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Q5

(a) Is conscience a more reliable guide when compared to laws, rules, and regulations in the context of ethical decision-making. Discuss (b) Probity is essential for an effective system of governance and socio-economic development. Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS IV · 10 marks · Ethics in Public Administration

Public / Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.

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Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964

Bind government servants on integrity, political activity, gifts and conduct; they do not authorise refusal of a valid written order on private conscience alone.

Second Administrative Reforms Commission, Ethics in Governance

The Fourth Report argued for codes, values, and institutional integrity as part of administrative reform.

Right to Information Act, 2005

A statutory right to information that supports probity by making withholding harder.

Constitutional morality

Ambedkar's insistence that constitutional forms and rights, not only popular feeling, must guide public power.

Oath of office

Ministers and many public servants swear to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution, which ranks the document above a private creed.

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