

INSIGHT GS MAINS TEST SERIES

GENERAL STUDIES

TEST - 5

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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

There are **FOURTEEN** questions printed in **ENGLISH**. All the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answer questions in NOT MORE than word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length.

SECTION A

1. "Many civilizations collapsed and many nations failed because they did not have the vision at the right time." Elaborate the role of the following in nation development: (150 words) **10**
 - (a) An Individual Citizen.
 - (b) An Administrator.
 - (c) Leadership in political, economic and social sphere.
2. Differentiate the following: (200 words) **10**
 - (a) Ethics and Morals.
 - (b) Bureaucratic Attitude and Political Attitude.
 - (c) Personal Values and Professional Values.
 - (d) Personal Influence and Social Influence.
3. (a) Explain how ethics contribute for social justice in a society? (150 words) **10**
(b) What is meant by 'Bio-ethics'? Discuss any one issue from the viewpoint of bioethics. (150 words) **10**
4. (a) Write about any one personality from the 21st century who has considerable influence on you. What are the values you have learnt and to what extent those values have been implemented in your life? Give personal examples. (150 words) **10**

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- (b) “It is not the absence of values that is bedeviling India. It is the prevalence of values within restricted social groups and not across social groups that is resulting in negative externalities such as nepotism, corruption, criminalisation of politics and dynastic politics.” Comment on the reasons for prevalence of such values, attitudes, tendencies and behaviour in India and also suggest remedies. (150 words) **10**
5. Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these - bring out what it means to you in the present context.
- (a) “The greatness of a nation is judged by the way it treats its animals”. (150 words) **10**
- (b) “Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.” (150 words) **10**
6. (a) “Leadership is not domination, but the art of persuading people to work towards a common goal”. In this context, explain the importance of emotional intelligence in making a great leader.(150 words) **10**
- (b) How does compassion of a public servant help in the implementation of welfare programmes for the poor and needy? (150 words) **10**
7. (a) Do you think it is possible for a civil servant to be absolutely non - partisan while regularly working alongside politicians? Is it desirable? What happens when a civil servant get partisan? (150 words) **10**
- (b) Do you think that existence of the pervasive negative political attitude toward the political parties and politicians is having serious negative consequences? (150 words) **10**
8. “Psychological arousal of the masses to sudden stimulus such as public causes like corruption, violence against women, etc. have something related to social and political attitudes of masses.”
- In the light of the above statement, explain the attitudinal basis with regard to Patel reservation, Jat reservation, Telangana issues, RTI related aspects and Nirbhaya case. (150 words) **10**

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SECTION B

9. In Delhi, a politician who is a Member of Parliament and part of ruling coalition, had assaulted an 'Air India' duty manager for not providing a business class seat in an all-economy flight. The MP hit the staff with his sandals, broke his spectacles and even tried to throw him off the aircraft. After the incident, Air India duty manager had filed a complaint with the Delhi police. Based on it, the police registered an FIR under Sections 308 and 355 of the IPC, amounting to attempt to commit culpable homicide and using criminal force with intent to dishonour a person respectively.

You are the Director of civil aviation and you are being pressurized by the political class and your higher ups ordered you to downplay the incident and ignore the issue. However, employees are demanding strict action to be taken on errant MP and issued a warning of all out strike. You being an honest and upright officer knew fully well that not taking any action against the MP will demotivate the employees and instigate them to go on a strike which will not only disrupt the services, it may also bring a bad reputation to your organization.

(a) What are the values the MP missed to practice in his behavior with the airline staff? What according to you are the ideal/expected values that are to be shown by a politician?

(b) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by you?

(c) What is your likely course of action? (250 words)

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10. A young woman was stalked by a powerful politician son along with his friend in Chandigarh. After filing a case two men were arrested but released soon after the arrest. The police have been facing flak for not invoking Sections 365 (kidnapping) and 511 (attempt to commit offences punishable with imprisonment) of the IPC. Meanwhile, Members of the All India Democratic Women's Association led a march against the police for allegedly diluting the charges against the two accused.

Victim is a daughter of an IAS officer while the accused are from a powerful political family. Some politicians who supported the accused started shaming the victim on the social media by using her old photos and questioning her lifestyle and questioned why the victim was out so late at night!

You are working as a senior Superintendent of Police in Chandigarh. You are under a lot of pressure from the public to arrest the suspects even though the evidence of the act is sketchy. Moreover a social media campaign has gained traction which is maligning you and casting aspersions on you and your subordinates integrity.

(a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the above case.

(b) What are the options available to you?

(c) Evaluate each of these options and choose the option which you would adopt, giving reasons. (250 words)

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11. Raj is a smart and educated boy from a rich upper class urban family. He is earning well and his family wants him to get married. His parents are in favour of an arranged marriage and are expecting a huge dowry. In fact they gave dowry in their daughter's marriage and considered it to be part of their culture and social norms. Raj has no problem with arranged marriage but he is strictly against dowry in the marriage. He loves his parents very much, but accepting dowry is against his virtues.

(a) Analyse the situation in the context of contrasting emotions being faced by Raj.

(b) How can Raj use his Emotional Intelligence to convince his parents so that behavioural changes can be made against dowry? (250 words)

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12. You are the sarpanch of a village in Haryana. A boy from lower caste and a girl from upper caste belonging to your village eloped and got married legally. Knowing this, both the families were at crossroads on the issue.

After marriage, the couple came to the village and met you before meeting their family members. On account of your stature in the village and the fact that you belong to the caste of the girl, they requested you to convince their family members. The village has witnessed many caste conflicts and honour killings in the past on account of such incidents. You know that the matter may aggravate caste related tensions.

What are the possible courses of action available to you? Arrive at the best possible step. (250 words)

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13. You have been posted as the district collector in a district which accounts for many bricks kilns\ due to availability of raw material. Requirement of manpower leads to migration of workers from other states to your district. These workers are hired on contractual basis.

One day, a worker from a brick kiln reaches your office and files a complaint against the owner regarding the non-payment of salaries, very poor working conditions and long hours of physical labour. He also complained that force is used to make them stay against their will. Your district earns large revenue because of these kilns and shortage of manpower always remains a problem for the owners.

Analyse the situation and explain what steps you will take on the complaint and how the rescued worker can be rehabilitated? (250 words)

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14. You are posted as a Deputy Commissioner of a backward district in Madhya Pradesh. In recent years, a farm crisis has hit poor farmers hard and many are even resorting to suicide.

A big protest was organized by farmer groups demanding farm loan wavier. You were officially told by Chief Secretary not to personally meet agitating farmers as there were intelligence inputs about protests turning violent. Instead you were asked to go for a field visit. In the protest, a farmer tries committing suicide in front of your office. Though he was rushed to hospital, he could not be saved. Next day, media and farmers' organisations blamed you for death of the farmer. They accuse you that you did not appear and hear his grievances personally. They are also demanding your suspension.

The minister incharge promised these organisations that the state government would be soon taking action against you.

Following are the options before you. Examine their merits and demerits. Also suggest which course of action you will take apart from those mentioned below:

- Talk to chief secretary and seek leave till the matter gets resolved.
- Submit resignation accepting responsibility for the farmer's death.
- Seek an independent probe for the death of farmer and continue to work in the office ignoring media accusation.
- Address the media explaining your situation and apologise publicly to farmer's family and agitating organizations. (250 words)

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