

GENERAL STUDIES

PAPER - IV

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Mark for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt any 10 (ten) questions taking at least 2 (two) but not more than 3 (three) questions from each Unit.

UNIT - I

1. Discuss the various determinants of Ethics in Human Action and their influence on a civil servant. **(10)**
2. Briefly discuss that “Ethics is a normative science” and explain the following in detail:
(a) Metaethics **(5+5=10)**
(b) Applied ethics
3. “Some values keep changing with time and situation, while others are universal and eternal.” Give your opinion with due justification. **(10)**
4. Give a gist of the teachings of an eminent personality who has inspired you the most in the context of ethical conduct in life? Describe how you have been able to apply these teachings for your own ethical development. **(5+5=10)**

UNIT-II

5. “Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it... we are in charge of our attitude.” What do you understand by this statement? Do you agree with it? Give reasons. **(5+5=10)**
6. “Integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship are considered foundational values in public services.” Justify with examples. **(10)**
7. What is ‘emotional intelligence’? Can it be developed and help an individual in making ethical decisions? **(3+7=10)**
8. If you have to select two virtues from the lives of great Indian personalities, what two virtues and which two Indian personalities would you choose? How would you apply those virtues if you were an administrator? **(5+5=10)**

UNIT-III

9. What is meant by 'ethical dilemma'? What measures can you take to resolve ethical dilemmas in public administration? Support your answer with an example of ethical dilemma situation. **(2+4+4=10)**
10. Many youth with ethical conduct are not willing to come forward to join active politics. Give reasons, highlight the importance, and suggest steps to motivate them to come forward. **(10)**
11. Public service delivery is one of the most important and critical aspects of the public sector on which lies the development of the people. However, it has been said that there are great inefficiencies in the delivery. What are the loop-holes/gaps that you have noticed? Suggest correctional measures to improve public service delivery. **(10)**

12. Today, regardless of the various measures like prescribing codes of conduct, setting up vigilance cells/commissions, RTI, active media and strengthening of legal mechanisms, corrupt practices are not coming under control. **(5+5=10)**
- (a) Evaluate the effectiveness of these measures with justifications.
 - (b) Suggest more effective strategies to tackle this menace.

UNIT- IV

13. You are an honest and responsible officer of the government in charge of a development scheme. Your political bosses often interfere in your work and you are often pressurized to favour certain individuals on partisan and familial grounds. If you do not concede to the pressure there is a possibility of transfer to a remote area. How would you handle the situation? Give reasons. **(10)**
14. You work in Land Revenue and Settlement Department office under state government. You have access to some confidential and crucial information about decisions that the government is about to announce. These decisions are likely to have far-reaching consequences on the land owned by the people living along the coast of a certain river. If anybody has access to this information beforehand, they can make huge profits with regard to compensation of the land by buying up the land. Your immediate superior asks you and a few other officers to join him in acquiring the land along the said river from the owners in order to make profit in terms of land compensation when the Government's decision is eventually announced. **(5+5 =10)**
- (a) Would it be an act of corruption if you do as you were asked?
 - (b) Justify the action you are most likely to take in such a situation.
15. Muana, is an officer in an area with only one big hall in the area controlled by his office. Manipuri community in the area rented the hall in the month of March and celebrated their festival every year. This year Chapchar Kut coincides with the festival of the Manipuris and both communities asked for the hall. Which of the four decisions listed below should he choose? Give reasons for his choice. **(10)**
- (a) He should not rent the hall
 - (b) Pass an order not to rent the hall to any particular community in future.
 - (c) He should rent the hall to the Mizo, the larger community.
 - (d) Rent the hall to the Manipuris as has been done in the past.
16. As a developing country, economic development is of utmost importance if we are to keep pace with the rest of the world. At the same time, we must be concerned about environmental degradation brought about by development. Hence, we often face conflict between developmental activity and environmental quality. It is neither feasible to stop the developmental process, nor is it advisable to keep degrading the environment, as it threaten our own survival.
- Suggest 2 (two) feasible strategies which could be adopted to eliminate this conflict and which could lead to sustainable development. **(5+5 =10)**