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UPSC Mains 2023 GS IV

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Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1 · 10 marks

(a) What do you understand by 'moral integrity' and 'professional efficiency in the context of corporate governance in India? Illustrate with suitable examples. (b) International aid is an accepted form of helping resource-challenged nations. Comment on ethics in contemporary international aid. Support your answer with suitable examples.

Topic · Ethics in Public Administration

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-4/2023/a-what-do-you-understand-by-moral-integrity-and-professional-efficiency-in-the-context-of-corporate-governance-in-india-illustrate-with-suitable-examples-b-international-aid-is-an-accepted-form-of-helping-resource/>

Q2 · 10 marks

(a) "Corruption is the manifestation of the failure of core values in the society." In your opinion, what measures can be adopted to uplift the core values in the society? (b) In the context of work environment, differentiate between 'coercion and undue influence' with suitable examples.

Topic · Probity in Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-4/2023/a-corruption-is-the-manifestation-of-the-failure-of-core-values-in-the-society-in-your-opinion-what-measures-can-be-adopted-to-uplift-the-core-values-in-the-society-b-in-the-context-of-work-environment-differentiate/>

Q3 · 10 marks

Given below are three quotations of great thinkers. What do each of the quotations convey to you in the present test? (a) "The simplest arts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer." - Mahatma Gandhi (b) To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves". - Jawaharlal Nehru (c) "Do not hate anybody, because that hatred that comes out from you must, in the long run, come back to you. If you love, that love will me back to you, completing the circle- Swami Vivekananda.

Topic · Moral Thinkers and Philosophers

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-4/2023/given-below-are-three-quotations-of-great-thinkers-what-do-each-of-the-quotations-convey-to-you-in-the-present-test-a-the-simplest-arts-of-kindness-are-by-far-more-powerful-than-a-thousand-heads-bowing-in-prayer-mahatma/>

Q4 · 10 marks

(a) "What really matters for success, character, happiness, and lifelong achievements is a definite set of emotional skills -your EQ- not just purely cognitive abilities that are measured by conventional IQ tests." Do you agree with the view? Give reasons in support of your answer. (b) Differentiate 'moral intuition' from 'moral reasoning' with suitable examples.

Topic · Ethics and Human Interface

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Q5 · 10 marks

(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.

Topic · Ethics in Public Administration

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Q6 · 10 marks

(a) What were the major teachings of Guru Nanak? Explain their relevance in the contemporary world. (b) Explain the term social capital. How does it enhance good governance?

Topic · Ethics and Human Interface

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Q7 · 20 marks

Case study. You are working as an executive in a nationalised bank for several years. One day one of your close colleagues tells you that her father is suffering from heart disease and needs surgery immediately to survive. She also tells you that she has no insurance and the operation will cost about Rs. 10 lakh. You are also aware of the fact that her husband is no more and that she is from a lower middle class family. You are empathetic about her situation. However, apart from expressing your sympathy, you do not have the resources to find her. A few weeks later, you ask her about the well-being of her father and she informs you about his successful surgery and that he is recovering. She then confides in you that the bank manager was kind enough to facilitate the release of Rs. 10 lakh from a dormant account of someone to pay for the operation with a promise that it should be confidential and be repaid at the earliest. She has already started paying it back and will continue to do so until it is all returned.

Topic · Ethics Case Studies

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Q8 · 20 marks

Case study. A landslide occurred in the middle of the night on 20th July, 2023 in a remote mountain hamlet, approximately 60 kilometres from Uttarkashi. The landslide was caused by torrential rains and has resulted in large-scale destruction of property and life. You, as District Magistrate of that area, have rushed to the spot with a team of doctors, NGOs, media and police along with numerous support staff to oversee the rescue operations. A man came running to you with a request for urgent medical help for his pregnant wife who is in labour and is losing blood. You directed your medical team to examine his wife. They return and convey to you that this woman needs blood transfusion immediately. Upon enquiry, you come to know that a few blood collection bags and blood group test kits are available in the ambulance accompanying your team. Few people of your team have already volunteered to donate blood. Being a physician who has graduated from AIIMS, you know that blood for transfusion needs to be procured only through a recognized blood bank. Your team members are divided on this issue; some favour transfusion, while some others oppose it. The doctors in the team are ready to facilitate the delivery provided they are not penalized for transfusion. Now you are in a dilemma. Your professional training emphasizes on prioritising service to humanity and saving lives of individuals.

Topic · Ethics Case Studies

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Q9 · 20 marks

Case study. At 9 pm on Saturday evening, Rashika, a Joint Secretary, was still engrossed in her work in her office. Her husband, Vikram, is an executive in an MNC and frequently out of town in connection with his work. Their two children aged 5 and 3 are looked after by their domestic helper. At 9:30 pm her superior, Mr. Suresh calls her and asks her to prepare a detailed note on an important matter to be discussed in a meeting in the Ministry. She realises that she will have to work on Sunday to finish the additional task given by her superior. She reflects on how she had looked forward to this posting and had worked long hours for months to achieve it. She had kept the welfare of people uppermost in discharging her duties. She feels that she has not done enough justice to her family and she has not fulfilled her duties in discharging essential social obligations. Even as recently as last month she had to leave her sick child in the nanny's care as she had to work in the office. Now, she feels that she must draw a line, beyond which her personal life should take precedence over her professional responsibilities. She thinks that there should be reasonable limits to the work ethics such as punctuality, hard work, dedication to duty and selfless service.

Topic · Ethics Case Studies

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Q10 · 20 marks

Case study. Briefly describe at least four laws that have been enacted by the Government with respect to providing a healthy, safe and equitable working environment for women.

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Q11 · 20 marks

Case study. Vinod is an honest and sincere IAS officer. Recently, he has taken over as Managing Director of the State Road Transport Corporation, his sixth transfer in the past three years. His peers acknowledge his vast knowledge, affability and uprightness. The Chairman of the State Road Transport Corporation is a powerful politician and is very close to the Chief Minister. Vinod comes to know about many alleged irregularities of the Corporation and the high-handedness of the Chairman in financial matters. A Board Member of the Corporation belonging to the Opposition Party meets Vinod and hands over a few documents along with a video recording in which the Chairman appears to be demanding bribe for placing a huge order for the supply of QMR tyres. Vinod recollects the Chairman expediting clearing of pending bills of QMR tyres. Vinod confronts the Board Member as to why he is shying away from exposing the Chairman with the so-called solid proof he has with him. The member informs him that the Chairman refuses to yield to his threats. He adds that Vinod may earn recognition and public support if he himself exposes the Chairman. Further, he tells Vinod that once his party comes to power, Vinod's professional growth would be assured. Vinod is aware that he may be penalized if he exposes the Chairman and further be transferred to a distant place. He knows that the Opposition Party stands a better chance of coming to power in the forthcoming elections. However, he also realizes that the Board Member is trying to use him for his own political gains.

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Q12 · 20 marks

Case study. In the light of the above case, comment upon the ethical issues that may arise due to the politicization of bureaucracy.

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Compiled answer key

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