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Q5

(a) Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for the last seven months. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their own national interests. We are all aware that war has its own impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affair. (b) Write short notes on the following in 30 words each : (i) Constitutional morality (ii) Conflict of interest (iii) Probity in public life (iv) Challenges of digitalization (v) Devotion to duty.

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United Nations Charter, Article 2(4)

Requires Members to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

Geneva Conventions

The core humanitarian treaties on wounded, prisoners and civilians in armed conflict; distinction and humane treatment are legal duties.

Government of NCT of Delhi v. Union of India (2018)

A Constitution Bench discussion of constitutional morality as a restraint on power in the National Capital Territory's governance design.

Just-war criteria

Classical tests of just cause, right intention, last resort, proportionality and discrimination between combatants and civilians.

Conflict of interest

A structural clash between official duty and private advantage; Nolan-type principles of public life treat it as a disclosure and recusal problem.

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