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Q5

Law and ethics are considered to be the two tools for controlling human conduct so as to make it conducive to civilized social existence. (a) Discuss how they achieve this objective. (b) Giving examples, show how the two differ in their approaches.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS IV · 12 marks · Ethics and Human Interface

Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in-human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics - in private and public relationships. Human Values - lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.

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Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

A statute that criminalises a social practice which custom once treated as normal; law leading a lagging ethic.

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

Umbrella environmental statute; the legal floor beside an engineer's duty not to hide a discharge.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

Criminal law against caste violence and humiliation where social ethics has often failed the victim.

Article 13, Constitution of India

Laws inconsistent with fundamental rights are void; even posited law is under a higher public ethic of rights.

Medical ethics versus criminal negligence

Professional codes forbid greedy or cruel practice; criminal law steps in when rashness or fraud can be proved.

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