



## Mains Notes for IAS and PCS

### GS-4 Ethics and Probity in Public Administration

#### Last year Question papers

1. Discuss Mahatma Gandhi concept of seven sins. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
2. Analyse John Rawl's concept of social justice in the Indian context. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
3. "Corruption causes misuse of government treasury, administrative inefficiency and obstruction in the path of national development." Discuss Kautilya's views. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
4. "Max Weber said that it is not wise to apply to public administration the sort of moral and ethical norms we apply to matters of personal conscience. It is important to realize that the state bureaucracy might possess its own independent bureaucratic morality." Critically analyse this statement. **(Civil Services Examination 2016)**
5. (a) A mere compliance with law is not enough, the public servant also has to have a well – developed sensibility to ethical issues for effective discharge of duties. Do you agree? Explain with the help of two examples where (i) an act is ethically right but not legally and (ii) an act is legally right, but not ethically. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**  
(b) How do the virtues of trustworthiness and fortitude get manifested in public service? Explain with examples. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
6. Today we find that in spite of various measures like prescribing codes of conduct, setting up vigilance cells/ commissions, RTI, active media and strengthening of legal mechanisms, corrupt practices are not coming under control.  
(a) Evaluate the effectiveness of these measures with justifications. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**  
(b) Suggest more effective strategies to tackle this menace. **(Civil Services Examination 2015)**
7. (a) What do you understand by the term 'voice of conscience'? How do you prepare yourself to heed to the voice of conscience? **(Civil Services Examination 2013)**  
(b) What is meant by 'crisis of conscience'? Narrate one incident in your life, when you were faced with such a crisis and how you resolved the same. **(Civil Services Examination 2013)**