

GENERAL STUDIES
PAPER-IV
ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

TIME: 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 250marks

INSTRUCTIONS

Candidate should attempt questions from all the sections

The number of marks carried by each question is indicated with the question

The length of the answers should not, as far as possible, exceed the specification given for the question

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SECTION-I

1. Answer the following questions in not more than 150 words each:

10×3=30

- a. What is Ethics? Discuss how is Ethics is different from Morality?
- b. What are the various sources of Values for Humans. Discuss the role played by family in inculcation values in children.
- c. What is the Transparency? How will transparency improve the quality of service delivery in an organisation?

2. Write a brief note on any four of the following terms in about 20-25 words:

5×4=20

- a. Work Ethos
- b. Conscience
- c. Principle of Justice
- d. Utilitarianism
- e. Citizen charter
- f. Ethical relativism

3. Carefully study the case studies and answer the questions that follows**20×2=40**

- a. You are a manager in a small private organisation. You have a meeting scheduled on the same day when your son who is suffering from autism is performing dance in his school. The meeting which was scheduled cannot be postponed, moreover if the meeting is successful, your company benefits enormously in terms of new contracts.

Identify different personal and professional ethical issues involved in the above case study. In the above situation what would you do and why?

- b. You are the principal of a residential high school in Raichur. One day a girl complained that her class teacher, had beaten her for not completing her assignment. The girl has suffered minor injury on her head because of the beating. The girl is requesting you to allow her to go home for treatment. You are aware that if her parents come to know about this incident, things might turn ugly and also the issue could be sensationalised by the media, which in turn would affect the reputation of your school.

In this situation, what will you do and why? Explain.

SECTION-II

4. Answer the following questions in not more than 150 words each:

10×4=40

a. Probity and efficiency need not necessarily be mutually exclusive.

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b. "To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage". Discuss the importance of this statement in relation to Public service

c. Discuss why compassion to weaker section is important value for civil servants, especially in a country like India?

d. What do you understand by Impartiality? Why is it one of the most important value for civil servants?

5. Carefully study the case studies and answer the questions that follows**20×2=40**

a. You are the assistant commissioner of Madikeri. A Gram Panchayat Secretary has been assaulted by Gram Panchayat member. The member is an influential figure in the Tehsil and is very close to the local MLA. The Panchayat Secretary is severely injured and is hospitalised. He was assaulted after being caught red handed while taking bribe in the office. The member has the support of villagers and MLA. All these incidences have been brought to your notice by the Block Development Officer. What will you do in this situation?

b. While travelling in a train your friend gives some money to an eight year old girl who is begging for money. An elderly co-passenger comments that it is unethical to give money like that and it would push more children into begging. Another co-passenger, a middle aged lady sympathises with the girl and tells the elderly man that the girl must be an orphan thus needs money for sustenance and she goes on to appreciate your friend for giving the girl money.

Whom will you support in this situation and why.

SECTION-III

6. Answer the following questions in not more than 150 words each:

10×4=40

- a. Explain why it is important for a good leader to be Emotionally intelligent
- b. What do you understand by human values? Indicate 3 values that you consider important for civil servant and highlight their importance.
- c. What are the various ways in which attitude can be changed? Explain any one of them with examples from your own life.
- d. What do you understand by the term aptitude? How is it different from intelligence

7. Carefully study the case studies and answer the questions that follows**20×2=40**

- a. You are the deputy superintendent of a district where illegal mining of sand is rampant. Recently there was an accident between a truck illegally carrying sand and a government passenger bus. Many passengers died on the spot because of the accident. Ever since you assumed power, you are trying to curb this illegal mining of sand. Because of negligence and involvement of police officers at local level, illegal mining is going on in many parts of the district despite your efforts to curb it.

The media and the public are protesting against you after the bus accident. They are saying that you are working hands in glove with the sand Mafia. Even the local media is portraying you as someone intentionally allowing illegal sand mining in the district.

In this situation, what are your options? How will you deal with the above situation?

- b. Once while Gautam Buddha was teaching a group of people, he found himself on the receiving end of a fierce outburst of abuse from a bystander, who was for some reason very angry. Buddha listened patiently while the stranger vented his rage, and then Buddha said to the group and to the stranger, "if someone gives a gift to another person, who then chooses to decline it, tell me, who would then own the gift? The giver or the person who refuses to accept the gift?" "The giver," said the group after a little thought, "any fool can see that," added the angry stranger.
- "Then it follows, does it not," said the Buddha, " whenever a person tries to abuse us, or to unload their anger on us, we can each choose to decline or to accept the abuse, whether to make it ours or not. By our personal response to the abuse from another, we can choose who owns and keeps the bad feelings.
- What attitude is Buddha talking about in the above case? Examine how it will help in our conduct and discharge of duties?