি কৰিছিল। আপুনি আপোনাৰ প্ৰতিবেদন প্ৰস্তুত কৰাৰ লগে লগে, এজন স্থানীয় বিধায়কে আপোনাক ব্যক্তিগতভাৱে ফোন কৰি আপোনাক "নৰম হ'বলৈ" অনুৰোধ কৰে কাৰণ কেৰাণীজন তেওঁৰ সমষ্টিৰ।

প্ৰশ্ন:

- এই পৰিস্থিতিত আপুনি কেনেধৰণৰ নৈতিক দ্বিধাৰ সন্মুখীন হৈছে?
- আপোনাৰ সম্ভাৱ্য পদক্ষেপসমূহ লিপিবদ্ধ কৰক।
- প্ৰতিটো কাৰ্য্যৰ নৈতিক প্ৰভাৱৰ মূল্যায়ন কৰক।
- অৱশেষত আপুনি কি পদক্ষেপ ল'ব, আৰু কিয়?

(Answer in 250 words)

Ans The above is a case of systemic corruption that has led to illegal dispersal of licences to ineligible persons.

(a) Ethical dilemmas I face :-

① Superior's directive Vs systemic Corruption

② Maintaining Trust of people

Vs employment rights of the clerk.

③ Upholding rule of law Vs Political pressure.

⑥ Possible courses of action:-

① Option 1 - Follow directives of MLA and ignore the issue.

② Option 2 - go ahead and take action against the clerk.

③ Option 3 - Leak the case to media.

⑦ Ethical implications of each action:-

Option 1

① Positives

→ Safeguard my self interest by

not going against the MLA.

② Demerits

→ Pangs of Conscience for
my actions.

→ Deviation from Kant's duty
dictum

→ Violation of Public Trust
Doctrine

→ Safety Concerns as ineligible
drivers ply the road.

Option 2

① Merit

→ Clear Conscience on my part.

→ Upholding rule of law.

② Demerit

→ Might offend the MLA.

Option 3

Merit

→ Safeguard ~~meat~~ directly from scrutiny by MLA

Demerit

→ Hurts the trust of public.

(d) My course of action - I will go for Option 3 and take strict action against the clerk.

Reasons

Corruption small or big is a slippery slope

Upholds rule of law and my duty as DTO

My actions are guided by emotional intelligence and values like integrity, accountability etc.

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Q15. "Technology itself is value-neutral; it is human choices that determine its moral impact." Examine this view in the context of artificial intelligence and data privacy concerns.

প্রশ্ন ১৫) "প্রযুক্তি নিজেই মূল্য-নিরপেক্ষ; মানবীয় সিদ্ধান্তে ইয়াৰ নৈতিক প্ৰভাৱ নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰে।" কৃত্ৰিম বুদ্ধিমত্তা আৰু তথ্য গোপনীয়তাৰ উদ্বেগৰ সন্দৰ্ভত এই দৃষ্টিভঙ্গী মূল্যায়ন কৰক।

(Answer in 250 words)

Ans Yes, technology is itself value neutral. It does not distinguish between rich-poor, racial parameters, or gender ~~or~~ related aspects. It is only our use or the misuse of it that determines technology's moral impact.

* Issues of data privacy concerns
~~and~~

① Misuse of personal data and releasing it in public domain
[Eg] Doxxing.

(b) Hampers right to life and liberty of individuals (Article 21)

(c) Leads to defamation of individuals

(d) Adverse impact on the vulnerable section of society, i.e. women and children [Eg] Bulli Bai app conducting a fake auction of women.

(e) Breaches democratic values
[Eg] Cambridge analytica case.

* Issues related to artificial intelligence :-

(a) Leads to post truth society

where distinguishing between
truth and fake becomes difficult.

(b) Impacts dignity of women.

[Eg] Rashmita Mandana video in
lift.

(c) Potential misuse of copy right.

(d) Misuse of personal data and
instances of data breaches.

* What we need :-

① Responsible individual behaviour

② Government's ~~Core~~ Fact Check

Unit by PIB

③ Statutory backing to ensure

localization of data.

④ International cooperation via initiatives like Global Partnership for AI (GPAI)

These initiatives can ensure we move beyond mere neutrality of technology to reap the benefits of its positive aspects.

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Q16. You are the head of a government department overseeing the allocation of research grants. A young team proposes an AI-based project for detecting misinformation on social media. The project is innovative and socially useful, but it does not have immediate commercial returns. At the same time, there are other proposals with guaranteed financial benefits and strong industry backing.

Questions:

- How would Aristotle's idea of the highest good guide your decision?
- Suggest a balanced course of action that addresses both social responsibility and financial prudence.
- What long-term lessons can administrators draw from this case about prioritising values in governance?

প্রশ্ন ১৬) আপুনি গৱেষণা অনুদানৰ আৰণ্টনৰ তত্ত্বাৱধান কৰা এটা চৰকাৰী বিভাগৰ মূৰব্বী। এটা যুৱ দলে ছ'চিয়েল মিডিয়াত ভুল তথ্য চিনাক্ত কৰাৰ বাবে এটা কৃত্ৰিম বুদ্ধিমত্তা-আধাৰিত প্ৰকল্পৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ দিছে। প্ৰকল্পটো উদ্ভাৱনীমূলক আৰু সামাজিকভাৱে উপযোগী, কিন্তু ইয়াৰ তাৎক্ষণিক বাণিজ্যিক লাভ নাই। একে সময়তে, নিশ্চিত বিত্তীয় লাভলাভ আৰু শক্তিশালী উদ্যোগৰ সমৰ্থনৰ সৈতে অন্যান্য প্ৰস্তাৱ আছে।

প্ৰশ্ন:

- এৰিষ্ট'টলৰ সৰ্বোচ্চ ভালৰ ধাৰণাই আপোনাৰ সিদ্ধান্তক কেনেদৰে পথ দেখুৱাব?
- সামাজিক দায়বদ্ধতা আৰু আৰ্থিক বিচক্ষণতা দুয়োটাকে সম্বোধন কৰা এক সন্তুলিত পদক্ষেপৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ক।
- প্ৰশাসনত মূল্যবোধসমূহক অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ দিয়াৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰশাসকসকলে এই গোচৰৰ পৰা কি দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী পাঠ শিকিব পাৰে?

(Answer in 250 words)

Ans . As in this case there are instances in life where we might not gain any short term benefits from our action but are at the same time ethically correct.

① Aristotle's idea of highest good guiding my decision:

① Help me in balancing long term

vision and short term commercial
goals.

② Ensure trust of people in
our system → Public Trust doctrine
remains intact

③ Keep the Company as a part of
the Society it serves.

④ A balanced course of action:-

① Run a public beta version
of the AI model.

② Keep the core team engaged
in the first project.

③ Showing my responsibility on
financial viability, maintain a

separate term of exports for the other financially viable projects.

④ Analyse public feedback of the AI project.

⑤ Since the project is ethical ~~and~~ it will surely reap benefits in the long run.

⑥ This way I can ensure economic viability as well as keeping the AI project working as well as improving with daily public inputs.

⑦ Thus, balances social responsibility and financial prudence.

② Lessons for administrators:-

- ① Administrators work for overall welfare of society.
- ② It will help better management of scarce resources.
- ③ It can help overcome political pressures.
- ④ Balancing a work-life equilibrium.
- ⑤ Focussing on short term goals while not losing vision from the long term ideals.

This actions showcase maturity,
accountability, probity as well as
transparency ~~is~~ in governance.

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Q17. A hydropower project is proposed in a hilly district of Assam to boost clean energy generation. The project promises significant climate benefits, but it will submerge large areas of forest traditionally inhabited by tribal communities.

During consultations, urban groups and industry bodies highlight the long-term advantages of clean energy and reduced carbon footprint. In contrast, the tribal villagers fear loss of homes, livelihoods, and cultural identity. Many do not have formal land titles, which makes them ineligible for standard compensation packages. They allege discrimination because their way of life is not valued on par with urban stakeholders.

As the District Commissioner, you must prepare a report balancing climate commitments, development goals, and tribal rights.

Questions:

- In the given scenario, if development requires sacrifice, whose sacrifice should weigh more?
- What ethical values should guide compensation and rehabilitation of people whose land rights are not formally recognised?
- Would prioritising climate change mitigation over protection of tribal identity amount to injustice? Critically examine.

প্রশ্ন ১৭) পৰিষ্কাৰ শক্তি উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধিৰ বাবে অসমৰ পাহাৰীয়া জিলাত এটা জলবিদ্যুৎ প্ৰকল্পৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ দিয়া হৈছে। প্ৰকল্পটোৱে জলবায়ুৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ লাভান্ধৰ প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি দিয়ে, কিন্তু ই পৰম্পৰাগতভাৱে জনজাতীয় সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ দ্বাৰা বসবাস কৰা বনাঞ্চলৰ বৃহৎ এলেকা নাইকীয়া কৰি পেলাব।

পৰামৰ্শৰ সময়ত, নগৰীয়া গোট আৰু উদ্যোগ সংস্থাসমূহে পৰিষ্কাৰ শক্তি আৰু হ্ৰাস হোৱা কাৰ্বন ফুটপ্ৰিন্টৰ দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী সুবিধাসমূহৰ ওপৰত আলোকপাত কৰে। ইয়াৰ বিপৰীতে, জনজাতীয় গাঁওবাসীয়ে ঘৰ, জীৱিকা আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক পৰিচয় হেৰুৱাৰ আশংকা কৰে। বহুতৰে আনুষ্ঠানিক ভূমি অধিকাৰ নাই, যাৰ ফলত তেওঁলোক মানক ক্ষতিপূৰণ পেকেজৰ বাবে অযোগ্য হৈ পৰে। তেওঁলোকে বৈষম্যৰ অভিযোগ উত্থাপন কৰে কাৰণ তেওঁলোকৰ জীৱনশৈলীক নগৰীয়া অংশীদাৰসকলৰ সমান মূল্য দিয়া নহয়। জিলা আয়ুক্ত হিচাপে আপুনি জলবায়ুৰ বাবে প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি, উন্নয়নৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু জনজাতীয় অধিকাৰৰ মাজত ভাৰসাম্য বজাই ৰাখি এখন প্ৰতিবেদন প্ৰস্তুত কৰিব লাগিব।

প্ৰশ্ন:

ক) উপৰোক্ত পৰিস্থিতিত, যদি উন্নয়নৰ বাবে ত্যাগৰ প্ৰয়োজন হয়, তেন্তে কাৰ ত্যাগ অধিক গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ হ'ব লাগে?

খ) যিসকল লোকৰ ভূমিৰ অধিকাৰ আনুষ্ঠানিকভাৱে স্বীকৃতিপ্ৰাপ্ত নহয়, তেওঁলোকৰ ক্ষতিপূৰণ আৰু পুনৰ্বাসনৰ বাবে কি কি নৈতিক মূল্যবোধে পথ প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিব লাগে?

গ) জনজাতীয় পৰিচয় সুৰক্ষিত কৰাতকৈ জলবায়ু পৰিৱৰ্তন প্ৰশমনক অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ দিয়াটো অন্যায় হ'ব নেকি? সমালোচনামূলকভাৱে মূল্যায়ন কৰক।

(Answer in 250 words)

Ans As if often the case, here too the environmental concerns are in conflict with human concerns.

(a) Whose sacrifice should weigh more:-

- ① It requires a calculated decision making so as to ensure least damage to environment as well as least damage to tribal communities
- ② It demands compromises on both parties so as to ensure long term benefit of the society and nation at large.
- ③ Rather than seeing as one out-weighing other, we must see the sacrifice as our responsibility of a better rehabilitation.

⑥ Ethical values guiding compensation and rehabilitation:-

- ① Ensure 'just' system that does not discriminate individuals on arbitrary parameters.
- ② Equitable distribution of benefits.
- ③ Balancing developmental goals and goals of welfarism by skilling the tribals to reap benefits of the project.
- ④ Investing in innovative means to least hamper interest of tribals. [Eg] Developing aquaculture in reservoirs of dams.

© Yes, blanket prioritisation of climate change mitigation needs over tribal identity can amount to injustice as -

① It would hamper the tribal way of life

② Displace them from their roots.

③ May lead to law and order situation

Thus, a balanced solution like a renew of the river project ensuring climate mitigation as well as least hampering the tribal

way of life makes more sense
in the given case

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Q18. Mr. Das, a middle-class government employee, is nearing retirement. His modest savings and income allow him to support only one child's higher education in a reputed private institution. His son has secured admission in a prestigious engineering college, while his daughter, equally talented, has received an offer to pursue medicine in a renowned college. Both courses involve heavy financial commitments, and both children are deeply passionate about their chosen fields. Relatives advise Mr. Das to prioritise his son's career, while his wife insists that the daughter's opportunity must not be lost. Mr. Das feels torn between gender fairness, family expectations, financial constraints, and his own conscience.

Questions:

- What are the main values and dilemmas that Mr. Das is facing in this situation?
- Should he prioritise the career that offers higher economic returns for the family? Critically discuss.
- How should gender equality influence Mr. Das's decision?
- If you were in his place, what course of action would you take and why, knowing that any choice will have long-term consequences?

প্রশ্ন ১৮) মধ্যবিত্ত শ্রেণীৰ চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী দাসে অৱসৰৰ কাষ চাপিছে। তেওঁৰ সামান্য সঞ্চয় আৰু উপাৰ্জনে তেওঁক এখন প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত ব্যক্তিগত প্ৰতিষ্ঠানত কেৱল এটা সন্তানৰ উচ্চ শিক্ষাৰ বাবে সহায় কৰে। তেওঁৰ পুত্ৰই এখন প্ৰসিদ্ধ অভিযান্ত্ৰিক কলেজত নামভৰ্তি লাভ কৰিছে, আনহাতে সমানভাৱে প্ৰতিভাশালী তেওঁৰ কন্যাই এখন প্ৰসিদ্ধ কলেজত চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান অধ্যয়ন কৰাৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ লাভ কৰিছে। দুয়োটা পাঠ্যক্ৰমত প্ৰচুৰ বৃত্তীয় দায়বদ্ধতা জড়িত থাকে, আৰু দুয়োটা ল'ৰা ছোৱালীয়ে তেওঁলোকৰ নিৰ্বাচিত ক্ষেত্ৰৰ প্ৰতি গভীৰভাৱে আগ্ৰহী। আত্মীয়সকলে দাসক তেওঁৰ পুত্ৰৰ কেৰিয়াৰক অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ দিবলৈ পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে, আনহাতে তেওঁৰ পত্নীয়ে জোৰ দি কয় যে কন্যাৰ সুযোগটো যাতে হেৰুৱাবলগীয়া নহয়। দাসে লিংগ নিৰপেক্ষতা, পৰিয়ালৰ প্ৰত্যাশা, আৰ্থিক সীমাবদ্ধতা আৰু নিজৰ বিবেকৰ মাজত এক দ্বিধা অনুভৱ কৰে।

প্ৰশ্ন:

- এই পৰিস্থিতিত দাসে সন্মুখীন হোৱা মূল মূল্যবোধ আৰু দ্বিধাসমূহ কি কি?
- তেওঁ পৰিয়ালটোক উচ্চ অৰ্থনৈতিক লাভ প্ৰদান কৰা কেৰিয়াৰক অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ দিব লাগেনে? সমালোচনামূলকভাৱে আলোচনা কৰক।
- লিংগ সমতাই দাসৰ সিদ্ধান্তক কেনেদৰে প্ৰভাৱিত কৰিব লাগে?
- যদি আপুনি তেওঁৰ ঠাইত থাকে, তেন্তে যিকোনো বিকল্পৰ দীৰ্ঘম্যাদী পৰিণতি হ'ব বুলি জানি আপুনি কি পদক্ষেপ ল'ব আৰু কিয় ল'ব?

(Answer in 250 words)

Ans The above case pertains to a scenario where a middle class government employee is torn between ensuring the best case for both of his equally talented children.

(a) Main values and dilemma that Mr Das faces:-

- ① Right to education and choice for both of his children.
- ② Social expectations Vs his role as a father.
- ③ Sustaining education Vs economic feasibility

(b) No, I do not agree that Mr Das should prioritise the career that offers higher economic returns:-

① Short term benefits:-

→ Uplift the financial status of family.

② Long term loss:-

- Will do injustice with the other child.
- May create tension in family.
- Pangs of conscience for Mr Das would remain for rest of his life.
- Setting a bad precedent in society.
- Demotivate a hard working student.
- The child who is left behind may never truly realise his/her potential.

(d) My course of action, if I were in his place:-

(1) Since I have enough income and savings for education of one & child, I would divide it equally among both of them.

(2) It can ensure a lump-sum amount for both.

(3) Since, both of them are equally meritorious I would seek for educational loans ~~under~~ for both.

(4) Seek rebates under Assam government's Abhimandan Scheme

- ⑤ Motivate both to excel in their
respective lives
- ⑥ ~~Please~~ Work hard myself
to pay the EMI in my capacity
and encourage to my children
to take up apprenticeships to
pay for educational loans

This way I can ensure the
rights of both my children

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Q19. A remote village lies along an international border. The nearest Indian town is over 70 km away with poor connectivity, while a well-equipped border town on the other side is within easy reach. For medical emergencies, food supplies, and even day-to-day work, villagers often cross the border informally.

Recently, it has come to light that several young men have started working in small factories across the border. Security agencies fear this may encourage smuggling and exploitation, while local leaders accuse the administration of neglecting basic services. Villagers complain that their cultural ties and livelihood prospects seem stronger across the border than within their own district. Many argue that survival should matter more than legality, while others worry this growing dependence erodes national sovereignty.

- a) In this situation, should the principle of survival with dignity override the principle of obedience to law? Substantiate.
- b) Do cultural proximity and shared traditions across borders weaken or strengthen national identity? Discuss in the context of the villagers' complaints.
- c) If you were to write your report as the District Commissioner, would you frame this primarily as a security problem or a development problem? Justify your choice.
- d) How can concepts like justice to the weakest and trusteeship guide your recommendations for the future of this village?

প্রশ্ন ১৯) আন্তঃরাষ্ট্রীয় সীমান্তৰ কাষত এখন দূৰৱৰ্তী গাঁও অৱস্থিত। নিকটতম ভাৰতীয় চহৰখন দুৰ্বল সংযোগৰ সৈতে ৭০ কিলোমিটাৰতকৈও অধিক দূৰত আছে, আনহাতে আনটো ফালে এখন সুসজ্জিত সীমান্ত চহৰ য'ত প্ৰৱেশ কৰাটো সহজ। চিকিৎসা, জৰুৰীকালীন অৱস্থা, খাদ্য যোগান আৰু আনকি দৈনন্দিন কামৰ বাবেও গাওঁবাসীয়ে প্ৰায়ে অনানুষ্ঠানিকভাৱে সীমান্ত পাৰ কৰে।

শেহতীয়াকৈ, এয়া পোহৰলৈ আহিছে যে কেইবাজনো যুৱকে সীমান্তৰ সিপাৰে সৰু সৰু কাৰখানাত কাম কৰিবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰিছে। নিৰাপত্তা সংস্থাসমূহে আশংকা কৰিছে যে ই চোৰাং ব্যৱসায় আৰু শোষণক উৎসাহিত কৰিব পাৰে, আনহাতে স্থানীয় নেতাসকলে প্ৰশাসনক মৌলিক সেৱাসমূহ প্ৰদান কৰাত অৱহেলা কৰাৰ অভিযোগ উত্থাপন কৰিছে। গাঁৱৰ লোকসকলে অভিযোগ কৰে যে তেওঁলোকৰ সাংস্কৃতিক সম্পৰ্ক আৰু জীৱিকাৰ সম্ভাৱনা তেওঁলোকৰ নিজৰ জিলাতকৈ সীমান্তৰ সিপাৰে অধিক শক্তিশালী যেন লাগে। বহুতে যুক্তি দিয়ে যে বৈধতাতকৈ জীয়াই থকাটো অধিক গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ হ'ব লাগে, আনহাতে আন কিছুমানে এই বৰ্ধিত নিৰ্ভৰশীলতাই ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সাৰ্বভৌমত্ব হ্ৰাস কৰে বুলি চিন্তা কৰে।

প্ৰশ্ন:

- ক) এই পৰিস্থিতিত মৰ্যাদাৰে জীয়াই থকাৰ নীতিয়ে আইনৰ আনুগত্যৰ নীতিত বাধা দিব লাগেনে? প্ৰমাণসহকাৰে লিখক।
- খ) সাংস্কৃতিক ঘনিষ্ঠতা আৰু সীমান্তৰ সিপাৰে ভাগ-বতৰা কৰা পৰম্পৰাই ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় পৰিচয়ক দুৰ্বল বা শক্তিশালী কৰে নেকি? গাওঁবাসীৰ অভিযোগৰ সন্দৰ্ভত আলোচনা কৰক।
- গ) যদি আপুনি জিলা আয়ুক্ত হিচাপে আপোনাৰ প্ৰতিবেদন লিখিব বিচাৰে, তেন্তে আপুনি ইয়াক প্ৰাথমিকভাৱে নিৰাপত্তা সমস্যা নাইবা উন্নয়ন সমস্যা হিচাপে চিহ্নিত কৰিব নেকি? আপোনাৰ সিদ্ধান্তৰ ন্যায্যতা প্ৰদান কৰক।
- ঘ) আটাইতকৈ দুৰ্বল লোকসকলৰ বাবে ন্যায় আৰু ন্যাসীদ্ধৰ দৰে ধাৰণাসমূহে এই গাওঁখনৰ ভৱিষ্যতৰ বাবে আপোনাৰ পৰামৰ্শসমূহক কেনেদৰে পথ দেখুৱাব পাৰে? (Answer in 250 words)

Ans The above case pertains to a scenario where the security concerns and survival rights are at

identities, but complements it
in turn.

② May lead to cross border
fraternal bonds as evident in
Case of Nipal - India

Ans ② If I were to write a
report as DC, I would frame
this as a developmental issue

① People migrate to neighbouring
the nation not by choice
but out of compulsion.

② ~~De~~ Without development,
more focus on security will
not treat the core issue

③ Just a high handed security approach can lead to push back from society.

④ Concepts like trusteeship can ensure

- equal distribution of resources
- benefit those at the bottom of the pyramid

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