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## SECTION - A

1. (a) An ethical action is rooted in the temporal and spatial dimensions of societies. Discuss with adequate examples. (150 words) 10

एक नैतिक कार्य समाज के लौकिक और स्थानिक आयामों में निहित होता है। उपयुक्त उदाहरणों के साथ विवेचना कीजिए।

An action is ethical as per the constraints of time and place.

Influence of time/temporal dimensions

(i) A criminal act may become justified with rationality gained over time

e.g. - Decriminalising same-sex couples under Article 377

(ii) Also, socially acceptable customs become criminal acts

e.g. - Ban on sati

(iii) Customs, habits ethically not acceptable become part of society with tolerance e.g. - ban on inter-



Mingling between castes, women in  
earlier societies

### Spatial Dimensions

(i) Respect for elders, taking care of  
them moral in Indian society  
but American elderly live alone

~~(ii) The choice of clothing is~~

(ii) Giving alms to beggars  
compassion in India, but crime  
in countries criminalising begging

(iii) Discharging puja remains in  
rivers holy for some communities,  
but seen as dirtying of rivers  
by many

(iv) US considered ethical to invade  
Vietnam, but action unethical for  
Vietnamese

Cultural relativism helps in respecting  
morality of every society



1. (b) Unstable marriages and families can lead to failures of moral development in children and overall moral decline in the society. Discuss.

(150 words) 10

अस्थिर विवाह और परिवार बच्चों में नैतिक विकास की विफलता और समाज में समग्र नैतिक गिरावट का कारण बन सकते हैं। विवेचना कीजिए।

The role of family in development of children is of paramount importance.

Unstable marriages, families can lead to failures of moral development in children because

(i) Justifies violence, intolerance in their minds

e.g- a child witnessing domestic violence may commit same in future

(ii) Children do not know about morality or their importance

e.g - not aware of compassion

(iii) Constant lickering, nagging



makes him emotionally withdrawn  
which affects his sense of  
perceiving wrong

Such families also lead to overall  
moral decline in society

(i) Their instability over-time  
leads to committing of crime by  
them

(ii) Affects their children's moral  
development who become a  
part of society and spread their  
negativity e.g. - Duryodhan

(iii) Is a bad lesson for their  
neighbours, extended families who  
emulate such behavior

Role of family in moral  
development is profound, hence  
families/parents should be sensitive  
in child upbringing for society's  
benefit



2. (a) An ethical work culture is a prerequisite for sustainable growth of an organization. Discuss and suggest some measures to build an ethical work culture in an organization. (150 words) 10

एक नैतिक कार्य संस्कृति एक संगठन के सतत विकास हेतु एक पूर्वपेक्षा है। विवेचना कीजिए एवं किसी संगठन में नैतिक कार्य संस्कृति के निर्माण के लिए कुछ उपाय सुझाइए।

Ethical work culture implies mutual respect between employees, and upholding of ethical values in organisation's business.

Pre-requisite for sustainable growth

- (i) Employees work for the greater good of the company instead of running after profits
- (ii) Mutual respect, tolerance among employees produces better team work (e.g. - women respecting offices)
- (iii) Company builds its reputation as a provider, employer  
e.g. - TATA



(iv) Company does not have to face investigation, compliances ~~for~~ due to misappropriation, ensuring growth

Measures to build ethical work culture

(i) Adopting a code of conduct

(ii) Senior employees / management should emulate such values in their conduct

(iii) No toleration for unethical work, suitable action should be ensured

(iv) Incentives to honest employees,

(v) Organising interactions between givers, communities

Ethical work culture is necessary for an organisation's success and reputation



2. (b) Crises, humanitarian or economic, often create the perfect storm for corruption to thrive. Discuss with examples. What measures can be taken to mitigate corruption during a crisis? (150 words) 10

मानवीय या आर्थिक, संकट प्रायः भ्रष्टाचार के फलने-फूलने के लिए उचित परिवेश का निर्माण करते हैं। उदाहरण सहित चर्चा कीजिए। संकट के दौरान भ्रष्टाचार को कम करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए जा सकते हैं?

Crises have contributed to rise in corruption in many ways over the years in the country.

Some examples

(i) Regulatory forbearance after 2008 crisis led to higher NPA & in banks from zombie lending (Economic Survey 2021)

(ii) COVID-19 affected people's access to public services, vaccines which led to corruption e.g. - celebrity names in vaccine list of Bihar.



## Measures

- (i) Crisis should not lead to withdrawing regulation
- (ii) Adopting digital ways of discussing benefits
- (iii) Big transactions between corporates, government should be tracked by regulators
- (iv) Lokpal ~~2013~~, CVC to be more active.

Mitigating corruption is necessary, even in a crisis.



3. (a) Discuss the various ethical concerns associated with vaccine passport for international travel. Also, suggest the measures that can be taken to deal with these concerns. (150 words) 10

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय यात्रा के लिए वैक्सीन पासपोर्ट से संबद्ध विभिन्न नैतिक चिंताओं पर चर्चा कीजिए। साथ ही, इन चिंताओं से निपटने के लिए किए जा सकने वाले उपायों का सुझाव दीजिए।

Vaccine passports have become  
common with COVID-19

Ethical concerns

(i) Discriminates on the basis  
of a commodity whose  
accessibility depends on  
governments

(ii) Vaccine administration does  
not ensure complete protection  
in some viruses e.g. - COVID-19

(iii) Discriminates between vaccines  
as individual countries decide  
list of approved vaccines.



(iv) Creates mistrust between governments

### Measures to address

(i) Fair appraisal of vaccines

(2) Emergency trial should be allowed for all

(3) Safeguards like social distancing, masks not to be discarded

Fairness in procedure is essential for vaccine passports to be a success.



3. (b) The edifice of good corporate governance is dependent on the efficacy and effectiveness of independent directors. Discuss. (150 words) 10

उत्तम कॉर्पोरेट शासन का आधार स्वतंत्र निदेशकों की प्रभावकारिता और प्रभावशीलता पर निर्भर है। विवेचना कीजिए।

Corporate governance entails  
decision-making, administration  
in corporates

Edifice depends on independent  
directors as

(1) Ensures no promoter unduly  
benefits

(2) Works for interests of stake-  
holders and not share-holders

(3) Accounts for corruption

(4) Makes the company transparent

(5) Ensures reputation of the  
company is maintained



(6) Address the grievances of  
customers on priority

(7) Ensure compliance with  
government regulations

Corporate governance's efficacy  
is necessary for the nation.



4. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?

निम्नलिखित में से प्रत्येक उद्धरणों का आपके लिए क्या अर्थ है?

(a) "Enlightenment is man's emergence from his self-incurred immaturity."

- Immanuel Kant

(150 words) 10

"प्रबोधन, मनुष्य की अपनी स्वयं की अपरिपक्वता से उभरना है।" - इमैनुएल कांट

Enlightenment means becoming aware of the world, its purpose and our purpose in the world. It truly is a liberation from immaturity.

However, it is us who control this emergence of "enlightenment". We self-impose immaturity upon us preventing its ~~own~~ annihilation. For example - people still throw waste on the road, even if they know it is wrong.

It is our obstinacy, ~~not~~ to avoid evaluating our actions.



We seek convenience and live in our own bubble of self-esteem. Breaking this bubble, introspecting our actions is what leads to enlightenment.

Grandhi may have ~~gotten~~ into meat ~~eating~~ as a child

Grandhi's commitment to non-violence and respect for his traditions made him forego the habit of meat-eating which he acquired under peer pressure. He chose to reflect and attained enlightenment.



4. (b) 'Knowledge gives us power, love gives us fullness.' – Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (150 words) 10

'ज्ञान हमें शक्ति देता है, प्रेम हमें पूर्णता देता है।' - डॉ. सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan highlights the values of knowledge, ~~power~~ and love in an individual's life.

Knowledge gives us power to take right decisions, change the course of the world, ~~take~~ be tolerant towards others, and work for the greater good. Buddha's knowledge of relieving the pain, distress <sup>gained</sup> under Bodhi tree gave him the power to change the world.

However, having knowledge is ~~a~~ not enough. Having love for others, ensures that we use



knowledge for greater good.  
Had Buddha decided not  
to share his knowledge with  
the world, the world would  
be deprived of peace, tolerance,  
compassion.

Love helps us achieve completeness,  
a sense of fulfilment of  
having used our power for  
benefit of others. Hence, knowledge  
under the guidance of love  
can make wonders for the world



5. (a) The issue of marital rape is often ignored due to the belief that marriage is a sacred institution. In this context, discuss whether marital rape should be criminalised. (150 words) 10

वैवाहिक बलात्कार के मुद्दे को प्रायः इस विश्वास के कारण नजरअंदाज कर दिया जाता है कि विवाह एक पवित्र संस्था है। इस संदर्भ में चर्चा कीजिए कि क्या वैवाहिक बलात्कार को अपराध घोषित किया जाना चाहिए।

Marital rape is a crime against the dignity of women. It is ignored due to belief in marriage as sacred.

However, it needs to be criminalised because

- (1) Violates a woman's right to life (Article 21)
- (2) Against consent of women, which is relevant even if married
- (3) Based on patriarchal notion of showing women her place



(4) Affects the women's  
independence, ability to  
speak against injustice

(5) Affects the "sacredness"  
of marriage

Marital rape should be  
banned under appropriate  
laws.



5. (b) Students should be taught the importance of "doing what's right" at a young age. Discuss how the New Education Policy seeks to impart value based education to students of all age groups. (150 words) 10

छात्रों को कम आयु में "जो सही है उसे करने" का महत्व सिखाया जाना चाहिए। चर्चा कीजिए कि नई शिक्षा नीति सभी आयु समूहों के छात्रों में मूल्य आधारित शिक्षा का कैसे समावेश करती है।

New Education Policy 2020  
seeks to impart value based  
education to students of all  
age groups through

- (1) Teaching about lives of  
great men, personalities
- (2) Making moral education  
compulsory at all levels
- (3) Value-based assessment in  
questions
- (4) Aptitude tests to ascertain  
moral values in children
- (5) Encourages teachers to reward



guided conduct by children and  
lead by example.

NEP 2020 can help develop  
virtuous qualities in children -



6. (a) The role of emotional intelligence is crucial for public servants in overcoming adversity. Discuss. (150 words) 10

प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों से बाहर निकलने में लोक सेवकों के लिए भावनात्मक बुद्धिमत्ता की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण है। चर्चा कीजिए।

Emotional intelligence means the ability to perceive, regulate and understand emotions of oneself as well as others

Role crucial for public servants in over-coming adversity

- (i) Self-awareness ensures ~~that~~ that decisions are taken in an unbiased manner and not driven by decisions of others
- (ii) Regulation of emotions aids in not being affected by rigours of job

- (iii) Develops capability to motivate one, others towards action.



(iv) Helps understand other's  
views, incorporate them in  
decision making

(v) Ensures good and responsible  
conduct with fellow employees

Emotional intelligence is  
crucial for a public servant.



6. (b) What are the important learnings from the life and teachings of Sri Adi Shankaracharya that can help public servants in their personal and professional lives. (150 words) 10

श्री आदि शंकराचार्य के जीवन और शिक्षाओं से ऐसी कौन-सी सीख प्राप्त होती हैं, जो लोक सेवकों को उनके व्यक्तिगत और पेशेवर जीवन में सहायता कर सकती हैं।

Sri Adi Shankaracharya led a life full of conduct and integrity

Learnings in personal lines

(i) Preached the gospel of tolerance

e.g - Established maths at different parts of country to unify the country

(ii) Preached foregoing unnecessary rituals and practising Advaitada (Brahma and soul one). One should only focus on deeds to achieve salvation not rituals



## Professional life

- (i) Preached companionship for all which aids in public service
- (ii) Preached justice for all
- (iii) Wanted ~~to~~ people to live a simple life, not engage in luxury spending
- (iv) Led by example to ensure unity of the masses

Teachings of Shankaracharya can help in achieving an ethical life.



6. (c) Citizen's Charters are tools that help conventional organizations develop socially sensitive and ethically oriented professional conduct. Elaborate.

(150 words) 10

नागरिक चार्टर ऐसे साधन हैं जो पारंपरिक संगठनों को सामाजिक रूप से संवेदनशील और नैतिकता से युक्त पेशेवर आचरण विकसित करने में सहायता करते हैं। सविस्तार वर्णन कीजिए।

Citizen charters are tools which specify the services of an organization, rights and liabilities of citizens.

Develop socially sensitive conduct

- (i) Organizations become more sensitive to needs of citizens
- (ii) Citizens made aware of their rights
- (iii) Gives priority to take citizen feedback in conducting the affairs of organization.
- (iv) More responsible behavior by organization



Ethically oriented professional conduct

- (i) Timelines for services announced leading to professionalism
  - (ii) Accountability of organization ensured
  - (iii) Mediums for filing grievances known by the citizens
  - (iv) Ensuring standards for work gives a goal for the ~~per~~ organization to achieve
- Citizen's charters are effective tools for ensuring governance.



**SECTION – B**

In the following questions, carefully study the cases presented and then answer the questions that follow (in around 250 words):

7. You are working as the Head of the Human Resources Department in a consultancy firm ABC Corp. A female employee of the firm comes to you complaining about sexual harassment in the company premise at the hands of the CEO of one of your clients, XYZ Corp., when the latter visited your firm for a client interaction. XYZ Corp. happens to be a major source of revenue for your company. Also, the CEO of XYZ Corp. is considered as a very reputed professional and is highly regarded by the senior management of your firm. In the past, you have witnessed members of your senior management praise the professional and no-nonsense attitude of the CEO of XYZ Corp. However, the female employee, who has approached you, is also sure that the CEO knowingly misbehaved with her. In light of the situation:

(a) Discuss the issues involved in this case.

(b) What are the options available to you and what course of action would you take? Give logical arguments to support your answer. **(20)**

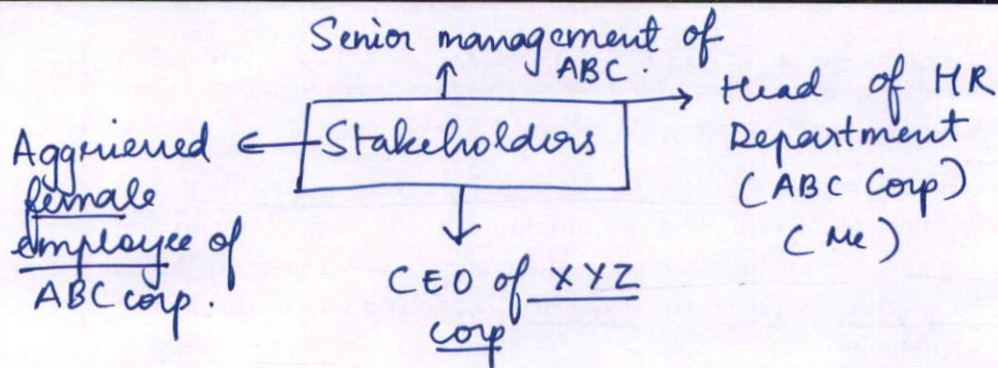
आप एक कंसल्टेंसी फर्म ABC Corp. में मानव संसाधन विभाग के प्रमुख के रूप में कार्यरत हैं। फर्म की एक महिला कर्मचारी यौन उत्पीड़न की शिकायत करने के लिए आपके पास आती है। यह शिकायत आपके एक क्लाइंट, XYZ Corp. के CEO के विरुद्ध है, जब उसने कंपनी के परिसर में ग्राहक वार्ता के लिए आपकी फर्म का दौरा किया था। XYZ Corp. आपकी कंपनी के लिए राजस्व का एक प्रमुख स्रोत है। साथ ही, XYZ Corp. के CEO को एक बहुत ही प्रतिष्ठित पेशेवर माना जाता है और आपकी फर्म के वरिष्ठ प्रबंधन द्वारा अत्यधिक सम्मानित किया जाता है। अतीत में, आपने देखा है कि आपके वरिष्ठ प्रबंधन के सदस्यों ने XYZ Corp. के CEO के पेशेवर और व्यावहारिक दृष्टिकोण की प्रशंसा की है। हालांकि, महिला कर्मचारी, जिसने आपसे संपर्क किया है, वह भी सुनिश्चित है कि CEO ने जानबूझकर उसके साथ दुर्व्यवहार किया है। इस स्थिति के आलोक में:

(a) इस प्रकरण में शामिल मुद्दों पर चर्चा कीजिए।

(b) आपके पास कौन-से विकल्प उपलब्ध हैं और आप क्या कार्रवाई करेंगे? अपने उत्तर के समर्थन में उचित तर्क दीजिए।

Sexual harassment at workplace is  
a major issue hindering the progress  
of women





(A)  
Issues involved in the above case are

(1) Sexual harassment, if happened, against the dignity of ~~women~~ the female employee

(2) Company's profits are at risk if action against CEO of XYZ corp taken

(3) Harassment at workplace violated company's mandate to ensure a safe workplace

(4) Dilemma between views of senior management regarding CEO and the female employee's complaint



(B) Options available to me in this scenario are

① - Ignore the complaint as senior management praised XYZ's CEO's professional behavior

Merits	Demerits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Company's <u>revenues</u> saved</li> <li>* In consonance with senior management's <u>views</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Against dignity of <u>female</u> employee</li> <li>* Against my <u>duty</u> as an HR to <u>solve</u> employee's <u>grievances</u></li> <li>* <u>Ignoring</u> a <u>crime</u></li> </ul>

② - File a complaint with the local police

Merits	Demerits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Step to justice for the <u>female</u> <u>employee</u></li> <li>* Fulfilling my <u>duty</u> as HR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Complaint <u>not</u> <u>verified</u></li> <li>* Hurts company's <u>monetary</u> <u>interests</u>, <u>reputation</u></li> <li>* Senior management may not like it</li> </ul>



③ - Take a note of the complaint and order an internal investigation

Merits	Demerits
* Female employee's <u>concerns</u> acknowledged	* May take a <u>long time</u>
* <u>Verification</u> of <u>complaint</u> assured	* Affects <u>business</u> with XYZ

I would choose option ③ while also ensuring that

① An Internal Complaints Committee under Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace is constituted to look into allegations.

② Identity of the victim is protected, not revealed to firm's senior management or XYZ CEO

③ If allegations prove to be true, inform the senior management and ask them to take forward the



complaint to the local police, on paper. If there is hesitancy on their part, I will approach the relevant government authorities.

Reasons for taking such actions are

- ① Verification of complaints are necessary to ensure justice for both the victim and accused
- ② Law mandates creation of an ICC
- ③ Protection of victim's identity necessary to prevent undue concern
- ④ Senior management should be informed as are the face of the company. However company's profits are much below in priority to ensure dignity of employees.  
Justice Verma committee's recommendation should be fully incorporated to strengthen the existing law.



8. Records show that there have been numerous cases of custodial deaths in the last 20 years in India. Very few policeman have been convicted so far in such cases. Recently, you come across the case of custodial death of a youth in one of the backward districts of the country. It has been reported that the youth was detained on frivolous grounds of kidnapping a girl from another community. As a young graduate student, preparing for the civil services examination conducted by the UPSC, answer the following:

(a) Why is there a frequent violation of the code of conduct and abuse of authority by law enforcement officers at various levels in India?

(b) Is the use of violence and show of 'quick justice' by the policemen increasingly becoming acceptable by the society? Justify your stand with relevant arguments.

(c) What can be done to comprehensively deal with the issue of torture and custodial deaths in India? (20)

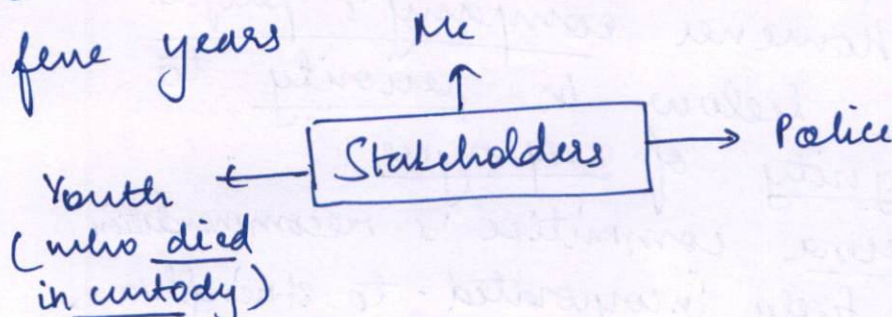
रिकॉर्ड बताते हैं कि भारत में पिछले 20 वर्षों में हिरासत में मौत के कई मामले सामने आए हैं। ऐसे मामलों में अब तक बहुत कम पुलिसकर्मियों को दोषी ठहराया गया है। हाल ही में, देश के पिछड़े जिलों में से एक में एक युवक की हिरासत में मौत का मामला आपके सामने आया है। बताया गया है कि युवक को दूसरे समुदाय की लड़की का अपहरण करने के आरोप में हिरासत में लिया गया था। एक युवा स्नातक और UPSC द्वारा आयोजित की जाने वाली सिविल सेवा परीक्षा की तैयारी करने वाले एक छात्र के रूप में, निम्नलिखित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए:

(a) भारत में विभिन्न स्तरों पर विधि प्रवर्तन अधिकारियों द्वारा आचार संहिता का निरंतर उल्लंघन और प्राधिकार का दुरुपयोग क्यों किया जाता है?

(b) क्या पुलिसकर्मियों द्वारा हिंसा का प्रयोग और 'त्वरित न्याय' का प्रदर्शन समाज द्वारा अधिकाधिक रूप से स्वीकार्य होता जा रहा है? प्रासंगिक तर्कों के साथ अपने मत की पुष्टि कीजिए।

(c) भारत में यातना और हिरासत में होने वाली मृत्यु के मुद्दे से व्यापक रूप से निपटने के लिए क्या किया जा सकता है?

NCRB has reported more than 3000 custodial deaths in the last few years





(A) Reasons for frequent violation of code of conduct and abuse of authority by law enforcement officers

- (1) Lack of awareness, training in the code of conduct by officers
- (2) Over-work causes frustration in the officers
- (3) Need to uphold the "machoist" and "paternalistic" attitude of police force to ensure order
- (4) Delays in the judicial system frustrates an officer who himself himself becomes a justice-giver
- (5) Lack of an accountability framework for police

(B) The use of violence and quick justice is becoming acceptable to



the society because

(i) Reinforces their belief in justice  
in a country plagued with  
judicial delays

(Economic Survey - 3.5 crore cases  
2017-18 at lower courts,  
high courts)

(ii) Films, advertisements portray a  
"heroic" police force, such actions  
are in conformation with people's  
expectations

(iii) Rising polarisation on account  
of social media has eroded  
values of tolerance, compassion in  
people

(iv) People see this as a deterrent  
to rising crimes in the country

~~(v)~~



(c) I would suggest the following measures to ensure reduction and elimination of custodial torture in country

(1) All states should constitute a District Police Complaints Committee as per Prakash Singh vs. Union of India to hear complaints against police high-handedness.

(2) NHRC should be given broader powers to investigate custodial deaths

(3) More technological methods of investigation - DNA Analysis, narco-tests with proper procedures should be adopted to reduce police-accused contact

(4) Train police in professional



behavior, ensure a counsellor  
for them to lessen the burden  
of over-work.

(5) NHRC's recommendation to  
ensure CCTV monitoring of under-  
trials and convicts should be  
adopted

(6) Strengthening judicial infrastructure  
for faster dispute resolution  
through e-courts

Recently constituted Ranbir Singh  
Committee to suggest overhaul  
of the criminal justice system  
should also work for police reforms.



9. A prominent stand-up comedian from your country has recently delivered a performance at an event in another country. Owing to the fame and hype associated with this event, the performance has been broadcast across the globe to millions of viewers. In the performance, the comedian brings up the dichotomy and paradoxes associated with the society and culture of your country. He brings up issues like status of women, violence against women, caste, politics etc. in his monologue. The performance touches upon such sensitive issues that it has polarised the audience. A vast section of people are affected by this and have organized huge demonstrations and have appealed the government to direct the broadcasting platform to remove this content from their platform. They are also pushing the government to take action against the comedian. An FIR too has been filed against him. On the other hand, there is also a significant outpour of support for the comedian.

(a) What are the core ethical issues arising from this case?

(b) The recent spate of FIRs against show creators, artists etc. highlight the need of regulation of content that is circulated online. Should such a step be taken by the government? Substantiate with reasons. (20)

आपके देश के एक प्रमुख स्टैंड-अप कॉमेडियन ने हाल ही में किसी अन्य देश में एक कार्यक्रम में प्रस्तुति (परफॉर्मेंस) दी है। इस आयोजन से जुड़ी प्रसिद्धि और प्रचार के कारण, उसके परफॉर्मेंस को विश्व भर में लाखों दर्शकों के लिए प्रसारित किया गया। उक्त परफॉर्मेंस में, कॉमेडियन आपके देश के समाज और संस्कृति से संबंधित द्वंद्व और विरोधाभासों को प्रकट करता है। वह अपने भाषण में महिलाओं की स्थिति, महिलाओं के विरुद्ध हिंसा, जाति, राजनीति आदि जैसे मुद्दों को उठाता है। परफॉर्मेंस में ऐसे संवेदनशील मुद्दों को उठाया गया है जिन्होंने दर्शकों का ध्रुवीकरण कर दिया है। लोगों का एक बड़ा वर्ग इससे प्रभावित हुआ है और उन्होंने अनेक बड़े विरोध-प्रदर्शनों को आयोजित करते हुए सरकार से अपील की है कि वह प्रसारण मंच को इस सामग्री को अपने मंच से हटाने का निर्देश दे। वे कॉमेडियन के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई के लिए भी सरकार पर दबाव बना रहे हैं। उसके विरुद्ध FIR भी दर्ज कराई गई है। दूसरी ओर, एक बड़ा भाग कॉमेडियन का समर्थन भी कर रहा है।

(a) इस प्रकरण से उत्पन्न होने वाले प्रमुख नैतिक मुद्दे क्या हैं?

(b) शो के निर्माताओं, कलाकारों आदि के विरुद्ध हाल ही में दर्ज हुए FIRs, ऑनलाइन प्रसारित होने वाली सामग्री के नियमन की आवश्यकता को रेखांकित करते हैं। क्या सरकार को ऐसा कदम उठाना चाहिए? उचित तर्क से पुष्टि कीजिए।

*between*  
The ~~is~~ dichotomy of freedom  
of speech and expression and  
hate speech regulation is a tricky  
situation.



(A) Core ethical issues in the case are

(1) Demonstrations to ban content against comedian's right to freedom of speech, practice his livelihood (Article 19)

(2) Comedian's content may have affected / been insensitive to people's beliefs, customs

(3) Should government regulate online content, censor creative content or preserve the creative freedom of performers

(B) The incidents have highlighted the need for regulating the content, circulated online because



- ① Freedom of expression is not unlimited as per the Constitution, it is subject to limits of morning public order, morality  
e.g. - Terrorism promoting content should be banned
- ② Other forms of media-print, television have a system of regulation e.g. - Press Council of India
- ③ Unregulated speech can incite riots, cause violence, hurt the sensitivities of some communities
- ④ Sometimes creative freedom is violated ~~to info~~ by the artist to impose his/her views as truth
- ⑤ Content available publicly can polarise people, most of whom believe things without verification



· This also creates misinformation  
e.g.- Palghar lynching of sadhus  
on fake Whatsapp messages over  
child stealing

⑥ Also hinders child pornography, piracy  
However, it is also incumbent  
on government to ensure that  
regulation does not lead to  
suppression of creative freedom.  
For this, it can

① Set up an independent  
committee with representation  
from judiciary, online content  
creator to regulate content

② Ensure gradation of content  
as per ages to protect children,  
certification system like movies

③ Regulate piracy through



specialised branch of criminal  
investigation.

The recent move to bring OTT  
content under regulation through  
Digital Media Ethics Rule is a  
good step in this direction



10. You are a District Magistrate posted in a backward district of the country. You are responsible for getting an Atal Residential School built on the village land in your district. The contract for the construction of the school has been assigned to a popular local leader's son. This land is presently occupied by tribal communities but they cannot produce any ownership records. They claim that they have resided on the land for generations. They also allege that the administration is pressurising them to vacate their land to build the school and have assured that they will be relocated elsewhere. However, they are hesitant to do so as it will uproot them from their homes and will affect their livelihood. One of the prominent tribal leaders has highlighted this issue and it has caught the attention of the mainstream media. In the light of the situation, answer the following:

- (a) Identify the stakeholders involved in the case and their respective interests.
- (b) Discuss the various ethical concerns in the given case.
- (c) What are the options available to you and which of these options you will choose? Justify. (20)

आप देश के एक पिछड़े जिले में पदस्थापित जिलाधिकारी हैं। आपको अपने जिले में गांव की भूमि पर अटल आवासीय विद्यालय बनवाने की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है। विद्यालय के निर्माण का ठेका एक लोकप्रिय स्थानीय नेता के बेटे को सौंपा गया है। इस भूमि पर वर्तमान में आदिवासी समुदायों का कब्जा है लेकिन वे कोई स्वामित्व रिकॉर्ड उपलब्ध नहीं करा सकते हैं। उनका दावा है कि वे पीढ़ियों से इस भूमि पर निवास कर रहे हैं। उनका यह भी आरोप है कि प्रशासन उन पर विद्यालय के निर्माण हेतु अपनी भूमि से हटने का दबाव बना रहा है और उन्हें कहीं अन्यत्र स्थानांतरित करने का आश्वासन दिया गया है। हालांकि, वे ऐसा करने में अनिच्छुक हैं क्योंकि यह उन्हें उनके घरों से निकाल देगा और उनकी आजीविका को भी प्रभावित करेगा। प्रमुख आदिवासी नेताओं में से एक ने इस मुद्दे को उजागर किया है और इसने मुख्यधारा की मीडिया का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है। इस स्थिति के आलोक में, निम्नलिखित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए:

- (a) इस प्रकरण में शामिल हितधारकों और उनके संबंधित हितों की पहचान कीजिए।
- (b) प्रदत्त प्रकरण में विभिन्न नैतिक चिंताओं की विवेचना कीजिए।
- (c) आपके पास कौन-से विकल्प उपलब्ध हैं और आप इनमें से किस विकल्प का चयन करेंगे? औचित्य सिद्ध कीजिए।

(a) Land alienation is a major issue resulting in indebtedness for the tribal society

→ Stakeholders



Stakeholders in the case are Interests

(1) <u>Local leader's son</u>	Wants to <u>construct</u> <u>the</u> school as <u>per</u> <u>contract</u> on a <u>tribal</u> <u>land</u>
(2) <u>Tribals</u>	Want to <u>protect</u> their <u>homes</u> , <u>livelihood</u> by <u>preserving</u> their <u>land</u>
(3) <u>District Magistrate (Me)</u>	Wants to <u>ensure</u> <u>justice</u> for all

(B) Ethical concerns in the case are as follows

- (1) Uprooting the tribals from their land, livelihood, homes against their right to life (Article 21), safeguards under Article 19
- (2) Land ownership record not available with tribals, granting them land without papers unlawful
- (3) School for education of children



is necessary

(4) Pressure by administration amounts to co-ercion of tribals

(5) Prominence of the issue in media may affect my neutrality in decision-making

(c) Options available to me are

① → Ask tribals to vacate the land, or occupy the land as they have no records.

Merits	Demerits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* In consonance with <u>law</u></li> <li>* Ensures <u>school</u> will be built</li> <li>* Local leader happy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <del>Expecting</del> <u>poor</u> tribals to have</li> <li>* Against <u>tribals'</u> <u>dignity</u></li> <li>* Against <u>public</u> <u>service</u></li> </ul>

② → Withdraw the contract, ensuring protecting to tribals



Merits

- \* Tribal's livelihood  
homes protected
- \* Media happy

Demerits

- \* School not built
- \* Local leader may  
co-erce
- \* Failure of  
responsibility to  
build an ARCS school

Option 3 - Put project on hold,  
order an investigation to  
determine tribal claims

Merits

- \* Chance for  
tribals to have  
justice

Demerits

- \* School project  
delayed
- \* Local leader may  
not like it

I will choose Option 3 ~~best~~ and  
also ensure that

① If investigation upholds tribal  
claims, I will look for another  
suitable land for school project.

The local leader's son can carey



the construction in the new land if his credentials are verified.

Reasons for adopting such an approach would be

(1) Expecting tribals to have land records ~~is~~ over generations would be an over-reach. A ~~is~~ compassionate, tolerant attitude towards them is needed

(2) School project over an illegally occupied land would be wrong

(3) Actions of administrators should not be affected by political bias. However, working with local leaders for public welfare is not wrong.

Tribal rights over land should be protected as per Santhanam Judgement (1997)



11. Across the world, there is often a taxing demand on correct manners, etiquettes and moral responsibility by celebrities and public figures and there is huge public outrage if they act carelessly. Even for small mistakes, public figures have to apologise, or take an early retirement out of shame. This is often aggravated by the media, which relentlessly reports on the issue and the public who enjoy the voyeurism offered by entertainment – footage of star cars being chased, leaked WhatsApp chats etc. Further, there is hardly any unbiased and civil debate when it comes to celebrities and their social responsibilities. In most cases, the argument does not even centre around the actual issue and gets subsumed by overarching subplots. Messy trolling, often misdirected, is a common feature in all. Even serious issues like suicide and drug use are reduced to parenting problems and witch-hunt is often seen. In this context:

(a) Is there any difference between a public figure and private person when it comes to privacy? Should public figures also have some reasonable amount of privacy?

(b) Do you think it is fair to expect role models, such as celebrities and public figures, to act more responsibly as compared to ordinary citizens?

(c) Discuss the importance of responsible journalism in this context.

(20)

विश्व भर में, प्रसिद्ध व्यक्तियों और सार्वजनिक हस्तियों के लिए प्रायः उचित आचरण, शिष्टाचार और नैतिक जिम्मेदारियों के निर्धारण की मांग की जाती है और यदि वे लापरवाही भरा व्यवहार करते हैं तो व्यापक स्तर पर जन आक्रोश उत्पन्न होता है। छोटी-छोटी गलतियों के लिए भी, सार्वजनिक हस्तियों को माफी मांगनी पड़ती है, या शर्म के कारण से समय-पूर्व सेवानिवृत्ति लेनी पड़ती है। मीडिया, जो इस मुद्दे को लगातार रिपोर्ट करता है और जनता, जो मनोरंजन द्वारा पेश की जाने वाली दृश्यता- अभिनेताओं की कारों का पीछा करने, व्हाट्सएप चैट लीक करने आदि के फुटेज का आनंद लेती है, उनके द्वारा इसे और अधिक बढ़ावा दिया जाता है। इसके अतिरिक्त, जब प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों और उनकी सामाजिक जिम्मेदारियों की बात आती है तो शायद ही कोई निष्पक्ष और नागरिक बहस होती है। अधिकांश मामलों में, तर्क वास्तविक मुद्दे के इर्द-गिर्द भी केंद्रित नहीं होता है और सबप्लॉट्स को व्यापक करके समाहित हो जाता है। अभद्र ट्रोलिंग, जिसे अक्सर गलत दिशा में निर्देशित किया जाता है, सभी मुद्दों में एक सामान्य विशेषता है। यहां तक कि आत्महत्या और नशीली दवाओं के उपयोग जैसे गंभीर मुद्दों को भी पालन-पोषण की समस्याओं के रूप में घोषित कर दिया जाता है और अक्सर समाज के असमाजिक तत्वों के विरुद्ध अभियान उत्पन्न होता है। इस संदर्भ में:

(a) जब गोपनीयता की बात आती है तो क्या सार्वजनिक व्यक्ति और निजी व्यक्ति के बीच कोई अंतर होता है? क्या सार्वजनिक हस्तियों को भी उचित मात्रा में गोपनीयता रखनी चाहिए?

(b) क्या आपको लगता है कि आम नागरिकों की तुलना में प्रसिद्ध व्यक्तियों और सार्वजनिक हस्तियों जैसे रोल मॉडल से अधिक जिम्मेदारी से कार्य करने की अपेक्षा करना उचित है?

(c) इस संदर्भ में जिम्मेदार पत्रकारिता के महत्व पर चर्चा कीजिए।



(A) The privacy of a public person becomes different from a private person because

(i) Activities of public persons are tracked, scrutinised in public domain through photographs, videos or even social media

(ii) Being a public person with ability to influence a large segment comes with responsibility

However, public persons are entitled to privacy because

(i) Public life is different and unconcerned with <sup>their</sup> private lives as fathers, mothers, friends etc

(ii) Constitution does not discriminate between a public/private person



Under Article 21

(B) Role models are expected to act responsibly because

(i) Their actions can influence mass action

e.g- cigarette smoking advertisement by ~~celebrate~~ celebrities may lead youth to glorify it

(ii) Actions are available in public domain, so more subject to scrutiny

(iii) Their good conduct preaches good values in the society

However, it is not always fair to assume rightful conduct from them because

(i) They are humans like us, prone to error in judgement



(ii) Assuming public service role should not invite ~~is~~ undue violations of their privacy by media, public

(iii) Their right to life needs to be protected

(c) Responsible journalism entails sensitive reporting of issues by media

Importance of responsible journalism to ensure privacy of public authorities

(i) Protects their private acts from eyes of media  
e.g- Filming their children,  
spouse among



- (ii) • Ensures law takes its own  
care by not compromising  
investigations by leaking proofs
  - (iii) Prevents polarisation of people  
through flashy, dividing content  
on public figures
  - (iv) Sensitises people on respecting  
privacy of celebrities
- Responsible journalism is essential  
to ensure impartiality of media.



12. You are the Municipal Commissioner of a large city, which has witnessed unprecedented increase in biomedical waste. Recently, 15 sanitation workers lost their lives and close to 100 have been seriously infected owing to this increase in waste. Apart from biomedical waste, the city is also facing a major problem in management of household waste. There is a view that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problems of the waste management sector. Despite the fact that the government has notified rules regarding disposal, collection and treatment of waste and has initiated numerous awareness campaigns in the past, still, the problem does not seem to be getting under control. In view of this, answer the following questions:

(a) Identify the stakeholders and the significance of their involvement in addressing the issue.

(b) In your opinion, what are the reasons behind apathy of people towards issues like waste disposal that affect the larger interests of the society?

(c) As the Municipal Commissioner, suggest some practical techniques to bring about an attitudinal change among residents of the city towards this issue. (20)

आप एक बड़े शहर के नगर आयुक्त हैं, जिसके जैव चिकित्सा अपशिष्ट में अभूतपूर्व वृद्धि हुई है। हाल ही में, 15 सफाई कर्मचारियों की मृत्यु हो गई और अपशिष्ट में इस वृद्धि के कारण लगभग 100 कर्मचारी गंभीर रूप से संक्रमित हो गए हैं। जैव चिकित्सा अपशिष्ट के अतिरिक्त शहर को घरेलू अपशिष्ट के प्रबंधन में भी बड़ी समस्या का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। एक विचार है कि कोविड-19 महामारी ने अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन क्षेत्र की समस्याओं को बढ़ा दिया है। इस तथ्य के बावजूद कि सरकार ने अपशिष्ट के निपटान, संग्रह और उपचार के संबंध में नियमों को अधिसूचित किया है तथा अतीत में कई जागरूकता अभियान शुरू किए हैं, फिर भी समस्या पर नियंत्रण नहीं किया जा सका है। इसके आलोक में निम्नलिखित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दीजिए:

(a) इस प्रकरण में शामिल हितधारकों और इस मुद्दे को हल करने में उनकी भागीदारी के महत्व की पहचान कीजिए।

(b) आपके विचार में, अपशिष्ट निपटान जैसे मुद्दों के प्रति लोगों की उदासीनता के पीछे क्या कारण हैं जो समाज के व्यापक हितों को प्रभावित करते हैं?

(c) नगर आयुक्त के रूप में, इस मुद्दे के प्रति शहर के निवासियों की अभिवृत्ति में परिवर्तन लाने के लिए कुछ व्यावहारिक तकनीकों का सुझाव दीजिए।

(A) The rise of biomedical and household waste ~~and~~ <sup>due to pandemic</sup> health sector demands and home



isolation have affected responsible  
waste management

Stakeholders	Significance of involvement
(i) Sanitation workers	Proper following of <u>waste handling guidelines</u> will ensure their <u>safety</u> and society's safety
(ii) Waste generators (hospitals, households)	Practising <u>waste segregation</u> , <u>categorisation</u> will ease the burden on workers. Proper <u>disposal</u> by them is necessary for proper handling
(iii) Government	<del>only</del> <u>Rules</u> by government necessary to manage processes
(iv) Municipal Commission (MC)	Necessary medium to ensure enforcement of guidelines

(B) Reasons behind apathy of



people towards issues like waste disposal affecting the larger interests of the society:

(i) People value convenience over responsibility

e.g - waste segregation is unpleasant for some

(ii) Lack of awareness on necessary guidelines or their importance

e.g - Household Waste Management Rules 2016 may not be known

(iii) People not aware of the long-term impacts of waste on sanitation workers, environment or even themselves

(iv) Some lack requisite capacity / time to manage waste responsibly



(c) As Municipal Commissioner, I would broadly suggest that

(1) Door-to-door campaigns should be held, advertisements, jingles like those of SBM to create awareness

(2) Also, plight of sanitation workers should be highlighted

(3) Creating community volunteers to track violations in public, approach offender and explain why his actions are wrong

(4) Engage with Resident Welfare Associations of housing societies to create awareness in their respective societies, ensure



mandatory waste segregation  
through separate bins.

Handling waste responsibly is  
necessary to achieve objectives  
of Swachh Bharat Mission.