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QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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(Please read each of the following instructions carefully
before attempting Question)

All Questions are Compulsory

The number of marks carried by a question / part is
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Word limit in questions if specified should be adhered to

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question -
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Q1 a. Explain the concept of ethics in governance and its significance with examples.

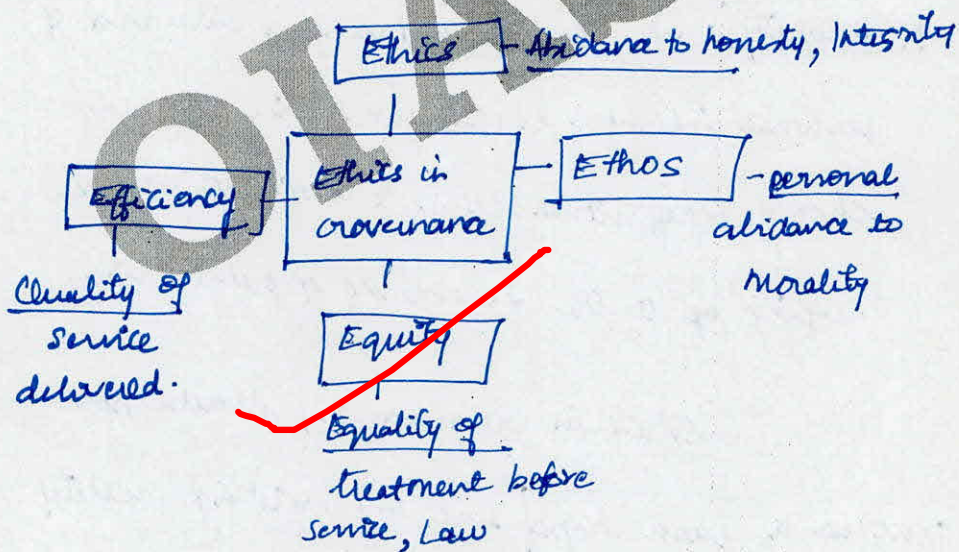
(150 Words) (10 Marks)

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The II ARC Committee Report in a separate chapter has explained in detailed about the importance of Ethics in Governance.

- Ethics in Governance holds a prime pivotal position in enabling a Quality of dedicated service to the people.



- Ethics in Governance ensures in the

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aspects of Accountability, Transparency, Integrity and openness to ideas so as to ensure 'MINIMUM GOVERNMENT, MAXIMUM GOVERNANCE'

Illustrations:

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1. Accountability: There is no duty more fundamental than holding the people responsible. When a superior officer holds the sub-ordinate accountable for his actions - Ethics is upheld.

2. Integrity: An IAS officer facing a dilemma of personal interest, a bribe for service should choose professional ethics & avoid the same keeping up to the standards of public life.

Ethics in Governance, should not just be a paper hope but an existing reality to gain public trust and sanction from the people.

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Q1 b. Discuss how conscience works as a source of ethical guidance? Should one always rely on conscience for right decision? Give your view. (150 words, 10 marks)

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Conscience, refers to the inner moral compass that a person possesses which guides him in his actions, thoughts and perceptions.

CONSCIENCE - ETHICAL GUIDANCE :

- Ethics are strong held values that depend on individual's self formulation. Conscience or inner self highly guides in its skeletal set up.

- Ethics in administration requires emotional intelligence which is fused with one's conscience.

Eg: When the rulebook is highly mandated to stick with in serving people, qualities of empathy of general public, is largely a result of conscience. Thus conscience guides in ethical cognition.

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CONSCIENCE AS A COMPASS IN DECISION MAKING:

Given the subjective perceptions of different individuals over a plethora of issues, Conscience

CANNOT BE THE SOLE CRITERIA for decision making

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Conscience has the ability to falter the logical thinking if not backed by other set of values

- like
- Rationality in Judgement
 - Standards of Service
 - Accountability is adhered to framed rules
 - Devotion to duty prescribed.

Eg: A PIO guided by conscience cannot let go of the sensitive information relating to security of the Nation, though the intention was commendable.

There is always another side to the same story.

Conscience can thus point the direction, but never the criteria for setting the sail.

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Q2.a. Explain the relationship between governance, good governance and corporate governance.
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* Governance is the administration and management of a body ~~politic~~ aimed to offer maximum service to the people

* Good Governance is the administration and management of a body ~~politic~~ characterised by participatory, accountable, lawful, transparent working aimed to ensure welfare of the masses.

* Corporate Governance refers to the governance of a business entity or a unit.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNANCE, GOOD GOVERNANCE, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE :

a) the relationship existing between the three can be summarized to be of CO-OPERATION, FACILITATION and ENDURING.

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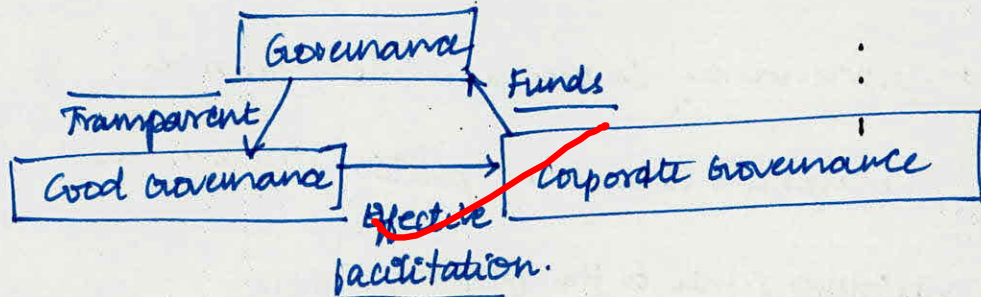
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The Kumar Mangalam Birla Committee on Corporate Governance has elaborated on the various pillars of a Corporate ethics.

Eg: When a top company like Reliance Industries donates money to political parties, the ulicy government has the duty to make it official - transparent so that people can make informed decisions.

With advent of Electoral Bonds, it plays a more important role.

thus, Governance, good governance, Corporate Governance play an interesting role in running the economy on a balanced level.

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Q2 b. What do you understand by probity in public life? Analyse whether due to the practice of RTI and Citizen's Charter there is increase in probity in public life? (150 words, 10 Marks)

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Probity in public life refers to the active participation & honest approach towards the public affairs of the country.

The II ARC committee points out citizen participation and inclusivity as prime features of Good Governance.

RTI AND CITIZEN'S CHARTER :

The landmark RTI Act, 2005 was enacted with a goal to fulfil TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY in Governance at the demand of the people.

Eg: A plain RTI petition has led to numerous revelations and justice to the deserving in Courts of Law. With citizens taking up RTI as a tool

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for Justice, probity is achieved at ease.

CITIZENS' CHARTER: citizens charter refers to the declaration of rights, duties of citizens that can be demanded & should from the government lot.

Eg: Citizens charter formulation includes people (II ARC report) in bringing out a colossal and efficient paper work on QUALITY, GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL which is transformed into action from its scratch. With Grassroot level involvement, citizens charter mobilize masses in the right direction of PROBITY IN PUBLIC LIFE.

RTI and Citizens' charters thus unequivocally help in realizing probity in public life giving a fresh breath of life to the VIBRANT DEMOCRACY OF INDIA.

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Q3 a. Explain what is work culture and how it is related with quality of service delivery in civil services? (150 words, 10 Marks)

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Work Culture refers to the environment, standards, rules, inter-relationship between professionals that helps in efficiency of the work performed.

WORK CULTURE & QUALITY OF SERVICE DELIVERY :

a) Quality of work done is dependent on the place, time, person of the person doing the act. Work culture thus plays a key role in affecting the same.

b) The inter-relationship existing between the

- peers,
- superior-subordinate
- subordinate - HR - PIO

plays a crucial role in putting the plan to action.

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c) The Quality of service offered also depends on the TEAM WORK of the lot involved, demanding a Co-ordinated approach in activities undertaken.

d) The division of duties in a HIERARCHY OF PROFESSIONALS make it essential that Quality of service is delivered to the target group.

Eg: Though the final authority is the executive giving a go at the final plan, unless the architects of the policy have acted with rationality & needs requirement, the policy stands futile.

Work culture is thus crucial to not only ensure Quality of service rendered, also a Quality of Employment enjoyable by the employed.

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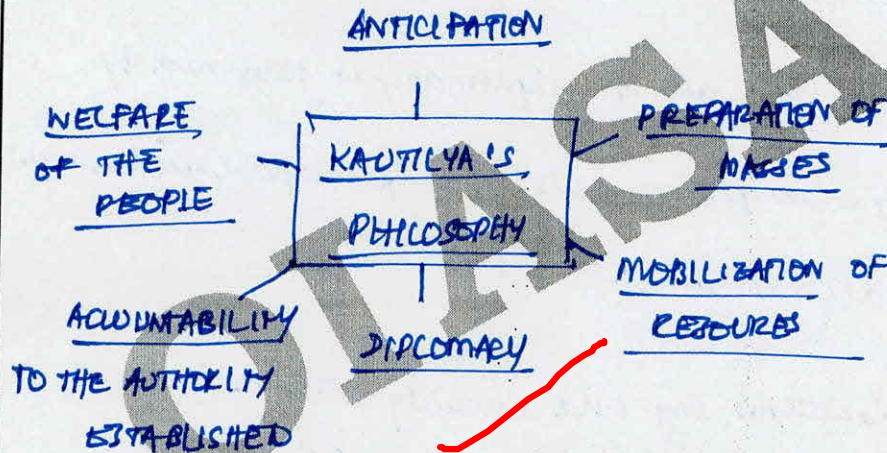
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Q3 b. Discuss how Kautilya's philosophy of governance is useful for present day government and administration? (150 words, 10 Marks)

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Kautilya's philosophy that led and steered forwarded the glorious Gupta rules are very much applicable in today's world.

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Kautilya's philosophy advocates a major chunk to public welfare as the UTMOST DUTY OF THE RULER.

→ Governance & Administration of India in 4th century is plagued by SELFISHNESS, LACK OF.

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empathy, honesty & strong capitalism.

→ If principles of Integrity & Accountability are involved in daily administrative activities, a better response of the people issues and effective policy making can be taken up.

→ The fine art of diplomacy as professed by Kautilya can play a wider role of adopted in intra and international fora.

→ Kautilya's long held morality towards public welfare and good governance is guided by the devotion to duty which can be adopted in today's governance as well.

Kautilya's philosophy is now the need of the hour even the rise in maladministration of people due to stringent punishment not being imposed.

CODE OF CONDUCT- RAJDHARMA

CODIFIED LAWS

SPY SYSTEM

LIBERAL PAY TO REDUCE CORRUPTION

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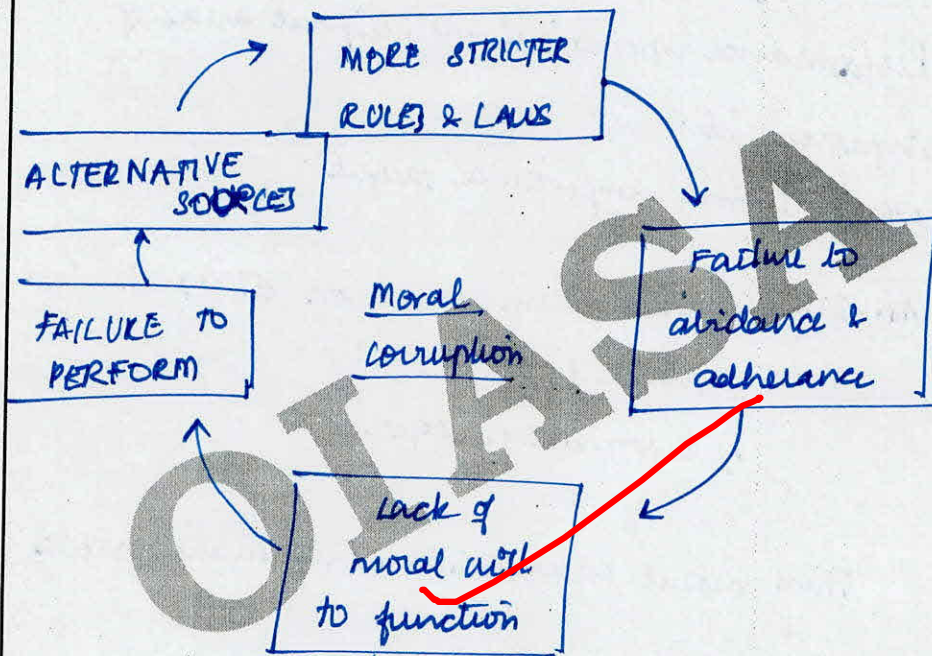
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Q4. Explain how rules and laws become basis for moral corruption in society and also give your suggestions as remedies. (150 words, 10 Marks)

RULES AND LAWS are mainly formulated to ensure adherence and abidance to prescribed rules.

However, more stringent rules & laws can lead manes take up roles that are aimed to go under the format of functioning

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Eg: When the rules don't leave room for effective functioning of individual in society, moral corruption is manifested in the form of BIKIRELY, APATHY, PROCRUSTINATION which directly affects public service.

REMEDIES FOR MORAL CORRUPTION: PREVENTIVE STEPS

- Inclusivity in functioning
- Performance appraisal - pointing out areas of improvement.
- Ethical lessons - importance taught.

CURATIVE : a) Short term courses on Ethics in public life.

b) Reformatory steps.

COMPLEX RULES
RED TAPISM
CENTRALISATION
OPAQUE SYS

Thus moral corruption has wider implications

on the society if not nipped in the bud.

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Q5. For quality of decision making, civil servants need freedom and discretion. But when freedom and discretion is given this results into its misuse. In your view, how this dilemma can be addressed? (150 words, 10 Marks)

FREEDOM VS. MISUSE :

There is no duty more fundamental than setting the highest standards of accountability in a Government - GB show.

The 4th wheel, the invisible engine of Governance Bureaucracy should obviously be guided by freedom to perform efficiently at the discretion of civil servant's options.

The dilemma between Freedom & Misuse can be addressed by

- Defining the scope of freedom guaranteed
- Effective Accountability mechanism
- Performance feedback

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d) Citizen response to the service
rendered

e) A Mental framework of rules & regulations
to be adhered to can be prescribed.

f) Performance based promotions

g) Timely intervention methodology which can
be in stand-on position

The freedom & discretion offered
should be used as an opportunity to enhance
the performance rather than a conduit for
dis service to the process concerned.

After all (Power corrupts and
Absolute power corrupts absolutely)

AUTHORITY
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Q6 Society has increasingly become money-driven and hence, commercialisation of even many social sectors such as education and health. Explain how this affects the concept of public service? (150 words, 10 Marks)

Commercialisation of social sectors has wider implications on the society on a personal, societal and a national level.

Fall in human capital

~~Leads to~~ Malpractisation

Concentration of service to wealthy group

Commercialisation of Social Sectors

Lack of Access

Against Inclusive Nature of Growth

Unequal developmental procedures may be adopted

The above said impacts affects public service since

a) More concerted efforts are possible

in a commercialised setup. Money for service will

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drive out people from opting optery public services.

EJ: The Gross enrolment ratio in GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS has been declining steadily

2) Faith in quality of services rendered is deteriorated

3) The professionals may choose LUCRATIVE HIGH

PAYING JOBS over public services offered.

4) May result to fragmentation & Exploitation of public services like education & health.

Grandhi's lists 'Commerce without

Morality' as one of the 7 social sin - The same must be kept in mind while private entities enter public sector like health and education.

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Q7 What do you understand by normative ethics? How it differs from descriptive ethics? Discuss the significance of both approaches in the field of ethics. (150 words, 10 Marks)

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Normative ethics refers to the branch of ethics that are resultant of the rules of time, acceptance by the society, widespread adherence.

Eg: The principle of honesty in one's set of ethics is not a steadfast rule prescribed but, one that has been widely recognized by society.

Descriptive ethics on the other hand is one that has been didactically put forward for the people to stick to.

Eg: A sermon preaching principles of ethics prescribes the rules of ethics - descriptive

SIGNIFICANCE OF NORMATIVE ETHICS:

1) Adoption of Normative ethics can be

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on-field with test & trial by the people.

A first hand approach is possible in
Normative ethics which gives ample scope to the
person to improve.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DESCRIPTIVE ETHICS

With the basic rules already defined,
first guidance in public life can be offered with
Descriptive ethics. Eg: A 5 year old kid on reading
Mahabharata or Aristotle's Golden mean can
set a basic idea of ethics in life

Normative & Descriptive ethics though
belong to different species, aims to ensure
ethics in personal & professional endeavour of an
individual.

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Q8 a. Explain the virtue ethics philosophy of Aristotle? How it is applicable in the field of civil services? (150 words, 10 Marks)

Aristotle's philosophy of VIRTUE ETHICS is embedded in the principle of 'GOLDEN MEAN' which sees virtue as the MEDIAN BETWEEN ABSENCE and EXCESS.

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| ABSENCE | VIRTUE | EXCESS |
|---------|---------|-------------|
| Coward | Courage | Rashness |
| Narcity | Honesty | CUNNINGNESS |

Thus, virtue is the middle trait without the absence or excess of any particular character.

CIVIL SERVICES:

Aristotle's theory of Virtue Ethics can be widely adopted.

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Ex: A civil servant involved in dealing a murder case can face multiple death threats. It takes courage and a brave heart to proceed with the case - a virtue, guided by balanced approach.

A civil servant, an IAS will have to deal with corrupt officials and crony individualists that hinder transparency. He has to abide by virtue ethics.

Adopting a RATIONAL, BALANCED APPROACH to his decisions - virtues, a civil servant can thus work to the best of his abilities.

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Q8 b. Which great Indian personality has inspired you the most as a role model and how have you been able to benefit in your own life by such an inspiration? (150 words, 10 Marks)

SHRI. LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI, the

2nd Prime Minister of India, a man of principles
inspires me the most in my ~~professional~~ endeavours.

As a civil service Aspirant, I have been
at awe for his excellence at service devotion to
duty, dedication to work and holding up to
actions done.

- A man from a humble background has
taught me the importance of

a) humility (modest approach to downhanded)

b) Working tirelessly towards the goal

(that I have adopted in UPSC
preparation)

c) Lack of affiliation towards Rewards

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that are unethical.

d) Devotion to the task at hand to perform at your best (In my ~~personal~~ life - helping the needy by offering input/opinion on legal issues involved)

e) the man of Principles, has taught me to endure and persevere no matter the hurdles in life.

5 Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, has thus inspired me on multiple ~~ends~~ that have guided me in the set direction without any tinge of giving up on hopes and goals.

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Q9. What do you understand by 'Ethical Human Conduct'? In what way is it important to be ethical along with being professionally competent? (150 words, 10 Marks)

Ethical Human Conduct refers to the adoption of ethical values in our dealing with persons, ~~society~~, work and cognition of different problems that come our way.

IMPORTANCE OF ETHICAL HUMAN CONDUCT IN PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY:

a) Principles of ~~ethics~~ like Integrity, honesty are used to guide a man to desired professional goals

b) A man of morals will sure find ways to EQUIP HIMSELF in best ways.

Ed: When a ~~person~~ holds himself

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responsible for the error committed by the team of workers, he is professionally equipped to

LEAD THE TEAM - a leader is born.

c) When he dedicates himself to the work undertaken, Excellence is sure to follow which improves his Professional efficiency

d) A man's improvement in the professional timeline is also determined by his actions towards peers and superiors, which is highly guided by ethical human conduct.

Ethical human conduct thus undoubtedly helps a professional grow more competent with every passing day.

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Q10. The Left Wing Extremist -affected States and the Home Ministry have framed policies for surrender and rehabilitation of Maoists. A screening-cum rehabilitation committee examines the cases before enrolling them for the rehabilitation scheme. The screening committee found that more than 90% of the people who had surrendered did not conform to the definition of "Maoist cadre". Since during an assessment many applications were rejected, there is resentment in people who were assured monetary and other rehabilitation benefits. It has been feared that it can lead to another wave of discontentment that could be tapped by Maoists.

Suppose you are the home secretary in Home Ministry,

a) What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?

b) Discuss the challenges faced by the governments in post-screening situation and their remedies.

(250 words, 15 marks)

a) ETHICAL DILEMMAS :

As the Home Secretary of Home Ministry,

1) I am at odds with the Ministry officials

if I don't adhere to the assessment results

2) People's welfare is at stake since the

Maoist ideology attacks government and

its mal administration

3) Good Governance involving people

vs. Adherence to rules prescribed by

the assessment procedure

LAW VS
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CHALLENGES OF THE GOVERNMENT POST SCREENING :

- a) The Maoist tendency can shoot up since monetary & other rehabilitation benefits are denied.
- b) If people are taken into the rehab procedure, may lead to a futile result since they don't qualify the test.
- c) I, as the Home Secretary should force the officials & explain the failure of the committee in defining standards of 'MAOIST' - which waters down the aim of the policy.
- d) Can lead to Uprising of Naxal activities in other Neighbouring LWE affected states.
- e) Can lead to MISTRUST IN GOVERNMENT & ITS FUNCTIONING

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Q11. A 11-year-old girl in a tribal district of a state died of starvation. It has been reported that she died months after her family's ration card was cancelled because it was not linked to her Aadhaar number. Also, she could not get food under Mid Day Meal as the school had 8 days holiday, during that period she barely had any food and hence the death. The local ration dealer had refused to give the girl's family their rations for the past six months, his move followed a Central government order in February making Aadhaar compulsory for accessing subsidised food grain through the Public Distribution System. Activists from the village had raised this issue of cancelled ration cards at a public hearing organised by the district collector. Following the incident, the state government constituted a fact-finding committee.

Suppose you are heading the committee,

a) Discuss the ethical issues involved.

b) What corrective measures can be adopted?

(250 words, 20 Marks)

The case at hand resembles the case of death of a child in Jharkhand due to denial of Ration.

a) ETHICAL ISSUES INVOLVED :

1) Aadhaar aimed to curb WASTE

TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES - cannot be abandoned overnight.

2) Main aim of Poverty reduction rests upon

the mammoth PDS system - millions of

families are dependent - cannot be

denied ARBITRARILY

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3) Loopholes in functioning of PDS system.
ought to identified without patently
blaming the absurdities of officials
involved

As the head of the committee,

It is my foremost duty to analyze,
intercept and suggest measures to resolve the
issue efficiently.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES:

a) The committee on PDS under Shanta Kumar
has clarified how PDS is plagued by lack of
organisation and dysfunctioning of systems.

The suggestions of the same will be recommended.

b) The object of the whole PDS scheme is provision

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of subsidized food grains. I will suggest an

alternative 'PROOF OF IDENTITY' like Electoral

ID card, as a substitute in PDS ration.

3) Linking of Foodgrain should be made from door-to-door so as to cater to the needs of the poorest of poor.

The Delhi Government's initiative of Delivering Food grains (Ration) at door step can be adopted - which can pump up employment rates also.

Joseph Stiglitz, the economist describes how public welfare progresses along the lines of Good governance aimed at Inclusive, Independent, growth of lowest strata of people.

Akin to the above thought, I will make sure that no one is left out due to procedural

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- Q12 There are elections going on for municipality in one of the states. You are the Polling officer of three booths in an area of a town. In one of those polling booth centres, people come to know that when they press button on Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) to vote for a particular candidate, the vote goes to other candidates from different party which is in power in the State. The incident leads to chaos at the polling booth as people start alleging that EVMs are tampered and many of them start leaving without casting their vote. The representatives of the other political parties present at booth centres pressurise you to take immediate actions.
- a) What will be your immediate courses of action in such situation? Explain with reasons.
b) What measures you will suggest to avoid such incidents in future? (250 words) 20marks

The Largest Democracy in the World, India

works on the pillars of PUBLIC TRUST IN THE
ELECTORAL AUTHENTICITY OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

The case at hand is a tricky situation
which required a 360° approach involving various
Stake holders at once.

IMMEDIATE COURSE OF ACTION :

- a) As a Polling Booth Officer, it shall be my
bounden duty to preserve the INTEGRITY OF THE
Electoral process.

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the issue at hand to ensure a co-ordinated approach

b) Secondly, it is really important to continue the process.

I shall call in for the Reserve EVM machines kept on Stand-by in the VICINITY to be deployed on Orders immediately if EVMS stop working.

c) Communication is the essence in every public act. I shall convince the crowd to NOT LEAVE, but stay for a while to FULFIL THEIR DEMOCRATIC DUTY

This shall be followed by my humble request to the political party members, to not SUBVERT THE PROCESS. POLICE ACTION can be invoked if it turns violent.

d) After the Investigation of the situation and the fetters of machines verified, the process shall be continued.

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PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

- Thorough Electoral Education - Initiatives of ECI like SVEEP (voter's education) should be maximized on large scale to avoid such mishaps.
- The Authenticity of EVM machines should be proved beyond doubts so as to ensure public trust.
- A direct one-on-one dialogue with people by the ECI with ICT apps, devices and campaigns can gain people's trust.
- Moral code of conduct for political members can also be prescribed by the ECI to prevent FACE NEWS propagation - More powers can be vested with ECI.

Thus, the campaign hand requires an

efficient, such response to continue voting no matter what.

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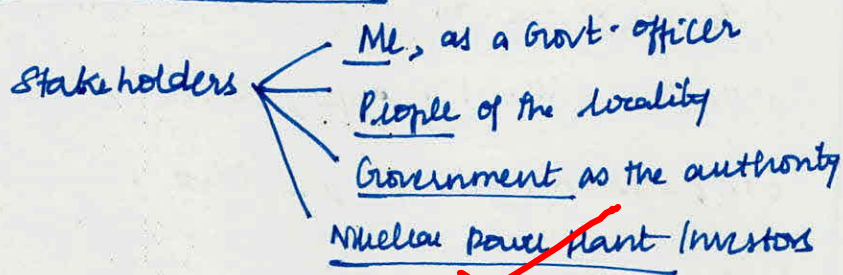
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- Q13 Government has officially decided to construct a nuclear power plant in one district of a state. All the clearances have been done such as design, disaster profiling of the area, population which will be relocated, etc., and the location has been found very ideal for the plant. Since the location is in a remote area which is sparsely populated, there are over 2000 population which are going to be affected in relocation. The locality has children, youth, adult men and women, aged, farmers, local traders and businessmen. They have been living happily in that remote area and with their collective efforts; largely the village has been self reliant. They are not against the plant or any developmental project but they also don't want disruption in their lifestyle, social harmony, belongingness and emotional attachment, recreation, business, and farming, which they have narrated to you on your visit to the area. Some of them have even threatened that if this happen, they will commit suicide.
- Suppose you are a government officer and has been given with adequate power the task to successfully relocate them, then
- What will be your order of priority to the above stakeholders while exploring various options and why?
 - What are the various options available to you?
 - Evaluate them and choose the most appropriate one, giving reasons. (250 words 20marks)

a) ORDER OF PRIORITY:



My order of priority in the above stakeholders will be

- 1) People, as the target of relocation
- 2) Government as the implementing agency
- 3) ME, as the final authority taking calls
- 4) ~~Investors in Nuclear Power Plants~~

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OPTIONS

OPTION A

Disregard people's claims, Go ahead with Relocation plans

MERITS:

- 1) Relocation successful
- 2) My duty is done
- 3) Government's Agenda is fulfilled.

DEMERITS

- 1) People's words are unheard
- 2) Can lead to disruption in life of people.

OPTION B

PEOPLE'S NEEDS ARE VITAL, OTHER
MODES OF LESS DISRUPTIVE METHODS
TO BE ADOPTED - DISCARD NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS

MERITS:

- a) People's voices are responded to
- b) Status quo maintained

DEMERITS:

- a) My duty as relocation officer not done
- b) I may lose my service for inefficiency.

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OPTION C NEGOTIATE WITH CROWD - PROVIDE EQUIVALENT FACILITIES IN RELOCATED AREAS

- MERITS:
- 1) Relocation done as mandated.
 - 2) Government, Nuclear Plant / factories can proceed with power generation.

- DISMERITS:
- 1) People may refuse to give in
 - 2) Disruption is ~~social~~ life standards.

As a Government officer, I would choose OPTION C

Negotiate with the masses & give equivalent facilities to

- a) avoid any disruption in harmony,
- b) Ensure maximum well-being of the people since they are not entirely against the development plan.

c) Self Reliance equivalent to the evacuated area should be recreated.

Good Governance is one that is guided by Inclusivity, Rule of Law & Efficiency. Hence

I would choose

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Q14. You are posted as a District Collector in one of the districts in India. It has been brought to your notice that a structure has been built by few members of a religious community on the public land without getting due permissions. In keeping with the guidelines of the Supreme Court of India, disallowing the construction of any permanent religious structures on public land, you are contemplating its removal. However, the leaders of the community in question have requested you to permit the structure saying that it is for the period of month long religious festival only. Moreover, they say that there is no other religious place nearby where community members can celebrate their festival. Your seniors and the political leader of the area also supports their views. However, you are skeptical that after the festival is over, it may not be easy to remove the religious structure from the public land due to the involvement of community members.

- (1) Perform an objective and subjective analysis of the case.
- (2) What will you do in such a situation? (250 words 20 marks)

The case in hand is highly sensitive in nature since it involves religious sentiments, in a country like India - guided with blind faiths & superstitions.

OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS:

A focused objective approach to the issue, as a District Collector would require me to

- Reject the claims of the Religious Community
- Explain the Legal Infirmities that may arise due to letting the construction proceed citing SC order.

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An objective overview of the case would lead to trivial implications on my professional as well since I am acting against the Advice of Superiors and Political leaders involved.

The Recent case of how a CHATTISGARH District collector acted a SC order to deal with untouchability vs. Religion is a precedent for me to follow in the given case respecting the claims.

SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS :

At the same time, considering the official plea made to me, I shall need to take into account the Disruption of societal set up (Reminded of Ayodhya Case, Godhra riots that followed in 2002), an outburst

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Demolition of the construction of the building
would be a threat to Law and order in the
District.

As pointed out, removal of the structure
may prove to be difficult and I can be called to
account for not carrying out the orders of the
APEX COURT OF THE LAND.

2) COURSE OF ACTION :

As the District Collector, it is my
foremost duty to maintain peace & security in
the region in times of distress.

The construction ~~being~~ in Pulochand
invokes dire consequences if done VIOLATING THE
LAW. 'IGNORANTIA JURIS NON EXCUSAT' - Ignorance of
Law is no excuse. Hence, I shall require them
to carry out the function in
other place.

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Q 15. Khap panchayats dealing cases of 'Honour killing' has been in news in recent times. It involves the homicide of a member of a family by other members, due to the perpetrators' belief that the victim has brought shame or dishonour upon the family. Analyse this problem in detail and indicate not only the social but also the emotional and attitudinal factors that give legitimacy to khap panchayats? Also, distinctly bring out why: X

(a) The youth in such areas do not speak up against these practices.

(b) The conviction rate in 'honour killing' cases is extremely low.

(c) Women, who have to face the brunt of this crime the most, do not speak against it collectively.

Discuss some feasible steps, which could be effective in controlling this serious problem.

(250 words 20marks)

KHAP PANCHAYATS = EMOTIONAL/ATTITUDINAL FACTORS:

- a) Inclination to fake honour - societal values
- b) Lack of exposure to developmental principles
- c) Educational poverty leading to emotional outbursts - low EQ
- d) Poor standards of life - adherence to superstitious
inter-generational teachings - social evils

A. WHY YOUTH DONT SPEAK UP :

- 1. Lack of Education
- 2. sense of Apathy
- 3. Lack of Rational Attitude towards societal abundities
- 4. Pressure of Family, Peer, Society -
intertwined with life, day-to-day
activities.

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B) LOW CONVICTION RATES IN HONOUR KILLING:

1. Fear of ostracisation of Family
2. Threats of death, dismemberment of family members
3. Lack of evidence
4. Support of Village - no one to speak up against the crime committed.
5. Ineffective Police Administration - politization of police
6. vote bank politics
7. Lack of stringent penalty (Only Supreme Court came down heavily on honour killing
No dedicated law to deal with Honour killing)

C) WOMEN DO NOT SPEAK UP COLLECTIVELY:

1. Patriarchal Societal setup
2. Low levels of literacy
3. Lack of educational values - casteism
4. Access to freedom of choice is denied

NOT JUST LISTING BUT ANALYSING IS THE DEMAND

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STEPS TO ERADICATE HONOUR KILLINGS:

- Laws: Make honour killing COGNIZABLE OFFENCE
- Intercaste Marriages should be encouraged.
In states like Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan,
incentives can be given for inter caste marriages
- Khap panchayats - unlawful assembly - should be banned root & stem
- Awareness campaigns, drives encouraging more people to speak up. NBDS should be encouraged.
- Education is the most powerful tool to deal & eradicate Khap panchayat system in India.

A country's development is highly dependent on the position of women in society. An outright eradication of Khap panchayats is the need of the hour.

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