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Q4

(a) "In doing a good thing, everything is permitted which is not prohibited expressly or by clear implication". Examine the statement with suitable examples in the context of a public servant discharging his/her duties. (b) With regard to the morality of actions, one view is that means is of paramount importance and the other view is that the ends justify the means. Which view do you think is more appropriate? Justify your answer.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS IV · 10 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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Ultra vires

The administrative-law rule that an authority may not act beyond the power given by law; a good motive does not create jurisdiction.

Article 21, Constitution of India

Life and personal liberty, read with dignity and due process; a so-called good lock-up without law still fails this article.

Gandhi on means and ends

He held that impure means produce a different end; satyagraha refused the licence that victory washes any method.

Discretion in administrative law

Statutory discretion must serve the Act's purpose, ignore irrelevant considerations, and usually be reasoned.

Necessity as a narrow defence

Ethics and criminal law may excuse a tightly confined emergency act to save life; they do not excuse a habit of illegal good works.

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