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GENERAL STUDIES
(OPTIONAL)
PAPER - IV
[06]

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) Some people believe that values keep on changing with time and situation, but for others values are universal and eternal. Give your views to justify it. **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) What do you understand by the principles of "Satyam Vada Dharmam Chara"? How can this principle be implemented in public life? **(150 words)** **(10)**
2. a) Discuss how anger and ego, which are harmful to both personal and professional life, lead to negative emotions and undesirable behavior. **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) Do you believe in the Nishkama Karma Yoga doctrine of the Bhagavad Gita that "You have a right to perform your prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to the fruits of your action." **(150 words)** **(10)**
3. a) Give your opinion, with illustrations, on the statement that 'politics' and 'ethics' do not go together. **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) How does ethical responsibility play a role in environmental sustainability? **(150 words)** **(10)**
4. a) What are the benefits and ethical issues of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the banking and finance sector? What ethical questions you must ask when you build your AI? **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) Digital detoxification will increase creativity and a sense of responsibility. Comment. **(150 words)** **(10)**
5. a) What are the major ethical issues that a business faces today? What is more important- profit making or accountability, honesty, transparency, and respect for the rule of law? Give a detailed justification. **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) What is agricultural ethics and why does it matter? What are the five biggest ethical issues facing the agricultural industry? **(150 words)** **(10)**
6. Discuss the moral of the following statements given below:
a) "The issue of national unity and indivisibility are central to our existence. We will not leave any stone unturned in achieving this goal." Deendayal Upadhyaya. **(150 words)** **(10)**
b) "The spiritual life, the religious life, and the ordinary human life of which morality is a part are three quite different things and one must know which one desires and not confuse the three together. ..." Sri Aurobindo. **(150 words)** **(10)**
c) "The moment I have realized God sitting in the temple of every human body, the moment I stand in reverence before every human being and see God in him - that moment I am free from bondage, everything that binds vanishes, and I am free." Swami Vivekananda. **(150 words)** **(10)**

SECTION-B

7. A manufacturing company provides jobs for many people in a small town where it is difficult for people to get a job. The company decided to stay in the town even though it could find workers who could take less payment elsewhere. The workers are loyal to the company due to the jobs it provides. Over the years, the company has developed a reputation in the town for taking care of its employees and providing them facilities required by the workers. The manufacturing process used by the company produces a by-product that for years has flown into the town river. The by-product has been considered harmless but some people who live near the river have reported illnesses. The by-product does not currently violate any anti-pollution laws.

- a) Identify the stakeholders and ethical issues involved.
- b) What options does the company have, and what should it do and why?(250 words)

(20)

8. Rajendra was recently posted in a village as a District Development Officer. He quickly became aware of growing tension in the rural areas of the district regarding the education of girls. The village elders expressed concerns that educating girls was leading to various issues, as they believed that girls stepping out of the household environment was problematic. They advocated for the swift marriage of girls with minimal education to maintain traditional norms. Besides, the elders argued that girls entering traditionally male-dominated job sectors were leading to unemployment among the male population. On the other hand, the younger generation emphasized the importance of equal opportunities for education and employment for girls in the contemporary era. This divide between generations and sexes has led to several debates in local bodies, panchayats, and busy crossroads.

Recently, Rajendra received information about an unpleasant incident in which some girls were molested while en route to school. This incident resulted in clashes between various groups and thereby creating a significant law and order problem. Following heated discussions, the village elders collectively decided to prohibit girls from attending school and declared a social boycott against families that did not adhere to their directives.

- a) Discuss the ethical issues involved here.
- b) Identify the stakeholders in this case.
- c) What steps would you take to ensure girls' safety without disrupting their education?

(250 words)

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9. Imagine a scenario at a famous urban hospital where Dr. Shabnam, a respected and experienced physician, is faced with a challenging ethical dilemma. She has been treating a high-profile patient, and a well-known public figure suffering from a rare medical condition. This patient's health status has attracted a lot of media attention, leading to speculation and rumours about the diagnosis.

While Dr. Shabnam is committed to keep the patient's details confidential, she is under immense pressure from the media, colleagues, and even hospital administrators to disclose information about the patient's health condition. The hospital has been receiving requests for updates from journalists and the public, raising questions about the balance between the patient's right to privacy and the public's right to know.

- a) Discuss the ethical issues and stakeholders involved in this case.
- b) How should Dr. Shabnam overcome the ethical dilemma surrounding patient confidentiality and public disclosure in a high-profile medical case?(250 words)

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10. The number of rural residents moving to towns and cities in India is rapidly rising. Serious issues have been raised by this in both urban and rural regions. In actuality, things are getting out of control. Educated youth are trying to shift to urban areas. Landless poor people are migrating to urban slums. Even some farmers are selling off the land and trying to settle in urban areas taking petty jobs.

- a) Identify the stakeholders and ethical issues involved in this case.
- b) Could you identify the emotional, behavioural, and socioeconomic variables contributing to it after conducting a thorough analysis of this issue?
- c) Suggest measures to control this serious problem in our country?(250 words) (20)

11. Suppose you are a CEO of a major Research & Development pharmaceutical company. A scientist working in your company finds that one of the company's bestselling veterinary drugs has the potential to cure a currently incurable liver disease which is prevalent in tribal areas. However, developing a variant of the drug suitable for human beings entailed a lot of research and huge investment. It was unlikely that your company would recover the cost as the disease was rampant only in poverty-stricken areas where people do not have much purchasing power.

- a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in this case and explain under these circumstances, what will you do as the CEO?
- b) Identify the various actions that you could take.(250 words) (20)

12. Detective James is leading an investigation into a human trafficking ring in a busy city. The criminals exploit vulnerable individuals through forced labour and exploitation. After digging deeper, Detective James faces a tough ethical decision: how to swiftly bring the traffickers to justice without putting the victims at risk.

Detective Reyna has key information that could dismantle the trafficking ring quickly. But doing so might harm the victims. The dilemma revolves around balancing the urgency to catch the criminals with ensuring the safety and well-being of those being exploited.

- a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in this case.
- b) In the context of combating human trafficking, what ethical considerations should law enforcement, represented by James, prioritize when making decisions? (250 words) (20)