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Q3

(a) What teachings of Buddha are most relevant today and why? Discuss. (b) "The will to power exists, but it can be tamed and be guided by rationality and principles of moral duty." Examine this statement in the context of international relations.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Four Noble Truths and Noble Eightfold Path

Core early Buddhist teaching on suffering, its causes, its cessation and the eightfold discipline of speech, action and mind.

UN Charter, 1945

Binds members to refrain from threat or use of force against territorial integrity except in self-defence or Security Council authorisation - a legal taming of the will to power.

International humanitarian law

Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols require distinction and proportionality; moral duty with a statute book.

India's nuclear doctrine

Credible minimum deterrence and a declared no-first-use posture as an attempt to bind strategic power to restraint.

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1968

An imperfect but central regime that tries to separate nuclear will from unlimited spread.

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