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Q4(a)

Citing the serious adverse effects of long-term medication, a doctor convinces the family of a female patient for surgery. This led the patient to reluctantly consent for the surgery, though her original choice was to opt for medication. Explain the concepts of paternalism and beneficence by analysing the doctor's action.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Medical Ethics Principles

Autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice form the four pillars of biomedical ethics as outlined by Beauchamp and Childress.

Informed Consent Doctrine

Informed consent requires that a patient receive comprehensive information regarding risks and alternatives directly, ensuring voluntary decision-making.

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