



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

MAINS TEST

Date: 16-12-2020

Time: 3 Hrs

1. Can aptitude of social service be inculcated through training? Critically examine.
2. Does ethics change with technology? Critically examine.
3. Loyalty to country always, loyalty to government, when it deserves it. Comment.
4. What do you understand by the term 'Social values'? Examine the role 'social values' play in the life of an individual.
5. Collective action of the society premised on the values of compassion and empathy is the need of the hour to combat distress caused by Covid-19 pandemic. Discuss.
6. Discuss with examples the ethical issues of trading privacy for convenience.
7. 'A man is but the product of his thoughts; what he thinks, he becomes'. Discuss the statement with suitable examples.
8. What do you understand by ethical dilemma? Bring out some examples of ethical dilemma often faced by civil servants.
9. What do you understand by the terms transparency and accountability in administration? Bring out the relationship between the two.
10. What do you understand by the term 'conflict of interest'? How can conflict of interest in public service be resolved?

11. Norms of social morality should not be applied to acts of civil servants while they are carrying out their professional roles and responsibilities to further the common good. Critically analyse.
12. Highlight the important teachings of Swami Vivekananda, relevant to the youth of today.
13. Tolerance is not enough, it is the idea of acceptance that accommodates diversities and makes a society inclusive. Elaborate.
14. As a DM, you are doing your best to demolish all illegal encroachments in the district headquarters. This has brought you a good name. At the heart of the city, there is an immediate need of widening a road where lately lots of accidents have taken place because of huge vehicle traffic. In the middle of this road there is a temple which is causing lots of traffic problems thanks to large number of devotees who visit it daily. Investigation reveals that the temple is constructed illegally on government property. If congestion to be eased on the road, the temple must be demolished. You send a notice to temple management. They sensationalize the issue through media by twisting facts. They also politicize the issue. They have also tried to incite communal feelings of devotees. You know that the temple management is getting huge income from the temple and this is one of the reasons why there is stiff opposition for its demolition. You also get frequent calls from prominent politicians requesting you not to go ahead with its demolition. Your family members, who are god-fearing, are also against your decision. In this situation, what will you do? Explain the consequences and how will you deal with them.
15. You are working as an Executive Engineer in the Panchayat Raj division. An RTI activist has filed an application seeking information regarding tender process to project completion of all road projects that you have supervised and allotted since you assumed office. In one of the road projects, under pressure from an influential politician (he had

threatened you with life), you had mismanaged the tender allotment process and allotted works to the politician's brother who is a contractor. The project was worth Rs 20 crores. The road constructed was substandard.

In this situation, what are your moral obligations and what course of action will you take? Explain.

16. You are serving as Superintendent of Police (SP) in a district notorious for kidnapping cases. In one such kidnapping case, ten school girls have been kidnapped and hidden in an unknown place. In previous cases, where one or two girls were kidnapped, they were sold to prostitution racket in a foreign country. Your team, under your guidance tracks the kingpin of these kidnappings and arrests him. During routine interrogation, the arrested kingpin do not reveal any location names nor he talks about anything related to kidnappings. Your sources clearly tell you that he is the one behind all kidnappings. Even after using all legal methods to get information from him, your efforts have not yielded any result. Your friend, who is an SP in another district suggests you to torture the kingpin to get information. You are aware of the situation that the girls might be sold and trafficked to a foreign country if you further delay investigation.

1) What will you do in such a situation? Is it ethical to torture a person to save other innocent lives? Critically comment.

17. You are a senior forest official who has recently been posted in a forest range which has a wildlife sanctuary and pilgrimage center of local hill tribes. The sanctuary is a famous trekking site, but is open only for males as the local tribal culture doesn't permit the entry of women to the hill site housing their deity.

Recently, the State High Court has lifted this unofficial ban on women following which there has been pressure from women's' group to open the trekking site for all, while the local tribal group opposes the same. You fear that opening the site might lead to protest from tribal's, compromising law and order situation and endanger the safety of trekkers to the site.

What are the options open to you in this scenario? Discuss along with their merits and demerits?

Which would be the most appropriate action that you would take in this situation and why?

18. A pandemic has broken out and the only solution in sight is a drug developed by a group of doctors and scientists. The problem, however, is that the drug is not yet tested. If the standard testing protocol is adhered to, it would take at least a month to get the final approval for human consumption. By that time, the epidemic would have taken millions of lives already. The only possible way to expedite trials is to test the drug directly on human beings. It effectively means replacing animals with humans for trial. Moreover, there would hardly be any volunteer for such trials. Meanwhile, there is an idea floating in the market. Why not choose the convicts of murders and rapes serving life imprisonment for the trials? Even if they die during the trials, it would hardly be a loss to the society and if they survive, their lives would be of some worth for the society after-all.

What do you think? Should prisoners be forced to undergo the trial? Examine the pros and cons of this decision? If you were to make this decision, what would that be? Substantiate your choice.

19. You are heading a committee of experts from the fields of law and technology to come out with a detailed proposal to initiate a state level e-governance project. The committee has met multiple times to discuss and deliberate upon the issues in hand and finalise the proposal before the deadline ends. However, it appears that there are serious differences of opinion between the technology and the legal teams over a range of open issues. The technology experts provide solutions that are contested by the legal team over propriety and legal concerns. The demands of the legal experts are refuted by the technology team as being too ambitious and unviable.

You have a feeling that somehow the egos are clashing. No one is ready to accommodate the concerns raised by the others and create space for a middle path. Both the teams also

seem to be suffering from a superiority complex. It appears that the proposal would not take the final shape if the ongoing stalemate is not sorted immediately.

Is there a way to address this stalemate? If yes, what are the alternatives available? Discuss.

*****ALL THE BEST*****