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Q8

"Max Weber said that it is not wise to apply to public administration the sort of moral and ethical norms we apply to matters of personal conscience. It is important to realize that the state bureaucracy might possess its own independent bureaucratic morality." Critically analyse this statement.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS IV · 12 marks · Ethics in Public Administration

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Max Weber, bureaucracy as ideal type

Rule-bound, hierarchical, documentary, expert, impersonal administration as the mark of modern officialdom.

Ethic of responsibility versus ethic of conviction

Weber's distinction: owning consequences of power, not only the purity of one's inner motive.

Iron cage

Weber's fear that rational organisation can trap people in soulless procedure.

Constitutional morality (Ambedkar)

The Indian corrective: the bureau is bound to constitutional values, not only to hierarchical propriety.

All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968

A local statement of bureaucratic morality: neutrality, integrity, and no private political shop in the office.

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