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Topic: Emotional intelligence; code of conduct

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over the top political pressures have always conflicted with the rational approaches. here the case involves the cases of corruption and standing by the values and ethics of the constitution. the civil servant is bound by oath to do public service and take rational, impartial decisions. the present case needs to be looked by the following :::

1. SPEAKING AGAINST THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

the present case may turn into 'tit for tat', and will serve no purpose. it will anger the locals and diminish the civil servant post. no fruitful result is expected out of it.

2. RESTRAINT BEHAVIOR AND RESOLVING THROUGH DISCUSSIONS

this is probably the only cure left, that could resolve the issue. i will ask for my chance to speak and explain to everyone present the reasons for my actions backed by concrete facts. i shall explain why the present course of actions were taken amidst several alternatives, and their impacts and costs on the exchequer. i will also ensure them that i only work through rational decisions that is effective and costs less, while focussing on development.

3. TAKE SOME TIME TO BACK DECISIONS WITH MORE FACTS

prepare a whole report to prove the correctness of decisions. and after it ask the MLA to disapprove if found irrational through a written complaint.

both option 2 and 3 are feasible with third one being most apt and rational. it will prove my correctness and onus will be shifted to the MLA for any irrational action. the present case

requires courage, rationality, communication expertise, firmness on values, being true to the beliefs. amidst the twin delimitas.

Topic: Role of family in inculcating values; Ethics in human actions.

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Will you stop the woman from beating her husband? Justify and also comment on the ethical issues involved in the above case. (200 Words)

Mahatma Gandhi said: "Hate the Sin not the Sinner".

Drunkards are a common nuisance to their family and the society at large. Hence they are despised by the entire society and actions even to the extent of their killing is often approved by the society. But the society fails to introspect whether they have performed their own role. In this case I will stop the women from beating because of the ethical issues involved, which are:

- a) Value of life: Life is sacrosanct (Even if it's the life of a drunkard) and once lost it can never be reclaimed.
- b) Future of her Children: Killing her husband will cost two lives. Her husband will be killed. The woman may invite life imprisonment. Hence her children will get orphan and their future will be pushed into darkness.
- c) Societal sterility: Society too has stood mute and such situation would not have arrived in first place if the man was dealt sternly by the society in his first event of drinking.

SOLUTION:

- a) Call any de addiction centre/NGO to hand over that drunkard for his correction.

- b) Arrange an employment opportunity for the women by engaging with NGO.
- c) Mobilise the locals to collectively identify the wine shops and ban them by using their municipal right which they can use by holding the ward committee and banning the liquor shop.

Topic: Ethics in human actions.

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Will you forgive your friend and move on with your life? Justify. (200 Words)

“Forgiveness doesn’t change our past, but it relieves our future” – Anonymous

The above statement sums up the situation perfectly. I will forgive my friend because:

1. Firstly, to rid myself of the anger towards my friend. It will only do more harm to me.
2. Secondly, he appears remorseful in his letter. By forgiving him I can have the satisfaction of setting him free of his shackles. Hopefully, it will spur him to become a better civil servant
3. Atleast his actions were for the right reasons. Forgiving is not endorsing though.

I have every right to be angry. My life could have been different. Yet I am reminded of a quote by Gandhi Ji – “Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong”. I have moved on in life. By keeping a grudge against my friend, I do not wish to take a backward step in time. I would also return his money, telling him it cannot give my dream back. The same amount holds no value in present time. Instead, I would ask him to sponsor the education of one deserving aspirant who may still have a chance.

Lastly, I will wish him success in his career and close the chapter forever.

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9) Your friend’s sister is suffering from severe mental disorder since early childhood. His parents took her to many doctors to diagnose and treat her disease. But her condition remained uncured. She is now 25. Your friend’s parents are aged and have their own health problems. They are finding it extremely difficult to look after her. Your friend and his wife are working as software engineers in Bangalore. His parents and his sister are living in a far away village. Your friend wants to bring his sister with him and take care of her in his home. But his wife is opposed to this idea. She says that as newly married couple they need to spend their time together happily at least for few more years. Moreover, she tells him, as both are working morning to late evening, who will look after her when she is alone? She suggests him to admit his sister in a mental hospital forever, so that they can visit her now and then and take care of her.

Do you think your friend’s wife’s arguments are ethically correct? What would you do if you were in her place? (200 Words)

The situation involves moral ,cultural dimension to be specific. The point of view of the wife of the person also needed to be looked through the lens of morality and cultural affiliation.

Taking All the consideration, Had I been in her Place----

~ Wife is too much apprehensive about the arrival of her sister-in-law and somewhat sceptical about the condition prematurely.

- 1) I would have suggested the brother of the girl to ask for the advice of the medical expert and professionals from the field, and would have adjusted my decision on the advice.
 - 2) Since both are working finance is not A problem that much , professional-domestic help could have sought without much discomfort.
 - 3) Would have tried to accommodate as far as the threshold permitted , it's because the emotionality angle of the in-laws as well as the Husband was involved. But certainly would not have insisted for the mental Asylum route beforehand.
 - 4)Sense of pride, values of a family which the couple was going to start should not have been founded on the weak foundation as they might have felt bad afterwards, which could impact their intra family ties.
 - 5)rationally too, Lack of support to the Husband side from the part of wife, in future would block her helping hands for her own family(Her father,sister,brother etc.)IN SUCH HOURS. So it would be better to deal with the situation professionally and emotionally , which would be a win-win situation for all, with little sacrifice from the couple(especially wife).
- Topic: Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.*

10) Recently your brother was awarded PhD by not so good university. Your family members were happy about his achievement. They even published small congratulatory note in local newspaper. You are preparing for civil services exam soon after completion of Bachelor of Arts from a well known college in the capital city. Over the years you have acquired good knowledge of various issues and you can articulate them very well with anyone. On the other hand, despite getting PhD, your brother is not aware of current issues. A well known school nearby your residence calls for applications for the post of social science teacher. You and your brother both apply for this job. In the interview process you are rejected and your brother is selected. They say that you are ineligible as you are not sufficiently qualified to teach students. Your parents are again happy that your brother got the job. At the same time they insist you to pursue masters and then PhD just like your brother so that you too would get some job if you do not make it into civil services.

If given an opportunity, what will you suggest to school authorities and to your parents? Critically comment. (200 Words)

This case reflects the concern of our education system where a degree still holds more value than the knowledge of a person. It is also reflecting the traditional mindset of parents who insist their kids to pursue something which will get them job than knowledge.

I will suggest following to school authorities:

1. Only degree should not be made the criteria as that will restrict their selection candidates pool. Sometimes they may end up in selecting less desirable just for the lack of choice.
2. In subjects like social science which also requires knowledge of present issues selection criteria should not be similar to technical subjects like science where PhD scholar may be considered better than bachelors. Flexibility should be adopted as per need.

To parents I will make following suggestion:

1. They should trust their children and let them follow their dreams.
2. Parents should not compare between their children. All should be equal to them irrespective of circumstances.

3. Knowledge is the biggest wealth and should have faith in fact that if this is acquired money will be the easy thing to earn thereafter.

This case shows how families and educational institutions are still bounded by old age norms and procedures. Accepting change is still far a dream. I will try my best to increase their acceptance to good changes.

Topic: Ethical concerns and dilemma

8) You are working as superintendent of police in a naxal affected district. Recently, naxalites have kidnapped five of your policemen and two local political leaders. They are demanding a complete ban on bauxite mining in the district in exchange for safe return of kidnapped persons. You are worried about the lives of kidnapped persons. Previously no policeman was sent home alive by naxalites. Family members of policemen, who are extremely scared, are requesting you take action and help release them immediately. The district administration is adamant that mining can not be stopped as it involves millions of dollars of investment and also is a source of employment for tribal youth. The state government has asked you to take appropriate action in this situation to deal with the situation. You decide to personally lead a team of highly trained force to fight naxalites and rescue kidnappers. Your wife is completely opposed to this idea. She pleads you to send a junior officer to lead anti-naxal operations instead of you leading it personally. She is scared for your life.

How will you handle this situation? Justify. (200 Words)

The situations involves ethical dilemma arising out of issues like concerns of safety and security of kidnapped persons, the demand of naxalites and my wife's worry.

The root cause of above situation is **Law and Order** of my district and it's my duty to maintain and ensure proper law and order in the area. So, keeping that in mind, I'll take following steps:

-> I'll convince my wife that maintenance of law and order is my duty and responsibility and hence I'm the one who should lead the situation.

- > I'll make my wife realize that I'm going with highly trained force and full-backup plans, So, she need not worry about my safety and everything would be under control.
 - > I'll also tell family of those kidnapped that they need not worry and soon will get them free-ed and we'll take situation under control.
 - > Then, I'll request higher authorities to give me backup force and proper equipments in case situation demands extreme action.
 - > I'll then try to have a dialogue with Naxalites leaders to handle the situation through peaceful means and request not to harm the persons who have been kidnapped.
 - > I'll involve other institutions like Political, bureaucratic class to negotiate and ensure Naxalites that their demands could be discussed, if they're willing to and appropriate decisions be taken by higher authorities.
 - > If they don't surrender or respond, then I'll divide my team into two parts and ask:
 - 1st team to do a covert operation, whose goal is to rescue kidnapped persons at minimum cost or casualties.
 - 2nd team to keep naxalities engaged directly through firings, *gherao* so as to divert their attention as well as take appropriate action if situation demands.
- This way, I'll ensure that the situation is handled at it's best with minimum casualties, I'll be able to convince my wife and maintain and ensure proper law and order in my district.

Topic: integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship; determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions

8) You are walking on beach with your close friends in the evening. You are doing post graduation in a nearby university. There is only one girl in the group. She belongs to a minority religion. She is very friendly, studious and ambitious girl in your group. You both are close to each other. Even though she is from a conservative family, she has broad and secular views on all issues. On the beach, you are being followed by a group of youngsters. They soon approach your group and start beating you and the girl accusing you of crossing moral lines and behaving indecently in public. Nearby a policeman, who is keeping vigil on the beach, instead of helping you, ignores the incident and walks away. Your friends also run away. You and the girl are beaten and warned not to roam around together again. Your friends who had fled the scene come back and take you both to university. In the university, professors and your friends ask you not to file complaint as this would affect name of the university and would also affect studies of students. Some professors tell you not to roam with girls but to focus more on studies. The girl wants to file complaint, but she is warned by the university officials that the group who beat her might take revenge on her.

Will you go ahead and file police complaint knowing that you and your friend might be attacked again by the same group? What is your opinion on the reaction of your friends and other people in the above case?

The present case throws light on the issue of 'moral policing' by fundamentalist outfits. Such acts are a direct attack on the constitutional right to freedom and personal liberty. Often people from minority communities are picked upon for their perceived lack of strength.

I will go ahead and complain because:

- Silence will do us no good. In a way, I will be validating their wrong actions and encouraging them further

- Only by raising voice, can one initiate change. The police and legal machinery however maligned is there for us if resolve is shown

I can ask for police protection and take help from National Human Right Commission for giving heft to our complaint. Since it involves my female friend, National Commission for Women can also further our cause. Thus, if we stay firm and exercise all legal channels, it will not be so easy for the perpetrators to attack us.

I understand the reputation of the university will be at stake. But the reaction of the professors is more damaging to the students as it is. Instead, they should be the one supporting us.

I am disappointed in my friends for running away in times of need. Had we all stood our ground, the attackers would have thought twice before going ahead with their plans.

We as common people should realize that our strength lies only in our unity.

Topic: integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship; Values in educational institutions

6) Your son is studying in 12th standard in a government residential school. He is school captain and is also head of students committee that looks after catering needs of school mess. One unfortunate day, hundreds of children in school fall sick after consuming chicken biryani. Preliminary investigation by Principal himself reveals that a very old stock of chicken was used in preparing biryani. Your son was away due to sports meet when food committee members along with school catering assistant had purchased chicken from the market. His team members tell your son that the catering assistant bought meat of dead chicken at half the market price despite their objection. The meat was also undercooked in biryani. Now, the Principal who is very close to catering assistant, threatens to punish your son and his team members for causing the food poisoning. They are threatened with suspension if they reveal the truth to enquiry committee that would be sent by District Collector later. They are asked to lie to the committee by saying that a lizard has fallen into biryani while it was being cooked. Your son who wants to become a doctor is studying well and has always been topper in studies. If he is suspended, he might risk his future studies. His friends want him to obey Principal's orders.

What course of action will you suggest to your son? Justify. (200 Words)

My son is facing an ethical dilemma where right actions may come at a personal loss.

Following would be my suggestions:

1. Reveal the truth after establishing facts. As the head of student committee he has a responsibility towards other students. His own integrity is also at stake.
2. Visit the ailing students in the hospital. Their pain will give him the resolve to stand up against the culprits.
3. Show courage against of the principle. Yet maintain his calmness in an emotionally charged situation.

4. Reason out with his friends and ask for their cooperation. A leader always takes the team in the right direction.

My son wants to be a doctor. Honesty and empathy towards others is cardinal for him. A wrong step here will leave a negative impact on his moral values. He may even develop a habit out of it. It will then be a greater damage to his future as doctor and more importantly as a human being.

The actions of the principle reveal the corrupted value system of the school. At the end of the semester, I would myself transfer my son to another school. His hardwork and intelligence cannot be diminished by a suspension. Instead, a good environment helps to enhance these qualities.

Topic: Values; ethics in private and public relationships

7) Your close friend intentionally offends you by insulting your religion and some of its practises which you follow religiously. Your parents who comes to know about this wants him severely punished by their community members. Will you allow this to happen? Justify. (200 Words)

No, I won't allow my community members to punish my friend.

-> Yes, he did offend me by insulting my religion and religious practices. There has to be some reason for my close friend doing it intentionally.

-> I would find out why he insulted my religion purposely. Was he influenced by some fanatics? Is he doing well on his personal front? Answers of these few questions would clarify his intent.

-> My parents' view of punishing my friend by our community members is not correct. Yes, we all are offended by his comments. But we should not be taking law in our hands.

-> Being an issue of hurting religious sentiments, my community members punishing my friend may aggravate the situation. It may finally lead to riots.

-> On the contrary, it would be better to speak to my close friend in private. If we still feel that his only intention was to hurt our feelings and spread social unrest, then we may file a police complaint against him.

--> It is rightly said "Forgive even before forgiveness is asked"

By showing some maturity, this situation can be handled peacefully.

Topic: Ethics in private and public relationships; ; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions;

("Changing patterns in married lives in Indian society and their effects on the traditional values")

6) You are Group-A Central Government employee and your wife is also Class-I Gazetted Medical Officer in State Govt. You are married since 5 years and your daughter is about to turn 2 years this month. Since last 5 years, you have not been staying together consistently as you and your wife's place of postings are in separate places. All these years your daughter is staying with your wife. Now and then you meet both of them, stay for a day and then report back to duty. Lately you have been thinking whether this is the right way of living. You are worried about your family's future. Your parents and relatives think there is no point living like this. You and your wife do not want to leave secure government jobs as well. Even though you have tried your best, it seems impossible to get posted near your wife's work place as her job is entirely different than yours.

What are the effects on you, your wife and your daughter of not living together and leading such a life? Will you continue to live like this till retirement? Critically discuss. (250 Words)

This is a typical example of work and personal LIFE balance . Public servant are expected to give sacrifices like this for the greater good of the country. Since the officer and his wife are in peace with their work and don't want to quit, it shows their dedication. Leaving the job is not an option as they would feel let down by themselves later. Identity crisis and unsatisfied life may encroach their mind.

Yes, the personal family life of the couple is being affected , and so does the lives of numerous people working in social sector. Idea of being integrated with the upliftment of masses always gives proper motivation. Daughter's life is not going to get affected as she will be always proud of her parents about their sacrifice and love for their work. She in turn will develop those virtues and incorporate in her life. Not denying the fact that she might feel lack of complete parental care at times, but in long run such examples will help to endeavor love for the society and motivate her to work for greater good. The couple can utilise their leaves judiciously and in the age of Informational technology they can always be in touch with each other.

Since the lady is a doctor she can always look for the vacancies which govt. publishes from time to time on the experience basis by different state govt. As the doctor /population ratio is very low in our country and thus it doesn't seem very difficult seeing the QUANTUM OF advt. of state govt. in the news papers.

Escaping is never a solution rather to face a situation judiciously and balancing work and family life to the degree which is possible should be the order of the day. Viable alternatives are always there it just needs a hawk eye to figure out.

Topic: Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government

9) Immediately after your IPS probationary training, you are posted as Additional SP of a district famous for operating illegal gun making factories. From the day one itself you have taken up the job of identifying and arresting local criminals involved in illegal manufacturing of guns. You were told by seniors that it was tough to arrest these criminals as they had a deep network of informants including local police who would help criminals escape whenever senior officers sent teams to arrest them on tip off. You were also told that most illegal gun factories operated under the patronage of powerful politicians. You were advised to go slowly on the issue without taking risk as this job of hunting down criminals involved risk to life as well. You were told not to act like super-cop and try to become a 'hero' as it would draw lots of attention on you from underground criminal networks and powerful politicians. You soon realize that most of the things told by your seniors were true. Your efforts to arrest individuals involved in illegal gun-making meet with failures. You find it difficult to trust your subordinates as your secret plans are leaked to criminals most of the times. In one incident, during a night raid, you meet with gunfire from a local gang. Fortunately you were not injured, but one of your staff was met with serious injuries in the incident. You are frustrated and dejected. You receive no support from any quarters be it senior officers or political bosses. Your parents urge you to get a safe posting and prepare for civil services exam again to fulfill their dream of seeing you as an IAS officer. Your father who retired as IGP, never wanted you to be an IPS officer.

Will you accept the system as it is and play safe as an officer? What decisions will you make in the light of growing frustration on your part and your parent's advice? Critically comment. (250 Words)

"Battles are not won on morals alone"

I am facing an ethical dilemma where adhering to the right conduct is putting my career and life at risk. The case involves a strong nexus of corrupt local police, politicians and hardcore criminals. There are two ways to deal with the situation:

Extreme Path – unflinching righteousness and highest integrity

I am sure my senior officers have tried to go down this path before. Hence they are suggesting me against it. Experience is valuable and more so in public services. Even my small attempts of arresting these criminals have been in vain.

Middle Path - Play smart not 'safe'

Do not go head on against the criminals as proved by the failed night raid. Find the upright officers in your department and discuss a potent strategy with them – both on field and off it. For example - Can I can deploy discrete teams comprising of locals to collective evidences ?. Then I can make the right noises and gather support in my department.

As an IPS officer, I am duty bound to fight criminal activities. I am required to be impartial and not collude with the nexus out of fear or greed. I shouldn't accept status quo but not go on a mad mission either. The middle-path described above can be one way to move forward. Regarding my parents suggestion of preparing for IAS, what is the guarantee I will not face a similar situation? Problems are overcome least by running away from them. I do not deny my frustration but I should use it as a learning curve on my duty, not an excuse. Therefore, I will stay in my service since IAS is not my but their dream. I can take inspiration from the story of the Mountain man of India who chiseled his way through a mountain, one inch at a time.

Topic: Family values; Ethics in private relations

6) You and your close friend are preparing for civil services exam in Delhi. You had cleared this exam in previous attempt, but you are again preparing to improve your rank this year. Your close friend did not clear UPSC civil services preliminary exam in her third attempt whereas you have cleared it again. She is very depressed and inconsolable. This time she was hoping to clear as she was sure that she had done well. She was already preparing well for Mains exam. Your friend is telling you that she would quit civil services exam preparation and go back to software job which she dislikes very much. She is scared that if she goes back to home, she will be forced to agree to marry a distant relative as she is already 28. Her parents are opposed to her software job too. She was hoping that she would get into civil services this year and marry her childhood friend whom her family hates. Now her parents are forcing her to return home. She tells you that she would better die than going back to home as it would mean end to her civil services dream as well as her wish to marry her boyfriend. She is asking for your advice at this moment.

What options does she have? What advice will you give her? Explain. (200 Words)

Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts. It is unfortunate that my friend could not clear the examination but taking crucial decisions while she is suffering would not be wise. I would advise her against being reactive and give the situation a well deserved thought before proceeding further. She has the following options:

1. She needs to remember the reasons why she started UPSC preparation in the first place, reinforce that resolve and muster the courage to prepare once again with full dedication.
2. Alternatively if she feels that she has already given her best during the course of preparation, she can decide to quit. This is not the end of life and there are other ways she can choose to serve society.
3. If she decides to quit she can look for a different job in another city and pursue something she loves. This would fend off her inhibitions about forced marriage and give her time to make an informed choice.
4. She needs to explain to her parents her position regarding marriage and her own future. If they don't understand, she has no choice but to ignore their unilateral "forced" decisions. Her parents will come about to her point of view in time.

Ideally, her decisions related to marriage and personal life should not be influenced by this one failure. As an individual, she has complete right to chart her own course in life. I will try to reinforce her confidence, nudge her to make a choice in alignment with her dreams and act as her support system in this time of crisis.

Topic: ;ethical concerns and dilemmas in private institutions

8) You are a board member of a multinational food processing company. You also own significant shares in the company. Recently the company is reeling under huge debt and looking forward to launch a product to make profits. The company has decided to launch a special energy drink product specially made for school children. Food scientists in the company warn the board about possible health impacts of this drink. They say that their research has found that this product as energy drink would make children prone to obesity and lose their hunger for home food. According to them this would adversely affect the health of large pool of children in the country within short term, as the company had large presence and trusted brand name across the country. But the board rubbishes these findings. They defend the product by quoting internal findings that it would be a big hit among children because of its taste and company would make huge profits by selling it. Except you, all the board members support the launch of this product and bury the findings of their scientists. They say that for them saving the company, their wealth and saving employees is of immediate concern.

Discuss the ethical issues present in this case and examine what options are available to you in this situation. Which option will you choose? Justify. (200 Words)

Following ethical issues are present in this case:

1. Self interest v/s society good : self interests of few board members, their company and employee is undermining health of millions.
2. Scientific truth v/s irrational lie : Findings of scientist is being hidden by lie of irrationality of profit making minds.
3. Loss of empathy : In lieu of making profits company people have lost the empathy towards children.
4. Cheating : Hiding the truth from consumers to help them make an informed choice is gross cheating.

Options available before me:

1. Bowing down before the majority and becoming silent on the issue: This will save me from excessive confrontations with company members but my silence would endanger the health of millions.

2. Raising my voice and showing my dissent among board members: It would give me satisfaction that atleast I tried. But if not stopped it would still be endangering lives of many.

3. Whistle blowing the whole findings : I may be able to stop the release of this product. But the whole company and its employees may loose future forever.

My action:

1. Since rationality and logic has evaded from profit seekers I will place the fact before them in economic terms. I will put the calculations showing the huge loss we can have if government catch our lie. I will give the example of Volkswagen

2. If not agreed, as board member I will send circular to company employees informing about the findings and possible impact this release might have.

3. Will talk with employee groups and ask to protest against the release.

4. Even after all this release does not stop I will whistle blow and release the findings to government and press.

As well wisher of company I will try my best to inform and save employees but as responsible citizen I will never allow future of millions of children endangered.

Topic: ethical concerns and dilemmas in government institutions; Values

8) You are newly appointed and posted as Sub-Inspector in a small town. You have won the love of people thanks to your honesty and some of the brave actions of yours in fighting crime in and around the town. Recently you help a rich old couple find their kidnapped ten year old grandchild and arrest her kidnappers. The girl had lost both her parents in an accident. Her grandparents had raised her with lots of love and care. Impressed by your swift action and safe return of their grandchild, out of immense gratitude, girl's grandparents visit you and insist you to take a cash of Rs five lakhs. They say that they would not leave your place until you take the money. They tell you that they are neither bribing you nor awarding cash prize, but out of love for their grandchild who is safe and sound, they are showing their gratitude to your bravery, honesty and swift action. They say that they have so much money to spend on girl and rupees five lakhs is small amount to spend compared to your action of saving her life.

Will you accept the money? Are the grandparents of girl right in offering you money? Justify why you accept or won't accept the money. (250 Words)

Present case highlights the traditional norm of our society in which award to any brave or honorable action is still considered in monetary terms.

-- Case also highlights the deep love and attachment our families share. Bond is so strong that at times person also becomes emotionally weak and do actions which his rationality may not allow.

--This situation also throw light on how our society has accepted some immoral acts as moral way of life. "Lie has been repeated so many times that it appears as truth".

-- Considering all these circumstances I don't blame grandparents for offering money. At this time they are weakest on their emotions as they have lost their kids and were on verge to loose only grand kid. Offering money shows not their moral degradation but of society who accepts money.

I will not accept money not only because it is ethically, morally and professionally wrong also because I consider it grave inhuman act to take advantage of another human beings when they are emotionally so weak.

-- I will accept their love and gratitude but request them to donate same money to some NGO working for girls causes like education , health etc.

-- I will also request them to continue such donations as they can afford and through this act also understood ply of thousands of other parents who loose their kids to one or other reason.

As society we need to understand the difference of use of money and compassion. Money should be used to help people in need and compassion to one doing her duty. What we do is exactly reverse.

Topic: Challenges of corruption

9) Has corruption increased since the opening up and liberalization of the Indian economy in the early 1990s? Critically analyse. (200 Words)

Corruption has been the endemic problem of Indian society. Pre-liberalization era witnessed the rent seeking behaviour under license raj and inspector raj, but there were still a sense of probity in higher political and bureaucratic corridors. But with the opening if economy after LPG reforms in 1991 , has resulted in a spike of corruption in our society, Some of the reasons are :

A. Crony capitalism :due to involvement of private sector in development processes, a new business-politician nexus got started. Precious resources of country were given to businesses by corrupt practices

B. Rising Affluence: With the opening of economy, the standards of living become higher and now people dont mind paying small bribed for expediting their work

C. Information asymmetry: the present age is termed as information age, and the asymmetry creates power in differential between the government employees and public thus giving scope of corruption.

D. Degrading Social and Moral ethos: After LPG, our society has been becoming increasingly materialistic. Thus, there is erosion of ethical values from both the society and the public institutions.

E. Rising cost of living : LPG reforms have resulted in higher inflationary trends, but the salaries of government employees haven't increased in same proportion. Thus, giving them reasons to indulge in corrupt practices.

Though we have tools like RTI, citizen Charter , e-governance to weed out this chronic problem, but the real change would come with the attitudinal change. For this schools and educational institutions should try to inculcate ethical values from childhood in children, and our society should stop tacit sanction of corrupt practices for material gains.

Topic: Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values

8) Your twelve year old daughter asks her grandfather why she is not allowed to play with boys in the neighbourhood. Her grandfather keeps telling her it's is for safety and it is against Indian culture for girls to mingle openly with boys outside her home. You have observed that she is very good in asking questions and has an inquisitive mind. When she would in turn ask him why it's not against Indian culture for boys to mingle with other boys and girls, he would tell her that a child, especially girl child should not speak like that to elders like him. She used to be fond of her grandfather, but nowadays she is rather scared of him. She has also stopped asking questions these days. Your wife who has a modern outlook, and who is a teacher herself is closely watching her daughter's conversations. These days she wants to move away to a new home with you and her daughter. She thinks that the future of her daughter will be in jeopardy if they continue to live together with her in-laws. She also thinks that both families can be happy if they live far away from each other.

As a father, do you agree with your wife's views? Highlight the issues in this case and discuss. (200 Words)

The case highlights differences in generational values which often leads to schisms in family life. The case studies presents following issues:

1. Friction between traditional and modern outlook.
2. Erosion of family ties due to conflict of values.

The opinion of the wife in this case stems from a fear of jeopardizing her daughter's future due to traditional outlook of grandparents. Being a teacher with a modern outlook, her fears are well founded in reality as there are always attempts to preserve the status quo evident in milder forms through patriarchal behavior of elders in the society. A mother naturally protective of her daughter would want her to acquire values which are in sync with changing times and outdated conformist bias like gender segregation does not really fit in the scheme of things.

The husband in this case needs to openly discuss these issues in the family so as to enable a healthy environment for the child to grow. He should politely try to make his parents understand that placing unsubstantiated restrictions in the name of tradition on their daughter would only harm her inquisitive nature and progressive outlook. On the other

hand, the wife needs to be reminded about their responsibilities towards their parents' and benefits of a joint family which acts as a support system, promotes value education, and nurtures a climate of mutual respect which are important attributes for all round development of their daughter. The issue needs to be resolved peacefully within the family and the husband can mildly echo his wife's view in front of his parents without hurting their sentiments.

Topic: Ethical issues in international relations

7) Recently Nepal faced another humanitarian crisis (after earthquake) because the flow of fuel and necessary supplies from India stopped. Is it ethical on India's part to stop such supplies to coerce Nepal to heed to its demands? Critically comment. (200 Words)

The humanitarian crisis of Nepal is of political origin in which India can only help by providing relief to the Nepalis people by providing full support and resources the way it helped during the earthquake crisis. The whole crisis came into being due to the lack of representation to Madhesis and Tribals of plain areas of Nepal under the new constitution. India has its stake in representation to these communities however it also has to respect the sovereignty of the Nepal constitution. India can not use coercive methods to make its demands fulfill by the Nepali government, it is against the fundamentals of India.

Persuasion is qualitatively different from coercion as the former respects and reinforces the other's (Nepal) wholeness and tries to ensure that the new way of looking at things takes root in and grows out of its changed being. In case of Nepal, India needs to do the same. It can use the positive contribution towards the Nepalis population to remove their suspicions about India and also can bring the change from within the Nepalis people themselves.

By cutting the supply of fuel or other necessary commodities, or not helping to remove the blockade is not going to help India in any way rather it will aggravate the hatred and mistrust against India among Nepalis people who don't understand the real problem of politics within their own country.

It is the best opportunity for India to show its "true friendly neighbour" side to the people of Nepal by helping in removal of blockade and resuming the supply of fuel and goods so that the "negative image of big brother" can be removed from the minds of people. This positive persuasion by using soft diplomacy will not only help India in the short run but also in the long run. It will give a message to the whole world about the greatness and humility of India and will also help Nepal to come out from crisis.

Topic: Ethical issues in international relations and funding

8) Philanthropy and capitalism are intrinsically linked in today's world. Do you think looking for profits even in philanthropy is unethical and immoral? Critically comment. (150 Words)

Can a capitalist be a philanthropist too? has been an age old debate.

Recently Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg termed altruistic motives behind launch of free basics amidst cries over conflict between net neutrality and affordable access. When Bill Gates and Warren Buffet announced their philanthropic donations, again apprehensions were expressed due to modus operandi of such activities. Recent involvement of Bill and Melinda Gates foundation in clinical trials in India brought to light such eternal conflict of business interests and ethical parameters. Hence, in a laymen view, capitalism and philanthropy cannot go hand in hand.

But generalization of a notion is itself a flawed concept and much depend on individual capitalist as to how they maintain a fine balance on walk ropes of contradictory interests arising of business and welfare aspects. Alfred Noble is an example whose Noble prize has been a stimuli to humanity's best endeavours in various fields as is the case of Ebola crisis which saw pouring of help across the capitalist. Often we heard as how moved by individual experiences, fellowships are established by entrepreneurs. India too has seen traditional goodwill of well offs towards fellow people either out of compassion or desire of spiritual merit. Religions often promote altruism as its basic component thus helping the cause and capitalist are no exception either.

Man is a social animal but limits of one's sacrifice are often doubted, specially of capitalists whose aim is amassing wealth even through exploitations and ill methods. Hence, altruism and capitalism can move only when ethical responsibilities overpowers self centric goals.

Topic: Ethical issues in private life

8) Five years ago, you gave life to twins after ten years of struggle to get pregnant. During those ten years you had prospered professionally and reached a high position in career growth. In the beginning you found it very difficult to manage children and work. Thankfully your husband who ran a business had sufficient time to look after them. He had encouraged you to take independent decisions and supported you to grow well in your career. After the birth of your children, doctors had told you that you would no more bear children in future due to certain medical condition. Few days ago when you consulted doctor, you came to know that you are in third week of pregnancy. You were happy with two children. It is now impossible for you to manage one more child due to professional commitments. You do not want this child and you want abortion. But your husband who is very fond of children and extremely happy knowing that you are pregnant, wants this child. He insists that you should not resort to abortion. Your friends suggest you to go ahead with abortion as you already have two beautiful small kids and don't need another one at this stage. But your husband is unhappy with this decision and also thinks that ethically it is wrong to terminate pregnancy.

a) What will you do in this situation? Justify. (150 Words)

b) Your husband who is usually supportive, now accuses of you giving preference to profession over family life. Do you agree with him? Substantiate. (150 Words)

The case study presents one of the most popular ethical debate i.e “Can abortion be justified morally”. Following issues arise in this situation:

1. Can we conclude whether the foetus being a living being has some rights like right to life? If yes, does that right takes priority over the mother's right to control her own body and life.
2. Under what circumstances can we take an “innocent” human life?
3. Whether rights of a father to have a child are on equal footing as rights of a wife?

In this case I need to balance my personal and professional life and take a difficult decision weighing the consequences of my actions. As an individual, I can't bring myself to take away an "innocent" life but the fact that doctors had forewarned me against bearing another child due to certain medical conditions needs to be given serious consideration as that can lead to complications later. I have to understand that my health and safety is critical for my family's overall well being and therefore I need to take a prudent course of action in consultation with my doctors and family. Ideal way ahead here would be to get my husband on board as he has been always supportive of my decisions and would come about once he understands my reasons.

b) My husband's reaction stems from the fact that he is deeply unhappy over my decision to prioritize professional career over giving birth again. His reaction is more emotional in this moment of grief rather than being thoughtful as he has not considered the medical issues involved. Managing a demanding professional career and raising a new child simultaneously would be taxing and I wouldn't be able to do justice with either of these roles. My understanding of a successful and content life nudges me to do justice to my existing responsibilities as a mother and a professional rather than taking over new ones. The need of the hour is to sit with him, openly discuss these issues and look for solutions together rather than solely relying on my friend's advise.

Topic: dimensions of ethics; Moral philosophers

6) What do you understand by moral philosophy? If you have to choose your own happiness or happiness for all, which one will you choose and why? (200 Words)

Moral philosophy is also called Ethics which is a branch of philosophy dealing with systematizing, defending and analysing human acts from the point of their rightness or wrongness. It expresses various grounds and reason for an act and its circumstances.

Choosing between happiness for oneself or for all can be a difficult proposition depending upon their relative magnitude and needs to be evaluated from ethical point of view:

1. Usually we go with utilitarian principle that our acts should maximise happiness for maximum number of people. For example a policeman sacrificing himself to defuse a bomb and save hundreds of lives. A philanthropist works for all humans.
2. But what if the happiness desired by all is morally wrong, for example an archaic Panchayat ordering rape of a woman to punish her for crime. A hedonist seeks pleasure and a sadist will seek pleasure at the pain of others.
3. Sometimes happiness for self takes precedence. For example to succeed in life one may have to say no to various people. Here he/she chose one's own happiness over others.
4. Choosing one will depend upon values and circumstances. Conscience is a key factor which will guide. But usually, it is the happiness for all which should get primacy in our value system.

Topic: Tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections: Values in family

8) Recently your wife's gold bangle was stolen from your bedroom. Apart from maid who daily works from morning to afternoon, only you, your wife and your 18 year old son live in your home. Your son is a school drop-out and goes to acting and dance classes to fulfill his ambition to become an actor. You suspect him of stealing the bangle, whereas your wife suspects maid even though she has been working in your home for past ten years. In your absence, your wife confronts the maid and accuses her of breaching trust. She asks her to give back the bangle and threatens to file police complaint against her. The maid pleads not guilty and says that she has not stolen anything in last ten years and she would never do such thing despite being very poor. From next day maid stops coming to your home. You find out that, as expected, your son had stolen the bangle to pay fee for a dance class. He had done after you had refused to pay his fees. Knowing this, your wife feels bad about the maid. She tries to reach the maid, but later learns from another maid that she has left the town with her blind son.

Which values are lacking in your family in the above case? Knowing that your son had stolen, what will you do now? Critically discuss. (200 Words)

This is a case of accusation without proof, being judgmental and stereotyping that persists largely in the society (if a household article stolen/misplaced, blame the maid/servant!!).

Values Lacking in the family ->

- (1) Emotional Quotient- Wife is an employer at first and the employee had been working for past ten years too. Any person becomes a part of the family in this time-span. She didn't thought her past records and took the extreme assumptions and lost a faithful employee.
- (2) Stereotyping-> The article might have been misplaced by her also and the son's angle she didn't give a thought upon, though hinted by the husband.
- (3) Family values-> the couple didn't decide the course of action and even the Husband could have suggested the course of action, but he too left the issue on apprehension. Lack of cohesion and communication-gap with son/wife.

(4) Lack of sense of responsibility -> Son has dropped out of class 10th and seeking for acting career, at such tender and teenage age, Parents are expected to inculcate the young minds about the values of education and its relevance in acting too. Institutes like FTII, NSD etc. sets minimum educational criteria for the students.

(5) Moral and Ethical values -> Son stole the bangles which is in itself indication of degraded moral principles and it cannot be justified and should be taken seriously by the parents. Almost every crime begins from home only.

Family is an institution which requires all the emotivity, considerations along with the proper checks and balances on the ethical /moral character of its members. The couple needs to have a brainstorming to how get the things in place and how to imbibe positivity in the son and family on a whole. Punishing son is not the solution. Proper counselling by the couple even the help of a counsellor can be sought. They all need to take the family in the right direction. It is rightly said upright Individuals gives a healthy family and this in turn makes a nation strong in lieu.

Topic: Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration

6) Your roommate who is also preparing for civil services exam for past six years keeps telling you that he has lost zeal to serve public and his only motive to getting into IAS is to make money and enjoy power. Even though he made it into personality test stage four times in a row, he has not got any rank till now. He thinks he can not go back to his previous lucrative job as his ego is not permitting him to go. Moreover he is skeptical that the company might hire him for lesser salary than what he used to earn earlier. He is confident of clearing this exam in his next attempt. As far as you know him, he was very motivated to serve people in the early days of exam preparation. He used to talk about helping weaker sections as an IAS officer. He used to motivate you to put interest of the public before anything else. But, now his tone has reversed. He wants to marry a rich girl, preferably a daughter of a powerful politician. He also wants to venture into business after making lots of money in IAS. There is clear chance of him getting selected into civil services as he seems to have corrected all his previous mistakes that he had committed in exam.

What options do you have in this case? Examine their merits and demerits, and choose the best course of action. (200 Words)

It seems Hardships, uncertainties, insecurities of the six long years has taken its toll on friend's temperament. He lost his vision and forgot what was his real motivation. He undermined that same motivation made him strong to survive all these years. He is on the verge of selection due to that persistent hard work only.

Taking all this above points into considerations, my course of action would be---->

(1) I will try to initiate talk to him, and remind him about his vision. Seriousness of the duty and aspirations of the people.

(2) Marrying a politician's or a rich girl can't be questioned it's his personal life, but marriage for the sake of entering into a business venture and making money which is against the service rules will have severe ramifications on his career and a disservice to the nation.

(3) I will try to remind him that he is going to be on responsible position where public money is entrusted under him, many vested interest people under the veil of connections, relationship will try to elude him. He needs to be aware of all those things.

(4) Will ask him to accompany with me to the slums and poor people settlements and will try to make him understand that what he is trying to do is to do disservice to these people ultimately, who has done no wrong to him whatsoever.

All of my course of action in reality would be based on the persuasion thing only. I have to be very aware in dialectics with him as many different angles are involved vis-a-vis Rights, aspirations, Morality, rules etc. I need to take a stand where I will try to persuade him ethics and empathy is the prime virtue of a civil servant. It has its own rewards. One should not expect a contrary aspiration from a civil/social services. National duty and passion for working for the downtrodden and oppressed is our aim. The rewards in terms of accolades, recognition, blessings and sense of fulfilment can't be bought with illicitly earned money. It's all about authority, not power. It's actually about to do, not to show. If someone is getting it wrong, he should try to re-orient his inner sense of Indian public administration.

Topic: Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.

7) Examine the difference between emotional intelligence and intelligence quotient. In your opinion, to succeed as a better administrator, which one you need most? Substantiate. (200 Words)

Given Same Intellect levels and other external factors (say place, resource, time etc.) why some individual achieves greater height than the other?

Emotional intelligence (EI) encompasses the values which is in the ideals of SOCIAL-LIFE. Humans in the want of more and more, have shifted their attention from being a "social creature" to a very "atomistic" and "individualistic" one, the core Human values like empathy, Self-awareness and understanding and respecting the feelings of others got undermined. Very recently the term Emotional Quotient (EQ; measurement of EI) was evolved and its importance in work and private life was realised by the people.

Intelligence Quotient (IQ) is the ability of an individual to solve the given complex situation, it relies on his cognitive skills, Practice and training of mind, analysis to meet the ends are the main focus area. IQ in a way is measurement potential of the mind to counter complicated issues and come out with analysis.

Gandhiji was a Highly Emotionally Intelligent person. We have read how he turned the situations and was able to gauge people's aspirations, his colleague aspirations and he always pushed things up to the trade-off mark only. He emerged as a best Organiser that the world has ever seen. Not because of his intellect only but the Lion's share goes to his ability to understand the aspirations, capabilities and empathy for his countrymen or people at large.

Administrators are also expected to organise things, aspirations and execute plans within resource limited. Hence he needs support from his colleagues and other stakeholders. EQ has an upper hand as compared to other virtues of an Administrator but not denying the fact IQ has too its importance in dea generation, efficiency.

It's the EQ of an administrator which guides him and motivates him to be humble and use discretionary power effectively. IQ facilitates decision making, EQ shows the way.

Topic: Ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance

8) According to a 2013 study by the scientist Rick Heede, nearly two-thirds of carbon dioxide emitted since the 1750s can be traced to just 90 of the largest fossil fuel and cement-producing entities, most of which still operate. Fifty are investor-owned companies, including ChevronTexaco, ExxonMobil, Shell, BP and Peabody Energy; 31 are state-owned companies, such as Saudi Aramco and Norway's Statoil; and nine are states such as Saudi Arabia and China. (Livemint)

These entities, while making huge profits, they also provide much needed energy to the world.

Do you think these entities are making profits unethically? What are the consequences of their profiteering actions? Should they be punished and held responsible for the consequences of their actions? If yes, how should they be punished? Critically comment. (300 Words)

Earth which houses around 7 billion population is "live" because of its environment. And if there are just 90 entities polluting it maximum and making life of billions vulnerable their actions need to be debated. Its true that they are providing much needed energy to world but still there acts are unethical because:

1. They have complete knowledge of the fact that their acts are polluting complete life blanket of billions. Still they are continuing at same pace as they are getting benefited.
2. They have choice of moving towards cleaner energy, investing profits in research for clean development but since that might harm profits very less is done on that front.
3. They are extracting and using resources in unsustainable ways. This will deplete the future generations of natural resources.
4. There are millions on this earth who are not getting any access to energy. But they live and depend on environment . It amounts to getting punished for the act you have not done.

Their profiteering actions are:

1. Polluting environment causing climate change having disastrous effects on complete life on earth.
2. Reckless extraction of resources will deprive future generations of natural resources.

3. Health of the workers in these entities are most vulnerable as they are at first point of contact.

4. It has triggered a race for extraction and exploitation which is a vicious cycle to break.

The idea of justice stands that those guilty of doing harm to others should be punished. Punishment must be assured if act was done knowingly. But here punishing only these entities would be wrong as people are also guilty of wasting energy and using it injudiciously. Punishment therefore should include:

1. Entities must accept their responsibility of polluting environment. They must also accept their further responsibility to take corrective steps.

2. They should make compulsorily investment in clean projects and contribute to a global clean energy fund.

3. These entities should be made partner and signatory to Kyoto protocol to share the burden.

4. For people/other industries wasting energy "polluters pay" principle should be followed. High taxes should be levied for using energy above a limit.

Energy and development are the needs of human being for progressing. But environment is the need for survival. Extra and strict measure should be taken to protect it.

Topic: Ethical issues in international relations

6) The drone killing systems, that are in operation in Afghanistan and some parts of other conflict zones, exist in an ideological belief system where the rhetoric of precision technology helps justify the violence of the state.

Do you think because drone killing systems are better than full scale wars, hence they are ethical? Critically comment. (150 Words)

With the advancement of technology, warfare has now shifted from battlefields to battlezones. The current drone operations of drone killing systems utilized by USA in the Afghanistan has been categorized by USA as ethical from the following dimensions.

1) Protection of sovereignty of a nation, by not allowing boots on the land of the the other nation.

2) Technology has high precision and thus the intended targets of terror outfits can be easily challenged and killed.

3) The defense against terror outfits is for global welfare and not individual national ambitions taking a straw from bentham ethics.

However critics view such strikes as most unethical and barbaric on the following dimensions

1) Territorial integrity and sovereignty of a nation is at stake. Though armed personnel have not been fighting the war, use of drones against another nation without authorization is blatant abuse of territorial sovereignty of any nation.

- 2) Accountability mechanism is completely absent. For example there has been no authorization from UN or other international bodies.
 - 3) Blatant human rights violations as any individual can be killed just on the mere suspicion of "intended target". A recent report on killings in Afghanistan has pointed out that the Drones have actually killed more civilians compared to terrorists.
 - 4) No reconciliation or justice delivery mechanism for innocent extra judicial killings.
- It should be understood that technology should be used much for that advancement of mankind. Accountability of utilizing such technology for extra judicial killings should be borne out moral principles which include respecting human rights among others.

Topic: Ethical concerns and dilemma in public and private institutions

7) You are working as Principal in an engineering college. You are known for strict discipline. Few in college management are not happy with the way you are bringing various reforms. Few senior professors are trying for the post of Principal by spreading false rumours against you. Your son was recently caught red-handed while cheating in engineering entrance examination. A case was filed against him and he was debarred from taking any entrance exam for next 3 years. No engineering college was ready to admit him even under management quota because of case against him. Your wife requests you to talk to your college management and admit your son to any branch. The college management refuses saying that if media or rivals come to know about this, the college would get a bad name. However, the management which was looking for ways to remove you suggests that they would give admission to your son if you resign as Principal of the college.

What will you do in this situation? Justify. (200 Words)

This is a scenario where work(as a principal) and love/duty(Fatherhood) is overlapping. Such situation should be dealt very carefully, as one wrong move can spoil my hard earned reputation and position also being a father i need to take care of my son and guide him for a better future.

My course of Action would be----->

(A) would try to have an open and friendly discussion with my son, about his cheating incident. I would like to know ; if he is interested in engineering course or not.

1)If he is interested and he admits that it was his fault to cheat, otherwise he is sincere abt his studies and want to pursue further.I wud try to get the help of a lawyer and would exploit all the provisions available to my son.

(2)I would personally take an appointment with VC of the university and would like him to see the mistake and would also bring my son's past records to the fore , that it was his fault t cheat but 3 years ban is retributive in nature and will spoil his career.

(3)If above talks fail i would approach to the court for the redressal.

(4)If all these fails would send my son to foreign country fr studies as he is interested in Engg. and one fault of his should not ruin his dreams forever.

(B)If he is not interested in Engg or became disinterested later--> I would advice him to pick a career of choice as imposition of a parent's will in the career things often leads to non-realisation of true potential in the wards.

(1)Would help him in choosing his field of interest being a PRINCIPAL of a College I have the requisite exposure to guide a young mind.

(2) Will not hurry to a decision and will give sufficient time to my son and family to come out with all this.

As far as, rivals are concerned who are maligning me in order to seek the chair of principal by ousting.I will refrain myself from this mud-slinging business and will devout all my energy to work and lead my life righteously.

Topic: Ethics in personal life

8) "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

— Mark Twain

Explain the meaning and significance of this quote for you. (150 Words)

Here Mark Twain has given a balanced interpretation about the power of truth and its importance in a single line.

Truth is not related to words only,truth is overall activity of an individual.It is an umbrella term.Being truthful is not limited to saying what one has seen or heard. Being truth means what one thinks and gives justification for that too.Truth is not white or I would say it is not antonyms of false in its essence, everyone know that sun rises in the east.But that is not a universal truth scientists in space won't agree with that, they might not see sun rising or setting.

----->Contextualisation of a fact should proceeds truth and the whole essence should be understood, Even "not speaking" which is generally perceived as "non-false" by default is not a TRUTH at all.Truth is what we have internalised as morals and Principles working on that honestly makes a man righteous in his deeds and acts.

-----> A righteous person do not worry about the consequences of his actions as he is self-assured that he has done what was right.

-----> Even we have provisions to be sympathetic towards culprits who sides with truth and helps in the course of justice.

For me truth is what is eternal and what is righteous thing. In the course, if some confusion arises constitution, law and the words of great men like Vivekananda, Gandhiji and others shows the path. A very relevant message of Srimad Bhagavad Gita; "Do your duty without thinking about the outcome", explains the above Quote of Twain in a very relevant way.

Topic: Ethics in public life; Empathy towards weaker sections

7) You are working as Panchayat Development officer in a gram panchayat. Your work involves proper implementation of government schemes at local level. One day a very old lady comes to you and tell you that her hut has been completely destroyed due to heavy rain and she has no place to sleep. She tells you that she is treated as outcast by villagers for many years and nobody is coming forward to help. She requests you to grant her home under any of government's schemes. You are not authorized to do so unless a proper gram sabha is held to choose beneficiaries. Moreover villagers are opposed to any help to old lady.

In this situation, what will you do? Discuss. (200 Words)

Compassion and empathy towards weaker sections of the society is an essential trait of a public servant. This case demands that the Panchayat development officer take immediate measures to provide relief to the old lady both on procedural and humanitarian grounds:

1. He can help the old lady by getting her admitted into a government old age shelter home or any other similar institutional arrangement so that she has a roof over her head for the time being pending a permanent resolution of her problems.

2. Alternatively he can rope in a local NGO to provide her rehabilitation in case government infrastructure and capability is found wanting for reasons of lack of capacity or procedural delays.

3. The officer needs to mediate between the villagers and the old lady and try to persuade panchayat members of her pressing requirements. If need be, the officer can request assistance of women members of the gram panchayat/sabha to present her case. Ideally, they would be more receptive to her plight and can subsequently press other members to address her concerns. In the gram sabha also the officer should ensure proper adherence to rules and regulations during identification of beneficiaries so that no injustice is meted out to her.

Prima facie the old lady looks eligible for rehabilitation and resettlement under government schemes and the officer should leave no stone unturned to alleviate her problems.

Topic: Ethical issues in international relations

9) Both Indian and Pakistani governments have failed to improve relations between them. Do you think if both countries behave ethically they could sort out their differences? What alternate ways exist to improve relations between them? Critically comment. (200 Words)

India and Pakistan have been rivals of each other ever since the birth of these Independent nations. Many efforts have been made since but not much progress has been made. Wars, diplomacy, international cooperation etc have not brought peace between the countries and in the region.

Ethical values of international relations like respecting sovereignty and integrity, working towards peace and cooperation, non-intervention and having patience and tolerance can help in sorting the difference because:

1. People of both countries share same socio-cultural values. Since centuries they lived together, shared thoughts and basic human values. This connections can be explored to politico-military problems.
2. Both countries people are moving away from petty politics to politics of development. Development is possible only in peace and peace is possible only if leaders of both countries respect above ethical principles.
3. Both countries have integrated and become part of world ecosystem. World is moving towards humanism and cross border ties. If two neighbors don't realize and follow they may find themselves cornered.

But only values may not bring solution soon because of vested interests among leaders of Pakistan. Many of them are wielding power by playing anti-India card. So for improving relations in short run following ways exist:

1. International pressure should be built on Pakistan to stop cross border terrorism.
2. Bilateral diplomatic talks must continue to maintain continuity in peace talks.
3. Economic integration should be strengthened.
4. People-to-people contact must be streamlined and taken to new heights.
5. India should walk one step ahead and help Pakistan to maintain its democracy and fight against terrorism on its soil.

Whatever may be the way, core ethical value of respecting life and taking humanity to higher orders shall prevail.

Topic: Ethical issues in private relations

10) You are a victim of child abuse by one of your family friends. You have grown up seeing that person getting closer to your parents. Recently you married your childhood friend. For the first time, for anyone, you reveal him the horrors you have been through. He strongly suggests you to confront the offender, reveal everything to your parents and punish him. But you want to forget everything and move on. You do not want to see the face of the offender again. You suggest your husband to get a job in foreign country and move there permanently. Your husband is adamant that the offender must be punished either by law or by your family members. He is showing you unconditional love and support to overcome the trauma, but at the same time seems impulsive to punish the offender. He is outraged and disturbed.

Will you accept your husband's suggestion and act accordingly? Justify. Also comment on the issue of child abuse and solutions needed to prevent such abuses at home. (250 Words)

The husband's suggestion to confront and punish the offender is the most appropriate course of action in this case:

1. First and foremost, confronting the offender would allow the victim to come to terms with her past and would give a sense of closure which is vital so that she can lead a happy life going ahead. It is also imperative so that her future life decisions are not affected by trauma of her past.
2. The association and friendship of her parents with the offender stems out of ignorance and is based on moral depravity. She needs to apprise her parents of the truth.
3. True justice demands that she speaks out against her offender and take recourse to legal remedies. This is essential for future deterrence and might also expose similar incidents with other innocent children in the past. Her actions might also encourage other such victims to speak up and can initiate a healthy debate in society.

It would also be difficult for the husband to come to terms with this incident due to love and affection for his wife. The victim needs to gather the courage and speak up truth for her and her family's overall well being. However, care should be taken to ensure that a seemingly agitated husband does not take law in his own hands in an impulsive reaction.

Child abuse is one of the most taboo subject in a conservative society like ours where even parents try to bury such incidents under the carpet over fears of embarrassment, social alienation and future of their children. However, inaction only emboldens perpetrators. The need of the hour is to have very stringent legal provisions against child abuse with presumption of guilt and their proper enforcement to serve as a deterrence. A proper policy is needed which encompasses awareness generation, child support services including counselling, prohibition of child labour, special child courts etc. Parents should be educated to spot early signs of emotional/psychological trauma in children. As a society we need to change our attitude and encourage discussion on such topics so that we can chart a healthy future for our children.

Topic: Moral thinkers

6) "The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance."
Elaborate the meaning of this quote by Socrates and examine if
you can relate some of your experiences with its meaning. (150
Words)

"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance." quote by Socrates reveals the importance of knowledge. Socrates was proponent of knowledge and wisdom. Ignorance here refers to thinking oneself as knowledgeable or thinking one is too knowledgeable to accept other ideas. This quote has deep and profound meaning. Another quote of Socrates gives a clearer picture with regards to the meaning of the above quote. "True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing". By Knowledge here he is trying to say that a wise person never think himself as omniscient or wisest; However intellect he/she might have.

Knowledge is as diverse as from tiny drops of water to gigantic universe, one can only gain knowledge when at first he thinks that he lacks in it. It goes by the saying that first step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one. Same goes with Knowledge; and not recognizing that is called ignorance.

I have faced many a times this situation in my studies. Ignoring the subjects in which I have strength and ignoring views / suggestions / ideas of others has costed me dearly. One has to be cautious with the approach towards his knowledge attainment. A blocked mind owing to ignorance always generates stale ideas. One's mind needs to be receptive and acknowledge different ideas, like the bed of free flowing river which rejoices the current passing over it.