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Q3(a)**"Those who in trouble untroubled are, Will trouble trouble itself." - Thiruvalluvar**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS IV · 10 marks · Ethics and Human Interface

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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.

DEMAND

- Explain Thiruvalluvar's line on staying calm in trouble. Show what it means for a civil servant in a crisis, in clear points

REVISION MAP

- Thiruvalluvar praises calm competence when trouble comes.
- Panic worsens a crisis; a steady officer can plan and lead.
- For a civil servant this is an ethical skill in disaster and disorder, not a soft extra.

INTRODUCTION

Thiruvalluvar says that people who stay calm when trouble comes will make the trouble itself grow weak. The line is about a steady mind and steady work. It does not ask anyone to pretend that pain or danger is absent.

BODY

- The quote means that panic feeds a crisis, while a calm mind can still plan, choose, and act.
- Being untroubled here is not coldness; it is control of fear so that duty can continue.
- When fear runs the room, people shout, blame, and freeze; when calm leads, people sort facts and move.
- In a flood, fire, or riot, an officer who shouts at every junior spreads fear across the team.
- An officer who lists priorities, assigns clear tasks, and checks progress reduces the damage.
- Equanimity helps the officer hear bad news without freezing and still feel for the victims.
- The same calm stops showy panic on camera, which wastes time that should go to rescue and relief.

- A civil servant who trains this habit protects both the public and the staff under stress.
- **The ethical point is courage in action:** face the trouble, do the next right step, and do not add chaos.

Flow diagram



CONCLUSION

Thiruvalluvar's teaching is practical courage. Stay steady in trouble so that trouble loses its power over you and over the office you lead.

FACTS & FIGURES

Thirukkural

A classical Tamil ethical text; many verses on rule and self-control stress a steady mind in the powerful.

Equanimity in public service

Emotional control lets an officer decide under pressure without spreading fear to staff and citizens.

Crisis leadership

Clear priorities, short orders, and regular updates are the practical face of calm in a district emergency.

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