



Mains Notes for IAS and PCS

GS-4 Ethics and Human Interface

Last year Question papers

1. Explain how ethics contribute to social and human well – being. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
2. Law and ethics are considered to be the two tools for controlling human conduct so as to make it conducive to civilized social existence.
(a) Discuss how they achieve this objective.
(b) By giving examples show how the two differ in their approaches. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
3. (a) What is meant by environment ethics? Why is it important to study? Discuss any one environmental issue from viewpoint of environmental ethics? **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
(b) Differentiate between the following: **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
 - (i) Law and Ethics
 - (ii) Ethical Management and Management of Ethics
 - (iii) Discrimination and Preferential Treatment
 - (iv) Personal Ethics and Professional Ethics
4. At the international level, the bilateral relations between most nations are governed on the policy of promoting one's own national interest without any regard for the interest of other nations. This leads to conflicts and tensions between the nations. How can ethical consideration help of resolve such tensions? Discuss with specific examples. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
5. Public servants are likely to confront with the issues of 'Conflict of interest'. What do you understand by the term 'Conflict of interest' and how does it manifest in the decision – making by public servants? If faced with the conflict of interest situation, how would you resolve it? Explain with the help of example. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
6. (a) All human beings aspire for happiness. Do you agree? What does happiness mean to you? Explain with examples. **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
(b) What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in public administration? **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
7. (a) "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." What do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with illustrations from the modern context. **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
(b) "Human beings should be treated as 'ends' in themselves and never as merely 'means'." Explain the meaning and significance of this statement, giving its implications in the modern techno – economic society. **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
8. (a) The current society is plagued with widespread trust – deficit. What are the consequences of this situation for personal well – being and for societal well – being? What can you do at the personal level to make yourself trustworthy? **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
(b) It is often said that poverty leads to corruption. However, there is no dearth of instances where affluent and powerful people indulge in corruption in a big way. What are the basic causes of corruption among people? Support your answer with examples. **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**
9. We are witnessing increasing instances of sexual violence against women in the country. Despite existing legal provisions against it, the number of such incidences is on the rise. Suggest some innovative measures to tackle this menace. **(Civil Services Examination 2014)**

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10. What do you understand by 'values' and 'ethics'? In what way is it important to be ethical alongwith being professionally competent?
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
11. It is often said that 'politics' and 'ethics' do not go together. What is your opinion in this regard? Justify your answer with illustrations.
(Civil Services Examination 2013)

