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Ans The Indian thought is guided by the value of 'one nem' and 'Inter connectedness'. The Indian concept of giving it back is the manifestation of it.

It means that as members of society we have taken much from the society, it is our duty to give it back. This concept is applicable to everyone. Even a king, takes tax from the people. He needs to give back it to the people in term of welfare.

This is mentioned in diverse sources like Thirukural, Upanishads etc., Jatakas, Arinshashtra etc.

'Giving back' as guiding value of
civil servants

Civil servants by virtue of their position

hold immense power and money.

⊕ They get respect, salary and

power from the people. It is

their duty to give back to the

society and people from whom they

get so much. They must act

as trustees and custodians of

power for the greater goal of public

welfare by Prashant Nair -

Operation Sulaimani

Guided by this value, civil servants

can play a 'positive role' and

help achieve the goals of Amrit Red.

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or

The traditional notion of bureaucracy as defined by Weber has - value standardisation, hierarchy, lines of authority, etc. working in such

a structure [following things impact]

The public servant's ethical decision making :

* Rule of law and rules of procedure

→ whenever his actions, it will be within the defined laws and rules. He will not cross rules to do an ethical act.

* Influence of seniors and working culture

→ whenever he will be punished for going out of the way. It might lead to risk aversion and status question.

* Personal values and personal code of conduct : Whomever he believes in integrity, equality, democratic decision making, will impact his decision.

* Future result of his action : will his action result in problem in future due to accountability mechanism.

We see often in value neutral bureaucracy civil servants become pedantic and rules become end in themselves defeating the whole purpose of public service.

There is a need to include ethical and emotional aptitude and move towards a positive notion of developmental bureaucracy.

Ans 2
(a)

Ethics relates to the study of moral standards, right and wrong and what is the best action to take.

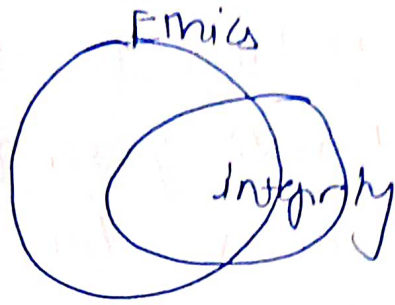
Peter Steward said "Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have right to do v/s. what is the right thing to do."

Integrity on the other hand comes from integer - meaning whole. It means ~~that~~ you do what you think regardless of time and space.

It is when the Thought, action and emotion is in sync everytime.
~~By~~ stopping at the red light when no one is watching.

Both ethics and integrity are interrelated.

Most of the time
integrity overlaps
with ethics.



But ~~is~~ since ethics ~~is~~ exists in a
continuum (After virtue Maurin) sometimes they are different.

Example in public life and administration

Giani Zail Singh noble former president
sent back the contentious bill by
Rajiv Gandhi even though ~~at~~ they
were good friends.

A negative example is Indira Gandhi,
she imposed emergency as she believed
that she was correct. she ~~was~~ had
integrity in action but it was not
ethical.

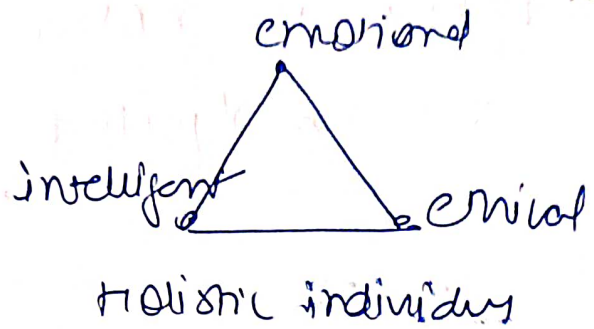
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" Ethics is not a metaphysical mystery
it is an objective reality "
- Ayn Rand

Ethical Behaviour refers to the behaviour
by an individual that is guided
by ethical principles of the society
and self. Key Behaviour of treating
everyone with compassion
respect.

Emotionally intelligent behaviour on the
other hand refers to behaviour that
entails understanding the other person's
emotions and behaving accordingly.

→ behaviour towards a criminal
when you need a confession out
of him.

EI components that act as reliable guide to ethical behaviour



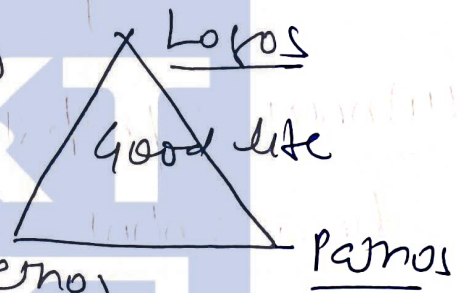
- Empathy: Having a sense of empathy towards others - will help in making better policies, will guide our actions.
- Compassion: will enable us to take ethical steps towards well being of society.
- Anger: will drive us towards rectification of evil (but Anger in right amount & place.)
- Emotional components will help us understand other person and take appropriate ethical behaviour. telling lie to a suicidal person is not wrong if it is to save his/her life.

3(a)

The above statement conveys that in order to lead a good life, one needs to be sympathetic, conscious of one's duty and moral.

These three qualities are needed in combination to lead a good life.

Absence of even one will lead to disastrous results.



Absence of consciousness of duty, will make our ideals of meaning. Even if we are moral and emotionally competent, ~~the~~ our life will be devoid because we would have no purpose of life.

By Maudyn Monrope - auren died of drug overdose.

Without ethics, even being emotionally intelligent and having a goal will take us down to the wrong path. Using our capability we will manipulate people and choose wrong means. eg) Hitler → he was not ethical (had emotional intelligence and duty towards his nation).

Without sympathetic feelings, we will be a robot just going about his way. People would not be able to connect with us. Our actions will become an end in themselves and will often hurt others.

Thus, we need all three → duty, sympathetic feeling and morality to live a happy life much like Socrates did.

Ans 3(b)

Fundamental duties enshrined in Part IVA, Article 51A enjoins upon us to develop a scientific temper, be civic-conscious and endeavour to develop ourselves to our fullest potential.

According to APJ Abdul Kalam, to achieve a nation of beautiful minds and corruption free nation the role of educational system will be supreme. This is also enunciated in the New Education Policy.

Although, training for integrity and corruption free political culture should ideally start in primary institutions for at that

time individuals will like not
day. → Japanese educational system

But the role of higher educational
system is no less small. They

can help understand the complex
concept, interrelations and intricacies
of a good life.

They can help in
ethical training. They can provide for
code of conduct, and code of ethics
and use reason to further it.

They can also help in establishing a
professional code of conduct and
ethics for all professions. Value

of integrity in political life can also
be taught here. It will help
our country become truly corruption
free.

"The sense deceive us from time to time, and it is prudent never to trust wholly who have deceived us even once."

The following quotes drives home the importance of never trusting our senses wholly, for what we gain through our senses could be deceiving.

For eg we hear our friend saying nasty things about us. But it is possible he might be saying it ~~is~~ as a joke or in some other context.

Another example is an Army fighting a war. eg Allies used a fake dead body of soldier with secret plan to deceive

The Axis forces (Op. minicrest). Thus they were deceived because they wholly believed it.

Although, not believing ~~what~~ what has deceived us earlier is prudent but it is always not possible when other confirmation is not possible. Also, perception by sense is considered a valid evidence.

We must take into consideration what our senses tell us because most of the time they are correct. But we must not only rely on them. They must be confirmed with other evidences before taking any action.

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"The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

The above quote stresses on the importance of participation in political life by people of high virtue.

In ancient Greece a person who stayed away from politics was called 'an idiot'. To make sure that one's voice is heard, one's consideration is taken, one must participate in political life.

It has become a trend to call politics a dirty word. It has become dirty because good people have refused to take part in it.

We cannot blame politics for our ills ~~if~~ if we do not participate in it.

But in modern time, politics has become structurally inaccessible to good people due to muscle preponderance of muscle and money power. Thus, even good people cannot do anything.

There is a need to apply recommendations of Dinesh Goswami, Vohra committee etc. to clean the cesspool of politics

Bibek Debroy in 'DNA & RNA of corruption of India' book says it is only possible with a huge man and grass movement by the people.

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"Men must have corrupted nature a little, for they were not born wolves, and they have become wolves."

The quote throws light on the bastardisation of nature by man that sully the inherent goodness of man that he is born with.

It is said that children are incarnation of God on Earth. They are innocent and good. But existence of

homo homini lupus est - man

- eat man world is a testimony to the fact that when these children grow up they become corrupted and act as wolves ready to

devour each other.

The only thing that stops man from becoming total animals is the fear of law. It is said that it is important to be bad. In order to navigate the challenges of world. Otherwise we won't be able to survive this bad world.

But we forget, we have made this a bad world. We must impart moral and ethical training right from childhood and strive to change the present world by law and persuasion to make this place "heaven" again.

5(a)

The traditional notion of bureaucracy is self interested and career focused with inordinate focus on rules, procedures and hierarchy.

But civil services in India was envisaged, in words of Pt Nehru, as public service and improving the life of people.

Renunciation of public ~~and~~ service obligation and career orientation is not possible, and also necessary

without career progression, civil servant will not be motivated and without service obligation the goal of public service will be defeated.

Some examples of this are Dur
Ashok Kumar, Uttarakhand
who started Operation Muthi
to help children involved in begging.

Prashant Nair, collector Kozhikode
- started Compassionate Kozhikode,

Divya Devrajam started programs
for gond upliftment.

P.C Neta Commission, Law Appleby
Commission, 5^m Pay Commission
and 2nd ARC who stressed on the
same and gave recommendations
regarding ethical and emotional
training, improved ARL assessment.

"Civil servants must become agents of
change. They must Reform to Reform
to transform." Hon'ble P.M.

Ans 5 (b)

According to notable
PM, 21st century
 calls for a
paradigm
change in
 the way the
 civil services function.

best and inherent	+ competence
best possible	+ comparison not competence but can be trained

They must act as agents of change
driven by comparison for people.

To be efficient one must have
both comparison and domain
competence by Dr. Mam Mohan
Singh during 1991 reforms.

Without comparison, there is no use
 of competence since the decision
taken will trap individuals in
an Iron cage of conformity and

will not elevate their life.

→ To stop the spread of corona, zero
covid policy in China that led
to widespread misery and unhappiness

Without a competence, there is no
use of compassion since we would
not be able to help anyone →

We are compassionate towards destitute
and hungry, but due to lack
of competence we are unable to
make coherent policies for their
upliftment.

Competence can always be trained.

If one is compassionate, one would
be driven to learn to alleviate
the miseries of others. As

Dalai lama said "Compassion is
the way forward."

Ans 6 (a)

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

According to UNHCR 'people are born free and equal in rights and dignity'. Thus, suffering in one part of the world generate moral demands of assistance on facilitating foreigners.

These moral demands are justified.

This follows the deontological ethic of Immanuel Kant where everyone is treated as ends in themselves.

Thus, it is our moral duty to help them. Not only that, disturbance in one part of the world due to unrested nations of the world can cause havoc and spill over to other parts.

↳ Political instability and HR violations in middle East led to refugee crisis in Europe.

Governments by virtue of sovereign immunity cannot be held legally responsible but international community can hold them morally responsible for failure to act. ↳ selfish behaviour of global north countries during corona crisis.

Although, intervention should be last resort to help stop violations.

Focus should be on negotiation, dialogue and peace building.

These measures should be driven by purity of thought and poorness and not as proxy war of great games and big power rivalry.

Ans (b)

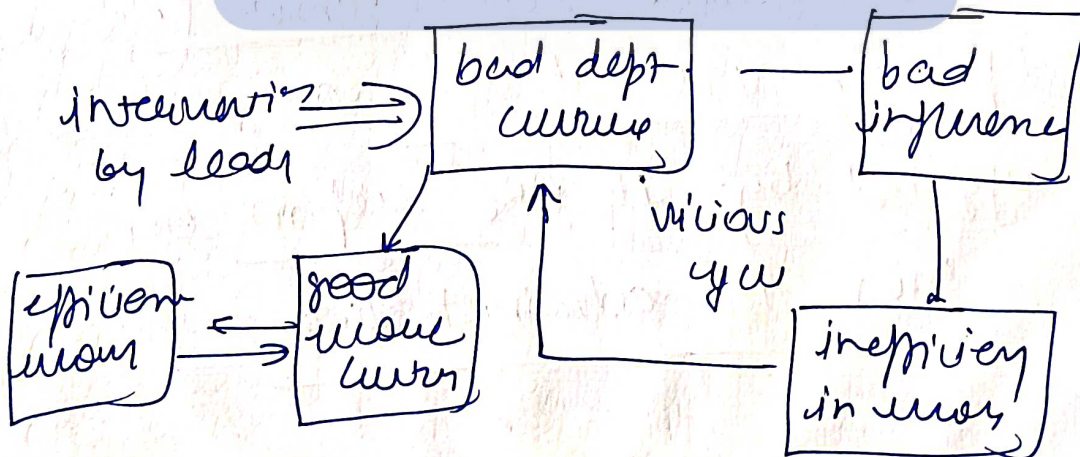
"Leaders are the one who ~~goes~~ know the way, goes the way and shows the way."

- J.C. Maxwell
 "We tend to become like those around us"

There is an intricate relation between structures and leaders.

Leaders help construct departmental structures and these structures in turn affect leaders and other people.

A bad departmental culture leads to a vicious cycle of corruption and inefficiency.



Relationship of work culture with corruption/inefficiency

Therefore a good work culture is absolute necessary to promote good individuals.

But a bad dept. culture should not bear the brunt the individual malpractice. Even when everyone is doing wrong, we have the faculty and reason to choose to do right thing. (Epictetus).

Therefore we need to employ a pinier movement of reform at the individual level and the departmental level. as suggested by II ARC report on ethics in administration.

Ans

The case study relates to belief and faith basis to a non-upholding of health care facilities. This is the story of many people / villages today.

(a) Issues involved:

- ① People's right to beliefs - and obstruction that comes in way of development.
- ② Being faith leaders - which the DDO (I) was not in favour with. It goes against my personal values and beliefs.
- ③ Development of people - and making health a priority of people - This is my duty as a civil servant.

Ans 6)

Advantages of using Faith leaders

- Since they have high trust, people will trust them easily.
- They will be able to persuade people
- They can help administration to change people's habit and help in service delivery and plugging gaps from demand side

Disadvantages

- It will establish them as a vested interest. ~~The~~ can cause problem in future.
- hindrance to development of scientific temperament as directed fundamental duties.
- will lead to dwindling trust between administration and people and faith leaders will become permanent intermediaries.

2 (c) Other options for breaking behavioural barriers

- Awareness campaigns using tools like massathons, nukkad natak, folk music and dance.
- innovative tools like Har Ghar clastic and community volunteers.
- using village elders and local influencers like folk artists, MLA, MP local celebrities.
- Educational awareness in school and focus on women.
- incentives for participating in health activities.
- punishment for not participating (last resort.)

71d) from a militaristic point of view, it is right since it benefits the largest amount of people.

But, this should be only one of many steps and a short term measure. For, this is against development of character temperament (fundamental duties) and Kant's categorical imperative. We must

improve people's capabilities so that they are able to freely choose out of their own rational faculties and not follow faith leaders blindly.

There should be a golden mean of faith leaders and other steps.

We must focus on development of people and eradication of all other unhealthy beliefs.

Ans 8

The present case studies related to work culture which becomes toxic due to over stress and over work. This is similar to the recent case -
Ninjas case

(a) Issues involved in the case

- Using derogatory and casteist language by the staff: Although they are overworked and underpaid but they don't have the right to use such language.
- Underpayment and overwork of workers - against the interest of the workers leading to irritable nature.
- Attack on dignity of ~~workers~~ people who take their complaints to the agency.

(b) Options available to me:

① Do nothing - It would cause the workers to continue their way. There would be

② Fire the workers who were abusive
→ It might lead to confrontation within the organisation.

③ ~~My~~ Option ① → If I do nothing it might lead to trust deficit between the people and the company.

→ It will lead to constant harassment of people.

Option ② → Firing people.

→ Although it might lead to confrontation in team → message would go that ~~peop~~ such remarks will not be tolerated.

→ will uphold the rights of the public

I will choose a modified
version of option 2

I would fire the people who
were using casteist and derogatory
language.

→ In the short run, I will designate
1 person as the grievance redressal
officer. He would do that work
others would do delivery work.

→ Use of technology would be
taken to ~~work~~ optimise work.

In the long run I would ask
the company to appoint a dedicated
grievance redressal personnel.

→ I would sensitize the workforce about
caste issues and on handling
consumers.

→ Meditation and yoga to handle stress.

(d) Dignity refers to the intrinsic worth of a human being. According to SC Article 21 means right to live with dignity

Social dignity refers to the dignity in social space which comes from social indicators like status, caste identity etc. Human dignity refers to dignity by virtue of being a human.

Dignity violations in Govt. department

→ people are made to stand whole day for a small to grievance resolution.

→ hurting dignity of junior by forcing them to do personal work and menial task.

→ Name calling and scolding in public without any reason of subordinates.