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Name of Candidate: Rishabh Sharma Mobile No [redacted]

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Q. No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. A	10	
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Q. No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
6. A	10	
6. B	10	
6. C	10	
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Total Marks: 250		

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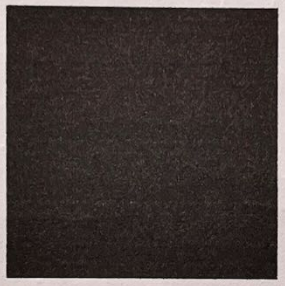
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Q.1 A. "यह मान लेना गलत है कि नैतिक निर्णय पूरी तरह से तर्कसंगत और सैद्धांतिक होते हैं, हो सकते हैं या होने चाहिए। मानवीय भावनाएँ भी हमारे नैतिक जीवन का अभिन्न अंग हैं।" भावनाएँ किस प्रकार हमारे नैतिक निर्णयों को प्रभावित करती हैं? उदाहरण सहित स्पष्ट कीजिए। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. नैतिकता प्रबंधन से आप क्या समझते हैं? क्या सार्वजनिक अधिकारी बजट, नीतियों और लोगों के प्रबंधन के समान ही कार्यस्थल में नैतिकता का प्रबंधन कर सकते हैं? क्या आपको लगता है कि कार्यस्थल में नैतिकता के प्रबंधन के लिए आचार संहिता (CoE) और आचरण संहिता (CoC) को अपनाना पर्याप्त है या कुछ और करने की आवश्यकता है? चर्चा कीजिए। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

A. "It is wrong to assume that ethical decisions are, can or should be purely rational and principled. Human feelings are an inseparable part of our ethical life." In what way do feelings impact our ethical decisions? Illustrate with examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

B. What do you understand by ethics management? Can public officials manage ethics in the work place in a manner similar to managing budgets, policies and people? Do you think adopting codes of ethics and conduct is sufficient enough for managing ethics in the workplace or something more is needed? Discuss. (150 words, 10 marks)

A)

Daniel coleman stressed on the importance of Emotional Intelligence (EQ) or feelings in ethical conduct.

Rationality not enough

① Acting only on rationality & empiricism leads to apathy

② Ignoring feeling and emotive part excludes weak & vulnerable sections in consideration.

Ethical Life = Rationality + Feelings / EQ IQ

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Feelings are inseparable from ethical life

- humans have emotions
- family & friends influence

Feelings' impact on ethical decisions

1. Makes us more compassionate towards others
   Ex. Gandhi ji was moved by plight of Champaran farmers
2. Adds innovation & creativity in decisions
   Ex. IAS Divya Mittal does Jan Chaupal to hear people's feelings about policies
3. Helps the public servant tackle work problems with motivation.

As humans are social animals, feelings are integral to us, & we must channelise them in the right direction with ethics.

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B) Ethics management refers to maintaining ethical conduct at an organisation and among the public officials.

How it is different?

Ethics management is different from managing budgets, policies & people because it involves persons' morals and mere objectivity is not enough.

Code of ethics & conduct

several public services have a code of ethics/conduct which sets the standards of ethics at workplace

Ex. All India Services conduct Rules, 1954 for AIS officers.

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But this alone is not enough as a robust implementation and monitoring mechanism is also needed.

How to manage ethics?

① set a code of ethics

② spread awareness about it among people

③ Train people
Ex. sensitivity training

④ Implement & then monitor

⑤ Hold violaters accountable & responsible.

⑥ Improve the code with time

Ex. A code alone is not enough, conscience is also required, as shown by Dr. Kalam.

Ethics management is crucial for every workplace.

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Q.2 A. जबकि पारंपरिक नैतिकता ने न्याय, निष्पक्ष आवंटन और दायित्वों की धारणाओं पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया है, देखभाल की नैतिकता सम्पर्क बनाए रखने और देखभाल को बढ़ावा देने पर जोर देती है। सार्वजनिक सेवाओं के संदर्भ में नैतिक निर्णय लेने के मार्गदर्शन के लिए उपरोक्त दो नैतिक दृष्टिकोणों में से कौन सा अधिक उपयुक्त है। उपयुक्त उदाहरणों सहित अपनी स्थिति स्पष्ट करें।

(150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. सेवा वितरण में "गुणवत्ता" शब्द का क्या अर्थ है? सेवा गुणवत्ता के घटक क्या हैं? और दक्षता, मितव्ययिता और प्रभावशीलता के संदर्भ में कुल गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित करने के तरीके और साधन बताइए? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

A. While traditional ethics has focussed on notions of justice, fair allocation and obligations, ethics of care emphasise maintaining connectedness and promoting care. Which of the above two ethical perspectives is more suitable for guiding ethical decision making in the context of public services. Explain your position with suitable examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

B. What does the term "quality" mean in service delivery. What are the components of service quality and indicate ways and means for ensuring total quality in terms of efficiency, economy and effectiveness? (150 words, 10 marks)

A)

Lately, there has been a shift of emphasis from traditional ethics to care ethics to maintain a conducive environment of care & connectedness.

Justice, fair allocation ⟹ care ethics

Carol Giligan emphasised on the importance of care ethics. This has become more relevant in present context of refugee

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crisis, wars, increased conflicts.

For ex. ① India cared for Tibetan refugees, & gave asylum

② corporates care for employees & provide 'well being subsidy' (like at Deloitte)

In context of Public services, a combination of traditional & care ethics is required.

Because –

① Justice is required for emancipation of poor & women

② Fair allocation of resources ensure equitable distribution

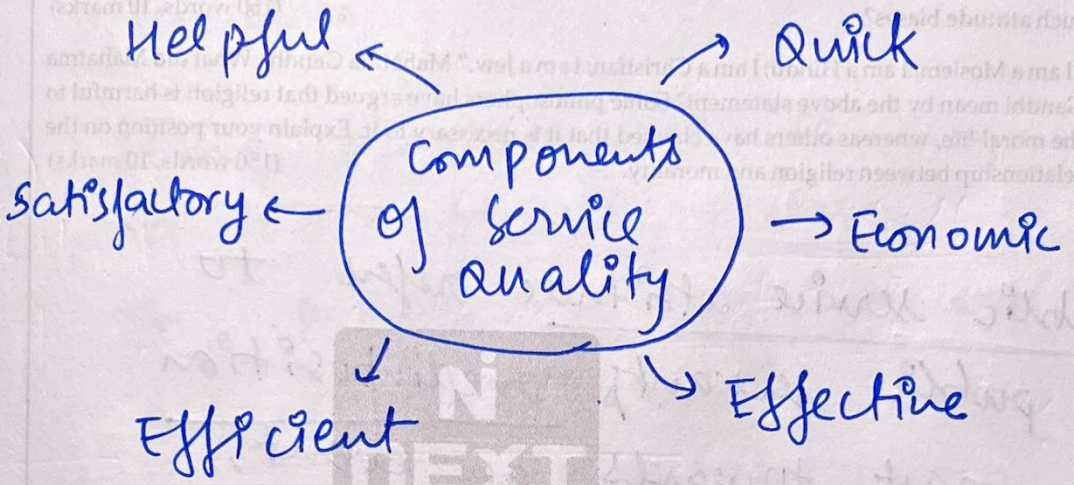
③ Care ensures that citizens are not just beneficiaries but the purpose of public service

The UMANG portal also shows care for citizens as it provides services at comfort of home.

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B) Quality in service Delivery means maintaing high standards and provide best services.



service delivery must be done keeping the customers not as beneficiaries but as clients.

Gandhi ji said that the customer is not an interruption to work, rather he is the purpose of it.

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Q.3 A. लोक सेवा के सन्दर्भ में लोक सेवा अभिवृत्ति का क्या अर्थ है? उन अभिवृत्ति पूर्वाग्रहों पर चर्चा करें जो एक लोक सेवक को क्षेत्र में निर्णय लेने पर प्रभावित करते हैं? स्पष्ट करें कि एक लोक सेवक इस तरह के पूर्वाग्रहों पर किस प्रकार काबू पा सकता है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. "मैं एक मुसलमान हूं; मैं एक हिंदू हूं; मैं एक ईसाई हूं; मैं एक यहूदी हूं।" महात्मा गांधी। उपरोक्त कथन से महात्मा गांधी का क्या तात्पर्य था? कुछ दार्शनिकों ने तर्क दिया है कि धर्म नैतिक जीवन के लिए हानिकारक है, जबकि अन्य ने दावा किया है कि धर्म नैतिक जीवन के लिए आवश्यक है। धर्म और नैतिकता के बीच संबंध पर अपनी स्थिति स्पष्ट करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

A. In the context of public service, what does public service attitude mean? Discuss the attitude biases that affects a public servants on field decision making? Explain how a public servant can overcome such attitude biases? (150 words, 10 marks)

B. "I am a Moslem; I am a Hindu; I am a Christian; I am a Jew." Mahatma Gandhi. What did Mahatma Gandhi mean by the above statement? Some philosophers have argued that religion is harmful to the moral life, whereas others have claimed that it is necessary to it. Explain your position on the relationship between religion and morality. (150 words, 10 marks)

A)

Public service attitude refers to a public servants predisposition to react towards an event, person, situation etc.

Attitude Biases

① Public servants may have strong positive or negative attitude towards someone

② The cognitive & emotive part of attitude may be in ambivalence

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Ex. police official has to follow order (cognitive) but has empathy for protestors (emotive).

③ may lead to cognitive dissonance.

④ strong negative attitude may lead to a biased decision.

Ex. Pakistani authority towards Ahmediya minority

How to overcome attitude bias?

① self-persuasion can help in forming an informed decision.

② gaining more knowledge about situation

It is said attitude, & not aptitude which takes one to altitude. — Zig Ziglar

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B) By the given quote, Gandhi ji tries to show that he is tolerant to all religions and treat everyone equally.

He further emphasized that religion is a personal matter & has no place in politics.

Religion as harmful to moral life

Pt. Nehru was a believer in secular ideas, & did not follow any religion.

Dr. Ambedkar also believed in constitutional morality over religion.

Religion as necessary for morals

various Indian thinkers have

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argued this.

Swami Vivekanand preached for an amalgamation of Indian religions philosophies (vedanta) & good western thoughts.

He & Gandhi Ji believed that religion gives morals to people & does not do evil.

Religions Morals	+	Constitutional Principles	=	Ideal citizen

I believe religion, though a personal matter helps us navigate ethical challenges & prompts us to act ethically even when no one is watching.

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Q.4 A. "व्यवसाय की केवल एक ही जिम्मेदारी है, अपने संसाधनों का उपयोग करना और मुनाफा बढ़ाने के लिए तैयार की गई गतिविधियों में संलग्न होना।" क्या आपको लगता है कि निगम, सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्वों में लिप्त होकर, संसाधनों को अनुत्पादक सामाजिक प्रयासों में लगाकर अपने मुख्य संसाधन उपयोग और उत्पादन उत्तरदायित्व से समझौता कर रहे हैं?
(150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. क्या आपको लगता है कि पारंपरिक भारतीय ज्ञान में समर्थित "त्याग," "सेवा," "दान," "दमः," (आत्म-नियंत्रण) जैसे मूल्य आधुनिक लोक सेवकों के लिए प्रासंगिक हैं? क्यों? और क्यों नहीं? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

A. "There is only one responsibility of business, namely to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase profits." Do you think corporations, by indulging in social responsibilities, are compromising their core resource utilisation and production responsibility by diverting resources into unproductive social endeavours?
(150 words, 10 marks)

B. Do you think values such as "tyaga," (renunciation) "seva," (service) "daanam," (Charity) "damah," (self-control) that are espoused in traditional Indian Wisdom have relevance for modern day public servants? Why? Why not?
(150 words, 10 marks)

A) The given statement presents a narrow view of business as it ignores other stakeholders and idea of stewardship.

Responsibility of Business

It is NOT just to make profits, it is much more —

① Biblical ethics prescribe a stewardship approach to business.

② Gandhiji vouched for trustee-ship model where business owners are custonians of people's resources

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(3) Businesses must ensure environmental ethics and sustainability

(4) They must focus on welfare of employees.

Ex. Tata groups gives employee benefits

Social Responsibilities

(1) Businesses & corporates have a moral obligation towards the ecosystem.

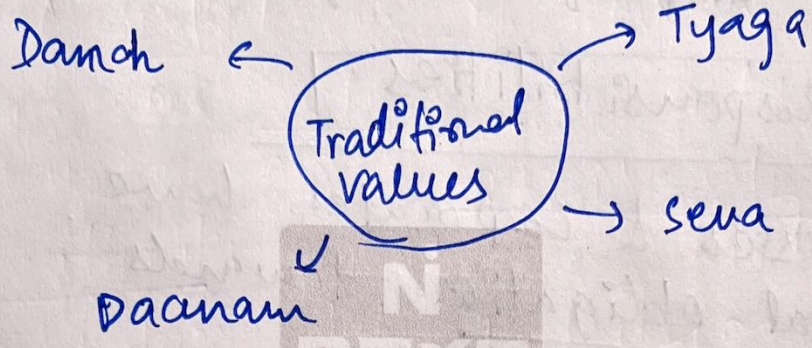
(2) Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is a crucial part which gives back to the society & community

(3) It is not an unproductive social endeavour as it does utilitarian good.

Reliance foundation is doing good work by their social responsibilities initiatives like 'Vantara'.

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B) Yes, the traditional Indian values have stood the test of time and have guided our leaders since ancient times.



Relevance for Public Servants Today

① Tyaga or renunciation helps a public servant in showing devotion to duty (Kant)

Ex. covid workers during pandemic (doctors & sweepers)

② Seva or service is one of the cardinal values given by Guru Nanak & guides public servants in giving quality

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service to citizens

Ex. vote from home facility for very old aged people in Lok Sabha elections

③ Daanam or charity is a common traditional value. Public servants make contribution through 'shram daan'

Ex. Public servants like police worked overtime in elections

④ Damah or self control is very relevant for public servants to restrain from corruption & collusion

Ex. Sri Ashok Khemka (IAS) is very honest & has self control over him

These values shape the ethics of Indians and must be upheld by public servants today.

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Q.5

A. हितों के बीच टकराव और अधिकार के विभिन्न स्रोतों के बीच टकराव के मध्य अंतर स्पष्ट कीजिए। प्रासंगिक उदाहरणों से स्पष्ट कीजिए। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. शासन का क्षेत्र अनिश्चितताओं, अस्पष्टताओं और विरोधाभासों से भरा हुआ है और यह कभी-कभी सार्वजनिक प्रशासकों के बीच कायरता और वापसी का कारण बन सकता है। अस्पष्टताओं पर काबू पाने और उनका मुकाबला करने के लिए आंतरिक साहस की प्रासंगिकता पर चर्चा करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

A. Explain the difference between conflict among interests and conflict among various sources of authority. Illustrate with relevant examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

B. The domain of governance is ridden with uncertainties, ambiguities and paradoxes and this can at times lead to timidity and withdrawal among public administrators. Discuss the relevance of inner courage for overcoming and coping with ambiguities. (150 words, 10 marks)

A) A conflict can be between two or more interests or between two or more sources of authority, which can hinder one from taking decision.

conflict of interests

It means, same individual faces ethical issues between the options available.

For ex. A whistleblower can reveal the illegal actions of their organisation for public interest or do nothing and ensure personal interests.

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Conflict of authorities

contradictory orders given by two or more authorities to a person causes a conflict of authorities.

For ex. A civil servant may have order from senior to do action but an MLA / MP may ask them to not take action.

In both the scenarios the individual faces ethical issue / dilemma which can be dealt with being positive in attitude, persuading authority, and acting on conscience.

Gandhi ji called conscience the highest court and it can be helpful in such conflicts.

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B) Governance is a tough and important task as it affects many people and their lives.

Challenges in Governance
- Uncertainties
  Ex. Transfers of public servants
- Ambiguities
  Ex. vague language in a law, loophole
- Paradoxes
  Ex. RTI v/s Official secrets Act

Consequences of these challenges
- Timidity among administrators
  Ex. Slothy decision-making due to fear of backlash
- Withdrawal
  Ex. People with low EQ resign to escape situation

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Relevance of Inner courage

Inner courage →
- Positive Attitude
- Emotional Intelligence
- conscience
- values like courage, temperance

1. Help navigate tough situations at workplace
2. Manage public & private life simultaneously
3. conscience helps in decision making when other options fail
4. courage & fortitude help face adversities
5. High EQ, as suggested by Goleman helps in dealing with ambiguities

Inner courage acts as the anchor when public administrators face challenges

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Q.6 निम्नलिखित दार्शनिकों के तीन उद्धरण दिए गए हैं। वर्तमान संदर्भ में प्रत्येक उद्धरण से आप क्या समझते है?

A. "दूसरों के लिए अधिक, और अपने लिए बहुत कम महसूस करना; अपने स्वार्थ पर लगाम लगाना, और अपने परोपकारी स्नेह का प्रयोग करना, मानव स्वभाव की पूर्णता का गठन करता है।" एडम स्मिथ (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

B. "सद्गुण हमारी शक्ति में निहित है, और इसी प्रकार दुर्गुण भी; क्योंकि जहाँ कार्य करना हमारी शक्ति में है, वहाँ कार्य न करना भी हमारी शक्ति में है।" अरस्तू (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

C. "मैं जानता हूं कि मैं बुद्धिमान हूं, क्योंकि मैं जानता हूं कि मैं कुछ नहीं जानता।" सुकरात (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Given below are three quotations of philosophers. What do each of the quotations convey to you in the present context?

A. "To feel for others, and little for ourselves; to restrain our selfish, and exercise our benevolent affections, constitutes the perfection of human nature." Adam Smith (150 words, 10 marks)

B. "Virtue lies in our power, and so does vice; because where it is in our power to act, it is also in our power not to act." Aristotle (150 words, 10 marks)

C. "I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing." Socrates (150 words, 10 marks)

A) The given statement by Adam Smith highlights the principle of ethical altruism.

The quote further means that -

(1) A perfect human nature is about selflessness

(2) Perfect human feels for others through display of empathy & compassion.

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③ It stresses on quality of 'Daan' & 'Daya' as prescribed by Guru Nanak.

④ Restraining selfish motives and desires for others shows magnanimity.

Ex. India gives aid to its neighbours without expecting anything in return.

⑤ It also means that by giving to others, we get happiness & contentment, thus leading to a fulfilling life (Plato's Eudaimonia)

As custodians of this planet, to give back to others becomes our duty too.

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B) The quote by Aristotle stresses on our power or will to act or not act.

It further means that –

① virtue & vice are both results of an individual's will to act

② We do virtuous actions by exercising our abilities

③ Inaction is a manifestation of our vices.

For example,

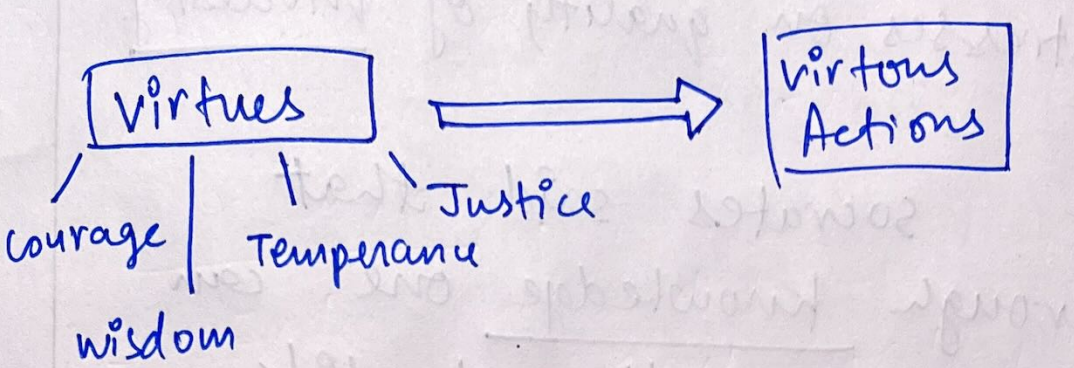
1) India is against terrorism and fights against any terrorists on its soil tooth & tail → virtue of courage

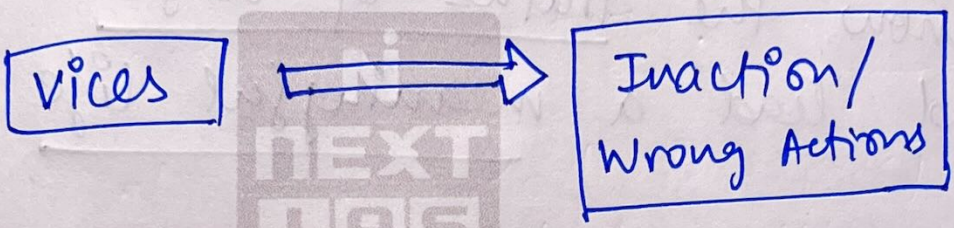
2) Pakistan, does state –

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sponsored terrorism and does not act against them, showing Pt's vice of cowardice.





Hence, it is our virtues which decide the world around us.

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c) The quote by Socrates shows the importance of knowledge and it is infinite. It also stresses on quality of modesty

Socrates said that through knowledge one can know the truths of life and lead a meaningful life.

He also said that -

"An unexamined life is not worth living."

Both the quotes emphasize on importance of attaining wisdom and being prudent.

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The quote also means —

① By realising ones limitations they become more wise.

② A good person lives a life for the sake of attaining knowledge.

Socrates lived by his principles & used even his death as a lesson.

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केस स्टडी 1:

आप ग्रीनटेक इंडस्ट्रीज में अनुपालन अधिकारी हैं, एक कंपनी जो पर्यावरण-अनुकूल उत्पाद बनाती है और सकारात्मक पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव डालने में विश्वास रखती है। आपकी प्राथमिक जिम्मेदारी यह सुनिश्चित करना है कि कंपनी पर्यावरण कानूनों और नैतिक मानकों का पालन करती है। कंपनी ने हाल ही में एक नया उत्पाद विकसित किया है जो महत्वपूर्ण पारिस्थितिक लाभों का वादा करता है लेकिन इसमें एक विनिर्माण प्रक्रिया शामिल है जो खतरनाक अपशिष्ट उत्पन्न करती है।

आंतरिक जाँच (ऑडिट) के दौरान, आपको पता चलता है कि नए उत्पाद की निर्माण प्रक्रिया से निकलने वाले खतरनाक अपशिष्ट का निपटान इस प्रकार किया जा रहा है जो तकनीकी रूप से कानूनी मानकों को पूरा करता है लेकिन गंभीर नैतिक चिंताओं को जन्म देता है। मौजूदा कानूनों के अनुपालन में, यह अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन विधि लंबी अवधि में स्थानीय समुदाय के स्वास्थ्य और पर्यावरण के लिए संभावित जोखिम पैदा करती है।

कानूनी तौर पर, ग्रीनटेक इंडस्ट्रीज किसी भी नियम का उल्लंघन नहीं कर रही है। अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन विधि पर्यावरण कानूनों द्वारा निर्धारित अनुमेय सीमा के भीतर है। हालाँकि, नैतिक रूप से, आप जानते हैं कि इस पद्धति का निरंतर उपयोग स्थानीय समुदाय और पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है।

आप आश्चर्यचकित रह गए, एक ओर, कंपनी कानूनी रूप से सही थी, लेकिन दूसरी ओर, यह पर्यावरण पर सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालने के अपने घोषित मूल्यों के बारे में पाखंडी थी। एक कर्तव्यनिष्ठ पेशेवर के रूप में, आप कार्रवाई करने को लेकर गंभीर हैं, लेकिन चुनौती यह है कि क्या और कैसे।

1. उपरोक्त मामले में आपके सामने कौन-कौन से नैतिक मुद्दे और दुविधाएँ उपस्थित हैं?
2. उपलब्ध विकल्पों पर उनके गुण-दोष सहित चर्चा करें।
3. आपके द्वारा चुनी हुई कार्यवाही क्या होगी? और क्यों? (250 शब्द, 20 अंक)

Case Study 1:

You are the Compliance Officer at GreenTech Industries, a company that manufactures eco-friendly products and believes in making positive environmental impacts. Your primary responsibility is to ensure that the company adheres to environmental laws and ethical standards. The Company recently developed a new product that promises significant ecological benefits but involves a manufacturing process that produces hazardous waste.

During an internal audit, you discover that the hazardous waste from the new product's manufacturing process is being disposed of in a manner that technically meets legal standards but raises serious ethical concerns. While compliant with current laws, the disposal method poses potential risks to a local community's health and the environment in the long term.

Legally, GreenTech Industries is not violating any regulations. The waste disposal method is within the permissible limits set by environmental laws. However, ethically, you are aware that continued use of this method could significantly harm the local community and ecosystem.

You were left wondering, on the one hand, the Company was legally correct, but on the other, it was hypocritical about its avowed values of positively impacting the environment. As a conscientious professional, you are serious about taking action, but the challenge is its whats and hows.

1. What are the ethical issues and dilemmas that confronts you in the above case?
2. Discuss the available options along with its merits and demerits.
3. What will be your chosen course of action? Why (250 words, 20 marks)

(1)

The given case is a classical example of environmental

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ethics and following the law in letter but not spirit.



Ethical issues & dilemmas

1. Saving company's reputation
2. Following law in letter v/s. in spirit too
3. company's profit v/s. community's health
4. Environmental degradation
5. Supererogatory principle - company shall proactively stop any bad practices even if legal

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(2) Options with merits & demerits

Greentech industries has following options —

(1) continue as it is

As they are meeting legal standards already, can continue without doing anything

Merits	Demerits
* No additional expenditure	* community health in danger
* Profits ensured	* Environment suffers
* company's image saved	

(2) Act on Audit Report

Internal audit must have revealed the serious shortcomings, as compliance officer, I can take action on it and call for an investigation & hold the violaters accountable

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Merits	Demerits
* People's health considered * Environmental concern shown	* company's image as eco-friendly may get tampered * Profits may fall

(3) Report the issue to higher authority

Acting on self preservation, I can forward the report to senior management.

Merits	Demerits
* consensus oriented decision of company * cognisance of issue done by me	* Higher authority may ignore report * May delay decision

(3) As the compliance officer of Green Tech industries, my chosen course of action

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will be a combination of option (2) & (3). I will take following course of action-

1) Inform higher authorities about the issue
2) Start an internal investigation
3) Hold violaters accountable
4) Propose change in procedures with company's consensus
5) Revive the eco-friendly image of company.

By taking this course of action, I will ensure that interests of all stakeholders are considered.

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केस स्टडी 2:

आप एक ग्रामीण जिले के जिला कलेक्टर हैं जहां पारंपरिक सामाजिक रीति-रिवाज और धार्मिक प्रथाएं दैनिक जीवन को दृढ़ता से प्रभावित करती हैं। हाल ही में, एक स्थानीय मंदिर और उसकी कुछ धार्मिक अनुष्ठानों और स्थानों से महिलाओं को बाहर रखने की लंबे समय से चली आ रही परंपरा से जुड़ा एक मामला सामने आया है।

लैंगिक समानता पर बढ़ती राष्ट्रीय चर्चा से प्रेरित होकर गाँव की शिक्षित युवा महिलाओं के एक समूह ने इन धार्मिक अनुष्ठानों में भाग लेने के अधिकार के लिए याचिका दायर की है। उन्होंने तर्क दिया कि महिलाओं को बाहर करना भेदभावपूर्ण है और उनके संवैधानिक अधिकारों का उल्लंघन है। हालाँकि, मंदिर के अधिकारी और स्थानीय समुदाय का एक बड़ा हिस्सा धार्मिक ग्रंथों और लंबे समय से चले आ रहे रीति-रिवाजों का हवाला देते हुए इस बदलाव का पुरजोर विरोध करता है।

जिला कलेक्टर के रूप में, आपको एक जटिल नैतिक दुविधा का सामना करना पड़ता है। कानूनी तौर पर, आप भारतीय संविधान को बनाए रखने के लिए बाध्य हैं, जो समानता की गारंटी देता है और लिंग-आधारित भेदभाव पर रोक लगाता है। हालाँकि, इस कानून को लागू करने से समुदाय में काफी अशांति फैल सकती है, जहां पारंपरिक रीति-रिवाज और धार्मिक मान्यताएं गहराई से जमी हुई हैं। और आप जानते हैं कि जिले में धार्मिक मामलों पर अशांति का इतिहास रहा है, और स्थानीय राजनेताओं को राजनीतिक लाभ के लिए अशांति फैलाने में कोई आपत्ति नहीं थी।

लैंगिक समानता का नैतिक तर्क समुदाय की धार्मिक भावनाओं से टकराता है। मंदिर के अधिकारियों का मानना है कि रीति-रिवाजों में बदलाव करने से उनकी पवित्र परंपराएं अपवित्र हो जाएंगी। इस बीच, प्रवेश की मांग कर रही महिलाएं इसे अपने अधिकारों के लिए नैतिक और कानूनी लड़ाई के रूप में देखती हैं। एक जिला कलेक्टर के रूप में आप एक अनिश्चित दुविधा में थे, एक ओर एक प्रगतिशील अधिकारी होने के नाते आप जानते थे कि क्या करना सही है, लेकिन दूसरी ओर एक प्रशासनिक पेशेवर के रूप में आप अपने हाथों से धार्मिक स्वर में अशांति नहीं चाहते थे।

1. उपरोक्त परिस्थिति में कौन-कौन से प्रशासनिक और नैतिक मुद्दे शामिल हैं?
2. उपरोक्त परिस्थिति में आपके पास क्या-क्या विकल्प उपलब्ध हैं?
3. प्रत्येक विकल्प के गुण और दोषों पर चर्चा करें और कारणों सहित अपने द्वारा चुनी हुई कार्रवाई की व्याख्या करें।

(250 शब्द, 20 अंक)

Case Study 2:

You are the District Collector of a rural district where traditional social customs and religious practices strongly influence daily life. Recently, a case has emerged involving a local temple and its long-standing tradition of excluding women from certain religious rituals and spaces.

A group of educated young women from the village, inspired by the increasing national dialogue on gender equality, has petitioned for the right to participate in these religious rituals. They argued that excluding women is discriminatory and violates their constitutional rights. However, the temple authorities and a significant portion of the local community vehemently oppose this change, citing religious texts and long-standing customs.

As the District Collector, you face a complex ethical dilemma. Legally, you are obliged to uphold the Indian Constitution, which guarantees equality and prohibits gender-based discrimination. However, enforcing this law could lead to significant unrest in the community, where traditional customs and religious beliefs are deeply entrenched. And you are aware that the district has a history of unrest on religious matters, and local politicians did not mind stoking the unrest for political gains.

The moral argument for gender equality clashes with the community's religious sentiments. The temple authorities believe that altering the rituals would desecrate their sacred traditions. Meanwhile, the women demanding entry see this as a moral and legal fight for their rights. You as a district collector was in a precarious dilemma, one on hand being a progressive officer you knew what is the right thing to do but on the other as an administrative professional you didn't want an unrest with religious tone at your hands.

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1. What are the administrative and ethical issues involved in the above situation?
2. What are the options available to you in the above situation?
3. Discuss the merits and demerits of each option and explain your chosen course of action along with reasons. (250 words, 20 marks)

(1)

The given case highlights the issue of gender rights versus religious denomination's rights similar to Sabarimala case.

Stakeholders Involved
- Me, District Collector
- Excluded Women
- Educated young women
- Temple Authorities
- Judiciary
- Politicians
- Society

Ethical & Administrative Issues

(1) Right to freedom of individual versus right of religious authorities to administer their institutions i.e. temple.

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(2) Reputation of incumbent government

(3) Law and order situation

(4) constitutional principles versus avoiding unrest

(5) Personal beliefs v/s duty principle (Kant)

(6) Gender Justice and social harmony in village

(2) Options available

(1) Allow women to enter temple upholding the constitutional principles of equality and gender justice (Article - 14, 15, 25)

(2) Disallow women & favour temple authorities saving right of religious authority to administer their institution under Article - 26.

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(3) Pacify the conflict and suggest Judicial route

Thus ruling out the chance of rights being violated and avoid unrest. Also, this will ensure self preservation (Hobbes)

(3) Merits & Demerits

(1) Allow women to enter temple

Merits	Demerits
→ Women's rights upheld	→ Religious authority may do unrest
→ constitutional morality considered	→ People's religious feeling may be hurt

(2) Disallow women to enter temple

Merits	Demerits
→ Religious feelings not hurt	→ Women may protest
→ Temple authorities rights secured	→ Politicians may harness for vote politics

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(3) Pacify conflict & suggest Judicial route

Demerits	Merits
→ May be delay in decision	→ Both parties' rights secured → unrest avoided

Course of Action

Talk to leaders of Both sides → Ask a senior woman religious leader of that state to pacify

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Suggest parties to consult legal functionaries & take Judicial help

Deploy some forces to contain unrest just in case it occurs ←

Reasons

- interests of all stakeholders considered
- unrest avoided

Taking this course of action, I will ensure peace & harmony.

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केस स्टडी 3:

यह विधानसभा चुनाव का समय था, और आपको चुनाव ड्यूटी पर एक निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में प्रतिनियुक्त किया गया था जहां आपकी उत्तरदायित्वों में से एक उम्मीदवारों के अभियान (कैंपेन) के दौरान खर्चों की निगरानी करना और अभियानों (कैंपेन) की वीडियोग्राफी की निगरानी करना था। जैसे ही आप कार्यभार संभालते हैं और काम करना प्रारम्भ करते हैं, आपको एहसास होता है कि आप किस चुनौती से जूझ रहे हैं। दो उम्मीदवारों की पृष्ठभूमि आपराधिक थी और पूरा मुकाबला कमोबेश इन्हीं दोनों के बीच था।

जैसे-जैसे अभियान (कैंपेन) ने गति पकड़ी, आपने देखा कि दोनों उम्मीदवार जाति और धार्मिक आधार पर मतदाताओं को भड़काने में लगे हुए हैं। इसके अलावा, वे चुनाव आचार संहिता का खुला उल्लंघन करते हुए आर्थिक प्रलोभन दे रहे थे। आपके वीडियोग्राफर को धन्यवाद, आपके पास यह सब रिकॉर्ड पर था।

आपने कोई भी सख्त कार्रवाई करने से पहले उन्हें चेतावनी देने का फैसला किया, इसलिए आपने उन्हें बुलाया और सबूतों के साथ उनका सामना किया। आपकी राहत के लिए, उन्होंने चुपचाप गलती स्वीकार कर ली और संहिताओं का पालन करने का वादा किया।

बैठक के दो दिन बाद आपको खबर मिलती है कि आपके एक वीडियोग्राफर को एक प्रत्याशी के गुंडों ने बुरी तरह पीटा। और वीडियोग्राफर की पिटाई का मतलब आपके लिए चेतावनी थी। इसके अलावा, उसी शाम आपको एक कॉल आती है जिसमें अभियान में हस्तक्षेप करने पर गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने की धमकी दी जाती है।

आपको एहसास होता है कि आपके फैसले आपके साथ काम करने वाले लोगों के लिए खतरनाक साबित हो रहे हैं। आपको अपने कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा को खतरे में डालना अच्छा नहीं लगा।

1. उपरोक्त मामले में कौन-कौन से मुद्दे शामिल हैं?
2. क्या कर्मचारियों की व्यक्तिगत सुरक्षा की कीमत पर कर्तव्य के प्रति समर्पित रहना नैतिक रूप से उचित है? चर्चा कीजिए।
3. आप अपने कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा से समझौता किए बिना अपने चुनाव कर्तव्यों का पालन कैसे करेंगे? व्याख्या कीजिए।

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Case Study 3:

It was Assembly election times, and you were deputed to a constituency on election duty where one of your responsibilities was to monitor candidates' campaign expenses and supervise the campaigns' videography. As you take charge and start working, you realise the challenge you have got into. Two of the candidates had a criminal background, and the whole contest was more or less between these two only.

As the campaigns picked pace, you noticed that both the candidates indulged in inciting the voters on caste and religious grounds. Further, they were doling out monetary inducements in blatant violation of the election code of conduct. You had all of it on record, thanks to your videographer.

You decided to warn them before taking any strict action, so you called them and confronted them with the evidence. Much to your relief, they quietly accepted the mistake and promised to comply with the codes.

Two days after the meeting, you get the news that one of your videographers was severely beaten by the goons of one of the candidates. And the beating of the videographer was meant as a warning to you. Further, the same evening you get a call threatening you with dire consequences if you interfere with the campaigns.

You realise that your decisions are proving to be dangerous for the people working with you. You didn't feel good about endangering the safety of your staff.

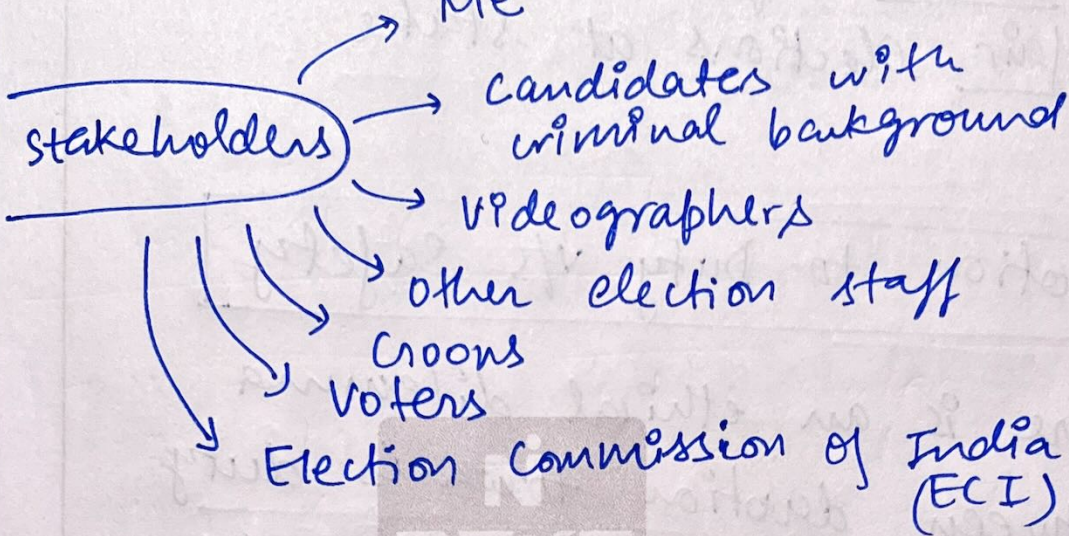
1. What are the issues involved in the above case?
2. Is it ethically justified to be devoted to duty at the cost of the personal safety of the staff? Discuss.
3. How will you go about doing your election duties without compromising the safety of your staff? Explain.

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① The case throws light on erosion of ethics in politics and electioneering and the associated consequences.



Ethical Issues Involved

① criminalisation of politics - goons

② communalisation & casteisation of elections - religious & casteist campaigning

③ Threat to safety of staff

④ My own safety

⑤ Dilemma of duty V/s self preservation

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⑥ Ignoring Model code of conduct by candidates

⑦ Voters' right to free & fair elections at stake

② Devotion to Duty v/s Safety

There is an ethical dilemma between devotion towards duty (Kant's deontology) and safety and self-preservation (Thomas Hobbes).

I am facing the doctrine of double effect where my action has negative & positive consequences both. I aim to solve the issue and uphold the constitutional principles but that involves

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ethical dilemma of safety of staff being compromised. So, it is not completely ethical.

(3) **Course of Action ensuring safety as well**

I will immediately report the issue to the Returning Officer citing that election results may not represent true picture due to criminalisation.

This way, more force will be deployed in the constituency and safety of staff & my own will be ensured.

Once, this issue reaches the ECI, they can take serious action for violation of code of conduct like

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suspending the candidates for few days from campaign.

I can also suggest the ECI to recheck the applications of these candidates. Also, injured videographer shall be treated at priority.

Thus, by requesting for more armed force and escalating the issue to higher authority I will ensure safety as well as duty.

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केस स्टडी 4:

एक स्मार्ट सिटी परियोजना चल रही है, और आपको खरीद का प्रमुख नियुक्त किया गया है। इस कार्यभार से पहले, आपने एक प्रमुख सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम (पीएसयू) में समान भूमिका निभाई थी, जहां आपने अपने निविदा प्रारूपण और विक्रेता प्रबंधन कौशल के लिए प्रतिष्ठा अर्जित की थी। स्मार्ट सिटी परियोजना के पैमाने और महत्वपूर्ण खरीद आवश्यकताओं को देखते हुए, आप खरीद अनुभाग का नेतृत्व करने के लिए बिल्कुल उपयुक्त लग रहे थे।

एक महीने पहले, आपके अनुभाग ने भवन निर्माण आपूर्ति के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित की थीं। आवेदकों में एक आपूर्तिकर्ता मिस्टर शर्मा भी शामिल थे, जिसे आप पीएसयू में अपनी पिछली भूमिका से जानते थे। मिस्टर शर्मा आपके पड़ोस में रहते थे और आप लोगो की पत्नियाँ मित्र थी। इस व्यक्तिगत संबंध के बावजूद, आपने हमेशा सख्त व्यावसायिक सीमाएँ बनाए रखी हैं।

सभी निविदाओं की जांच करने पर, आपके अनुभाग ने मिस्टर शर्मा की शर्तों को सबसे अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धी पाया, इसलिए निविदा उन्हें प्रदान की गई। हालाँकि, एक बार जब निर्णय सार्वजनिक हो गया, तो एक अन्य विक्रेता, मिस्टर पटेल, ने आप पर आपके पिछले संबंधों के कारण मिस्टर शर्मा के साथ मिलीभगत का आरोप लगाया।

मिस्टर पटेल ने मिस्टर शर्मा के साथ आपके पूर्व संबंध का साक्ष्य प्रदान करते हुए विभाग के वरिष्ठों के पास एक औपचारिक शिकायत दर्ज की। परिणामस्वरूप, एक जांच शुरू की गई और आपको उसका परिणाम आने तक अनिवार्य अवकाश पर भेज दिया गया। इस स्थिति ने आपको यह प्रश्न करने पर मजबूर कर दिया कि व्यावसायिकता बनाए रखने के आपके प्रयासों के बावजूद आप कहां गलत हो गए हैं।

1. क्या आपको लगता है कि उपरोक्त मामले में हितों का टकराव शामिल है या और अन्य भी मुद्दे शामिल हैं? व्याख्या कीजिए।
2. उपरोक्त मामले को परिप्रेक्ष्य में रखते हुए, पेशेवर मूल्य के रूप में निष्पक्षता और गैर-पक्षपात की प्रासंगिकता पर चर्चा करें।
3. आपको क्या लगता है कि आप उपरोक्त अप्रिय स्थिति से किस प्रकार बच सकते थे? (250 शब्द, 20 अंक)

Case Study 4:

A smart city project is underway, and you have been appointed Head of Procurement. Before this assignment, you held a similar role in a major public sector undertaking (PSU), where you earned a reputation for your tender drafting and vendor management skills. Given the smart city project's scale and significant procurement requirements, you seemed the perfect fit to lead the procurement section.

A month ago, your section invited tenders for building supplies. Among the applicants was Mr. Sharma, a supplier you knew from your previous role at the PSU. Mr. Sharma lived in your neighbourhood, and your spouses were friends. Despite this personal connection, you have always maintained strict professional boundaries.

Upon scrutinising all the tenders, your section found Mr. Sharma's terms the most competitive, so the tender was awarded to him. However, once the decision was made public, another vendor, Mr Patel, accused you of colluding with Mr Sharma due to your previous relationship.

Mr. Patel filed a formal complaint with the Department Seniors, providing evidence of your prior association with Mr. Sharma. As a result, an enquiry was initiated, and you were placed on compulsory leave pending its outcome. This situation left you questioning where you might have gone wrong despite your efforts to maintain professionalism.

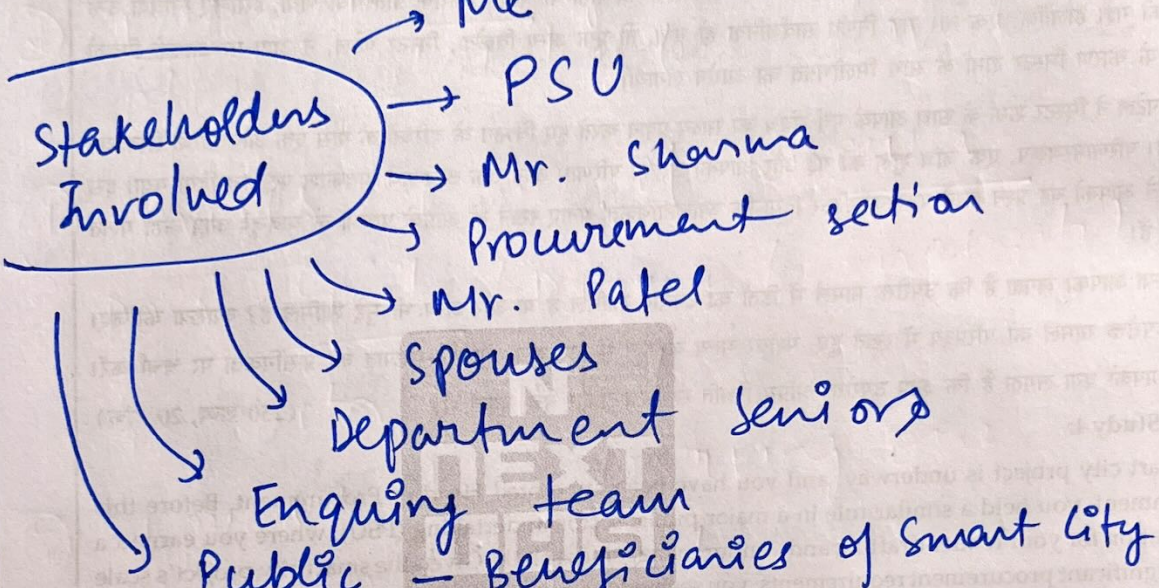
1. Do you think the above case involves a conflict of interest or there are more issues? Explain
2. Keeping the above case in perspective, discuss the relevance of impartiality and non-partisanship as professional value.
3. In hindsight, how do you think you could have avoided the above unpleasant situation.

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① The case involves various issues involving conflict between personal & private relationships, also highlighted in web series 'Aspirants'



Issues

Conflict of interest is definitely there as I have a personal relationship with Mr. Sharma but there are other issues too —

① Allegations of Nepotism, favouritism

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(2) Charges of collusion & corruption

(3) Hiding the facts

(4) Delay in project, causing inconvinience to public

(5) Strained relations between spouses after this incident

(6) Erosion of trust & objectivity in eyes of seniors

(2) Relevance of Impartiality & Non-partisanship

Impartiality and non-partisanship are both corollary of objectivity which expect the actor to make decisions on the basis of merit, empirical facts and without any biases.

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It helps in

① Making the right decisions

② Avoid chances of nepotism, favouritism

③ Best interest of public and other stakeholders served

④ Avoids chance of Knower-Doer Split (Dayanand Saraswati) in actor's mind

⑤ Favours the deserving one who holds merit

In the above case, Mr. Sharma may be the deserving one in actuality, but the personal connect raises issues, it must have been identified earlier.

3 How it could have been avoided

I, as Head of Procurement team could have identified

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that it is the same Mr. sharma who I know. This way the unpleasant situation could have been avoided.

Citing the conflict of interest, I would have requested delegation of this task of selecting tender to another person.

Still, I can be sure as I have not favoured him knowingly and the inquiry team can evaluate Mr. sharma's tender on objective principles. This would prove my innosance.

The case highlights how one can face ethical issues without doing any wrong, and the emotional intelligence helps navigate such situations

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केस स्टडी 5:

आप हाल ही में राज्य के सांख्यिकी विभाग में उप अभिलेख प्रमुख के पद पर नियुक्त हुए हैं। आपके कर्तव्यों में डेटा के समय पर प्रवाह की निगरानी करना, डेटा स्रोत की जांच करना और डेटा प्रविष्टि और अद्यतन सुनिश्चित करना शामिल है। आपके पास प्रबंधन के लिए 32 लोगो का स्टाफ था, और यह एक मिश्रित समूह था; जिनमे कुछ युवा भर्ती थे, कुछ स्टाफ कुछ समय से विभाग में थे, और कुछ सेवानिवृत्ति के कगार पर थे। कुल मिलाकर, स्टाफ बहुत कुशल नहीं था, लेकिन किसी तरह उन्होंने अपना काम चलाया।

एक बैठक में, विभाग के प्रमुख ने लागत में कटौती के उपाय के रूप में आपके कर्मचारियों की नौकरियों की आउटसोर्सिंग का उल्लेख किया। लेकिन कोई गंभीर विचार-विमर्श नहीं हुआ, इसलिए आपने इसके बारे में ज्यादा नहीं सोचा।

लेकिन कल, आपको एक आधिकारिक आदेश प्राप्त हुआ जिसमें कहा गया था कि आपके विभाग के कार्यों को आउटसोर्स किया जाएगा और आपके कर्मचारियों की संख्या कम कर दी जाएगी। आपको आउटसोर्सिंग से कोई समस्या नहीं थी, लेकिन आप कर्मचारियों की संख्या कम करने के पक्ष में नहीं थे, क्योंकि इससे लोगों की नौकरियाँ चली जातीं।

आपने नए आदेश के प्रभावों, विशेष रूप से आकार घटाने वाले हिस्से पर चर्चा करने के लिए अपने प्रमुख के साथ एक बैठक की मांग की। आपके प्रमुख पूरी प्रक्रिया के बारे में बहुत स्पष्ट थे और ऐसा लग रहा था कि उन्हें लोगों की आजीविका खोने की कोई चिंता नहीं थी। निराश होकर, आप अपने कर्मचारियों की नौकरी बचाने के उपायों के बारे में सोचते हुए अपने कार्यालय वापस आ गए। अत्यंत हताशा में, आपने संबंधित मंत्री को पत्र लिखा और इसकी एक प्रति अपने प्रमुख और मुख्य सचिव को भी भेजी। मंत्री ने सहानुभूतिपूर्वक नोट प्राप्त किया और उन्होंने कुछ सकारात्मक कार्रवाई का आश्वासन दिया। लेकिन आपके प्रमुख आपके बिना उनकी सहमति के ऊपर जाने से खुश नहीं थे। वह तुरंत आपके स्थानांतरण का आदेश देते है और कार्यालय के आदेश का अनुपालन न करने पर अनुशासनात्मक कार्यवाही शुरू करते है।

1. उपरोक्त मामले में शामिल प्रशासनिक और नैतिक मुद्दों पर चर्चा कीजिए।
2. क्या आपको लगता है कि मंत्री को पत्र लिखना आपकी ओर से नैतिक रूप से सही था? औचित्य सिद्ध कीजिए।
3. आपके विरुद्ध शुरू की गई कार्रवाई पर आप कैसे प्रतिक्रिया देंगे? उपलब्ध विकल्पों पर चर्चा करें और आपके द्वारा चुनी गई कार्यवाही को उचित ठहराएँ। (250 शब्द, 20 अंक)

Case Study 5:

You have recently joined the Statistical Department of the State as Deputy Head of Records. Your duties involved supervising the timely inflow of data, scrutinising the data source and ensuring data entry and updating. You had a staff of 32 to manage, and it was a mixed bag; some were young recruits, some were in the department for some time, and some were on the verge of retirement. Overall, the Staff was not very efficient, but somehow they managed their jobs.

In one of the meetings, the Head of the Department mentioned outsourcing of jobs of your staff as a cost-cutting measure. But there were no serious deliberations, so you didn't think much of it.

But yesterday, you received an official order stating that your department tasks will be outsourced and your Staff will be downsized. You had no problems with outsourcing, but you did not favour downsizing, as it would lead to people losing their jobs.

You sought a meeting with your Head to discuss the ramifications of the new order, specifically the downsizing part. Your Head was very emphatic about the whole process and seemed to be least concerned with people losing their livelihood. Disappointed, you got back to your office thinking of ways of saving your staff's jobs. In utter desperation, you wrote to the concerned Minister, marking a copy to your Head and the Chief Secretary. The Minister sympathetically received the note, and he assured some positive action. But your Head was not happy about you going above without his consent. He immediately orders your transfer and starts disciplinary proceedings for non-compliance with the office order.

1. Discuss the administrative and ethical issues involved in the above case.
2. Do you think it was morally right on your part to write to the minister? Justify
3. How will you respond to the action initiated against you? Discuss the available options and justify your selected course of action. (250 words, 20 marks)

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(1) The case involves serious issues of job layoffs and personal consequences for compassionate Deputy Head.

Stakeholders Involved
- Me, Deputy Head of Records
- Head of Department (HoD)
- Young staff
- Middle aged staff
- Old staff
- Minister
- Chief secretary
- families of staff
- My family
- outsourcing client

Administrative & Ethical Issues

(1) Issue of Job layoffs for young who have just started career

(2) Layoff of elders who may face difficulty in finding new job

(3) Efficiency issues of staff

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④ Staff's families may be affected

⑤ Personal consequences to me & my family due to sudden transfer

⑥ Rapport with the HoD is ruined

⑦ HoD's reputation in front of minister & Chief secretary

② Morally Right?

Morals are individual's idea of right & wrong, and as an empathetic and compassionate person, I tried to alleviate suffering of staff. So, yes it was morally right but it involves the ethical dilemma of personal consequences versus staff's well being.

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I could have ignored doing this but then I might have faced cognitive dissonance as I did not act despite knowing and having the means. By my action, I exhibited 'karuna' as prescribed by Buddha.

3 Options Available

(1) Talk to the HoD and persuade him

(2) Face the consequences as a cost of being proactive

(3) Escalate the issue of disciplinary action to the ministry

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My Response & Course of Action

I will choose the 1st option and try to persuade the HoD using my people skills and mentioning how layoffs could have affected the lives of already old staff.

I can assure him that raising issue to the ministry was a collective decision and hence his reputation is also saved.

This way I will ensure the welfare of all stakeholders.

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केस स्टडी 6:

आप एक आईएएस अधिकारी हैं जिन्हें हाल ही में ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में उप सचिव के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है। आपकी उत्तरदायित्वों में विभिन्न ग्रामीण विकास योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी करना और उनका कुशल कार्यान्वयन सुनिश्चित करना शामिल है।

महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी अधिनियम (मनरेगा) निधि के ऑडिट के दौरान, आपको पर्याप्त अनियमितताएं प्राप्त होती हैं। ऐसा प्रतीत होता है कि ग्रामीण रोजगार परियोजनाओं के लिए आवंटित धन का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा मंत्रालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा फर्जी चालान और नकली लाभार्थी सूचियों के माध्यम से निकाल लिया गया है। ग्रामीण गरीबों के लिए आवंटित धनराशि को व्यक्तिगत खातों में भेज दिया गया है।

आप एक नैतिक दुविधा का सामना कर रहे हैं। इस भ्रष्टाचार की रिपोर्ट करने से आपको गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने पड़ सकते हैं क्योंकि इसमें फंसे वरिष्ठ अधिकारी राजनीतिक रूप से प्रभावशाली हैं और उनके मजबूत संबंध हैं। आपको छोटी-मोटी धमकियाँ भी मिली हैं जिनका अर्थ यह है कि यदि आप प्रकटीकरण के साथ आगे बढ़ते हैं तो आपके करियर की प्रगति खतरे में पड़ सकती है। दूसरी ओर, भ्रष्टाचार को नजरअंदाज करने का मतलब शोषण के चक्र को कायम रखना और ग्रामीण गरीबों को उनके उचित लाभों से वंचित करना होगा।

1. उपरोक्त मामले में कौन-कौन से नैतिक मुद्दे शामिल हैं?
2. आपके पास क्या-क्या विकल्प उपलब्ध हैं?
3. प्रत्येक विकल्प के गुण और दोषों का मूल्यांकन करने के पश्चात आपके द्वारा चुनी गई कार्रवाई वाले विकल्प का चयन करें और व्याख्या करें। (250 शब्द, 20 अंक)

Case Study 6:

You are an IAS officer recently appointed as the Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development. Your responsibilities include overseeing the implementation of various rural development schemes and ensuring their efficient execution.

During an audit of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) funds, you discover substantial irregularities. It appears that a significant portion of the funds allocated for rural employment projects has been siphoned off by senior officials within the ministry through fraudulent invoices and fake beneficiary lists. The funds meant for the rural poor have been diverted to personal accounts.

You are faced with an ethical dilemma. Reporting this corruption could lead to severe repercussions for you as the implicated senior officials are politically influential and have strong connections. You have also received subtle threats implying that your career progression could be jeopardised if you proceed with the disclosure. On the other hand, ignoring the corruption would mean perpetuating a cycle of exploitation and depriving the rural poor of their rightful benefits.

1. What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
2. What are the options available to you?
3. Identify and explain your chosen course of action after evaluating the merits and demerits of each option. (250 words, 20 marks)

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(1) The case involves issues of collusion and perpetual cycle of rural poverty.

Stakeholders Involved
- Me, IAS officer
- MGNREGA beneficiaries
- Senior officials
- Politicians
- Tax payers
- society at large

Ethical issues involved

(1) Financial irregularities in MGNREGA & siphoning of funds

(2) Inclusion & exclusion errors

(3) corruption by senior officials

(4) Lack of probity in governance

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(5) Misuse of public office for private gain

(6) Fraud on taxpayers as their money is not put to intended use

(7) Perpetuation of poverty among rural people

(2,3) Option Available and their Merits, Demerits

option	Merits	Demerits
1) Report the corruption	→ stop siphoning of the funds → Poor villagers will get the funds	→ Personal consequences due to political connections of officials → Promotion may be affected
2) Do nothing	→ save myself from threats	→ poor villagers in poverty

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	→ career path not affected	→ corruption will keep on thriving
3) Discuss the issue with the secretary of Ministry and then take action	→ the decision will be based on discourse ethics → poor villagers cause considered	→ delay may happen

(3) Chosen Course of Action

I will chose 3rd option by involving more experienced people & consensus-based decision (Syadvad). After their instructions, action will be taken on the senior officials.

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Since, many officers are now involved, I will not have to face personal consequences. The politicians will also wash off their hands when issue is escalated and hence the violaters will be punished. This will ensure poor villagers get the funds in their accounts

By doing this, I will smartly navigate through the ethical dilemma.