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Q5

(a) " Refugees should not be turned back to the country where they would face prosecution or human rights violation." Examine the statement with reference to the ethical dimension being violated by the nation claiming to be democratic with an open society. (b) Should impartial and being non-partisan be considered indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS IV · 10 marks · Probity in Governance

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1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol

The core international instruments on refugee status; **Article 33** embodies non-refoulement. India is not a party but often hosts large populations in practice.

Customary non-refoulement

Widely argued to bind even non-signatories against return to torture or persecution; UNHCR treats it as a fundamental principle.

Article 21, Constitution of India

Used in Indian jurisprudence to require that expulsion or detention of a foreigner not be arbitrary, even without a domestic refugee statute.

All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968

Require political neutrality and integrity of IAS, IPS and IFoS officers.

Representation of the People Act, 1951

The statutory frame for elections; a returning officer's impartiality is a legal, not optional, virtue.

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