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GENERAL STUDIES
(OPTIONAL)
PAPER - IV
[03]

Time Allowed - Three Hours

Maximum Marks-250

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following Instructions carefully before attempting the paper.

- i) *There are Twelve questions divided into Two sections.*
- ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Marks carried by a Question/Part are indicated against it.*
- iv) *Word limit in questions, wherever specified should be adhered to.*
- v) *Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.*
- vi) *Answer must be written in English in the Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.*

SECTION - A

1. a) The problem of identity is created due to the false ego. Give your answer to this. (150 words) (10)
b) Socrates said, "An unexamined life is not worth living". Do you believe in this theory? Give reasons for it. (150 words) (10)
2. a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in digital method of education. Do you think it is advantageous for the economically weaker sections of the society? (150 words) (10)
b) Gratitude and empathy are two fundamental concepts within ethical theories. The present generation has forgotten this. What are the necessary conditions required to bring it back? (150 words) (10)
3. a) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) represents the humane side of the Corporate sector. Give your views. (150 words) (10)
b) Explain what you mean by environmental justice in general and why it is important. Give at least one example of environmental injustice. (150 words) (10)
4. a) It is said that "Duties are better than rights". Comment. (150 words) (10)
b) Do you agree that a morally strong person spreads positive vibes in the society and guides it in the right direction? (150 words) (10)
5. a) Western Countries preach something and profess something when the issue of environmental ethics is discussed at the global level. Comment. (150 words) (10)
b) The relations between India and Pakistan have descended to all-time low in the recent times. Keeping in view the recent economic crisis in Pakistan, do you think India should be generous enough to bail its neighbour out? (150 words) (10)
6. Discuss the moral of the following statements given below:
a) "The more we come out and do good for others, the more our hearts will be purified and God will be in them." Swami Vivekananda. (150 words) (10)
b) "Our object is the economic freedom of the producing classes; this ultimate goal will be attained after a long and bitter struggle; therefore, our primary task is to organize the masses and lead them in the struggle for economic freedom." (M. N. Roy). (150 words) (10)
c) "Caste, the community will rapidly disappear. We have to speedily forget all these things. Such boundaries hamper our growth". Sardar Vallabhai Patel. (150 words) (10)

SECTION - B

7. You are the manager of the automobile industry. One day one of the workers died on duty. His family was demanding compensation. However, the company denied compensation as it was revealed that he was drunk at the time of the incident. The workers of the industry went on strike demanding compensation for the family of the deceased. The chairperson of the management board has asked for your recommendation.
a) Identify the stakeholders and ethical issues involved.
b) What recommendations would you provide to the management? Discuss. (250 words) (20)

8. Ms. Jones is 93 years old and lives in a Long Term Care residence. She was admitted to the hospital with a fragility hip fracture after being found on the floor in the middle of the night. Ms. Jones has dementia and is unable to make her own decisions. She has limited mobility and previously used a walker. Her two daughters are at her bedside. They state her health has been declining over the last few weeks, with increasing confusion, and she now rarely leaves her room. On admission, the team discovered a pleural effusion, taking up much of her right lung. Her pre-operative assessment also revealed a heart murmur; the resulting echocardiogram demonstrated a heart in very poor condition, with significant valve issues. Between her cardiac and pulmonary function, the surgery poses an increased risk of perioperative complications - she may never survive the surgery or come off of the ventilator once she is intubated. Inter-professional teams (surgery, anaesthesia, nursing) are of differing opinions. The issue at hand is very difficult. The family is informed that the risk of not having surgery will likely result in death, yet in this patient's case, proceeding with surgery carries its own risk. The family is left with an hour to think things over. The stakeholders who are required to proceed through the decision-making process include the patient and family, the surgical team, anaesthesia, nursing staff, social work and potentially the palliative care team and bioethics team.

- a) Identify the stakeholders in this case.
- b) Discuss the ethical issues involved here.
- c) Whether the patient should proceed with surgery or not, given her underlying medical conditions and potential for perioperative complications. (250 words) (20)

9. A big corporate house is engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals on a large scale. It proposes to set up an additional unit. Many states rejected its proposal due to its detrimental effect on the environment. But one state government acceded to the request and permitted the unit close to a city, brushing aside all opposition. The unit was set up 10 years ago and was in full swing till recently. The pollution caused by the industrial effluents was affecting the land, water and crops in the area. It was also causing serious health problems for human beings and animals. This gave rise to a series of agitation thousands of people took part in, creating a law and order problem necessitating stern police action. Following the public outcry, the State government ordered the closure of the factory. The closure of the factory resulted in the unemployment of not only those workers who were engaged in the factory but also those who were working in the ancillary units. It also very badly affected those industries which depended on the chemicals manufactured by it.

- a) Identify the ethical issues involved here.
- b) As a senior officer entrusted with the responsibility of handling this issue, how are you going to address it? (250 words) (20)

10. Dr. X is a leading medical practitioner in the city. He has set up a charitable trust through which he plans to establish a super-specialty hospital in the city to cater to the medical needs of all sections of society. Incidentally, that of the State where the hospital is planned had been neglected over the years. The proposed hospital would be a boon for the region. You are heading the tax investigation agency of that region. During an inspection of the

doctor's clinic, your officers found some major irregularities. A few of them are substantial which had resulted in considerable withholding of tax that should be paid by him now. The doctor is cooperative. He undertakes to pay the tax immediately. However, there are certain other deficiencies in his tax compliance which are purely technical in nature. If these technical defaults are pursued by the agency, considerable time and energy of the doctor will be diverted to issues that are not so serious, urgent, or even helpful to the tax collection process. Further, in all probability, it will hamper the prospects of the hospital coming up. There are two options before you:

- a) Identify the ethical issues involved in the above mentioned case.
- b) Taking a broader view, ensure substantial tax compliance and ignore defaults that are merely technical in nature.
- c) As the head of the tax agency, which course of action will you opt and why?

(250 words) (20)

11. You are the head of a policy think-tank. There is a proposal to cut down more than 20,000 trees to build a residential colony in the capital of the country. The city has one of the highest homeless populations in the country and the settlement will be used for them. This news has generated a lot of public debate. While on the one hand there is the need to expand urban infrastructure in order to meet the demands of the growing population, on the other hand there is the environmental concern. In the last ten years, the city has lost more than half of its green cover and has seen an increased frequency of extreme climatic events. You are asked to deliver a lecture for the policy makers and concerned citizens, in which you have to specifically deal with the following questions:

- a) Why do you think such situations arise in the first place where developmental activities and environmental concerns often come out as antithetical to each other?
- b) What should be the short-term and long-term solutions for tackling such situations?

(250 words) (20)

12. We have known for several years that phthalates and BPA (Bisphenol A) both used in the manufacture of plastics, can leach from a flexible tubing, vinyl flooring, squeezable plastic toys, vinyl gloves, and carbonless register receipts. But recent studies suggest the largest source of phthalate and BPA exposure in humans is through the food supply. Canned food, processed food, meat and dairy products are exposed to BPA and phthalates during processing. It may be that most phthalate and BPA exposure in food occurs in processing and packaging before consumers bring it home. This is concerning because animal studies show that these chemicals function like hormones in our bodies and can lead to problems such as a version of attention deficit disorder, cancer, reproductive health and increased allergies. Federal regulation may be the only way to control contamination of the food supply by phthalates and BPA.

- a) Should we regulate the type of plastic used in food production and storage in India? Why or why not?
- b) Would you be willing to pay more for food if you knew it was safe?

(250 words) (20)