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Case study. You are an honest and responsible civil servant. You often observe the following: (a) There is a general perception that adhering to ethical conduct one may face difficulties to oneself and cause problems for the family, whereas unfair practices may help to reach the career goals. (b) When the number of people adopting unfair means is large, a small minority having a penchant towards ethical means makes no difference. (c) Sticking to ethical means is detrimental to the larger developmental goals (d) While one may not involve oneself in large unethical practices, but giving and accepting small gifts makes the system more efficient. Examine the above statements with their merits and demerits.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964

Restrict gifts and require integrity; they answer the 'small gift as oil' story in black letter.

Article 14, Constitution of India

Equal treatment; a career built on unfair means is a sale of this equality.

Second Administrative Reforms Commission

Treated ethics in governance as necessary for development outcomes, not as a brake on them.

Direct benefit transfer and e-procurement

System tools that let a small ethical minority have effects larger than one heroic no.

Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014

A statutory path, however imperfect, so that an honest officer is not only a lonely sermon.

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