



SRI CHAITANYA IAS ACADEMY

QUESTION PAPER

Name of the Student :

Adm No. :

Date : 29-07-2018

Subject: ETHICS

Medium : Telugu/English

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 250 M

Question Paper Specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

- There are **FOURTEEN** divided into **TWO SECTIONS** and printed in English.
- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Answers must be written in the medium authorised in the admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorised one.
- Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) booklet must be clearly struck off.

Total Marks Obtained:

Remarks :

Signature of Examiner

SECTION - A

Answer questions in NOT MORE than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length:-

1. True happiness is possible only through virtuous and ethical living. Comment.
(150 Words, 10 M)
2. Selflessness, integrity and objectivity are core principles which every public servant must hold dear to his heart and apply in public service. Do you agree? Elucidate with examples. (150 Words, 10 M)
3. It is hard to be ethical in business, but it is necessary. Substantiate with contemporary examples from the world of business. (150 Words, 10 M)
4. (a) What do you understand by the terms 'moral muteness' and 'moral myopia'? Do you agree with the view that both individuals and societies could suffer from these afflictions? Explain with relevant examples from contemporary times. (150 Words, 10 M)
(b) Recent events of mob violence in India indicate the prevalence of prejudicial attitudes with strong ingroup-outgroup bias. Do you agree? Substantiate with contemporary examples. (150 Words, 10 M)
5. (a) Is it possible for a public servant to take risks in decision making in an environment where financial probity and effective use of resources is also expected? Explain. (150 Words, 10 M)
(b) 'Inner moral compass' is the most sophisticated and valuable guide to ethical conduct. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)
6. (a) Stress tolerance, social awareness and impulse control are central to the success of modern day public servants. Discuss.
(150 Words, 10 M)
(b) "It takes a whole village to raise a child" - African proverb

In the context of the above quote, examine the role of society in inculcating values in children. (150 Words, 10 M)

7. (a) There are disagreements among nation-states on how much we should help refugees - or even whether we should. Do you agree? Explain. What do you think are the duties of the international community to refugees and stateless people? (150 Words, 10 M)
- (b) Good governance never depends upon laws, but upon the personal qualities of those who govern. The most important element of government, therefore, is the method of choosing leaders. Critically examine. (150 Words) 10 M
8. (a) Altruism and pro-social behaviour form the DNA of a good civil servant. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)
- (b) The challenge before public servants today is: 'Doing things right and doing the right things'. Do you agree? Substantiate. (150 Words, 10 M)

SECTION - B

9. **You are an aspiring civil servant. You often hear or observe the following:**
- (a) Higher wages for public servants would make the public sector more efficient and reduce the abuse of power.
- (b) Our system of government gives elected ministers the right to determine the public interest. Public servants are required to accept the government's interpretation of the public interest.
- (c) High expectations from the general public and lack of appreciation and recognition make public service less attractive.
- (d) Free speech rights of public servants are limited, and this is nothing but a compromise.

Examine the above statements with their merits and demerits.

(250 Words) 20 M

10. You have secured scholarship from a prestigious Ivy League University to pursue your doctoral studies. It has been a childhood dream of yours to pursue higher studies from this University. You have been asked to enrol within a week's time, failing which you would have to forfeit your seat. To complete your admission formalities, you need certain documents from the local authorities.

The local authorities demand bribe and you have no time whatsoever to complain to higher authorities and seek redress. Without these certificates you will not be able to fly abroad and register with the University.

What would you do in such a situation? Justify your actions.

(250 Words) 20 M

11. You discover that, for the last two years, a close friend at work has been stealing small amounts of cash and altering official financial records to disguise thefts, and taking office supplies from your ministry.

She has been selling the supplies at the market in the next town. Because of the ministry's extremely poor accounting systems, no one suspects that anything is wrong. Your friend has a sick husband and a young family to support and her salary as a civil servant is too low for the family to live on comfortably.

What are the ethical issues involved in the above case? How shall you act?

(250 Words) 20 M

12. You are the Food Safety and Standards Inspector in a district. You have earned a reputation for going by the rule book. You have received anonymous complaints that a local food factory has compromised safety standards in the manufacture of certain food items consumed by children. You visit the premises and find gross violations in manufacturing standards; you order the closure of the premises and collect samples to check if there has been a case of food adulteration. You know that the factory is owned by a local politician who has a notorious reputation. You receive a call from him. He threatens

you with dire consequences if the collected samples are sent for examination. You do not budge, and decide to press ahead. Two days later, your school going kids inform you that they are being stalked by strangers. Your wife too complains of preying by strangers. Although you are determined to pursue the case to its logical conclusion, your family mounts pressure on you to do otherwise.

Some of the options to handle this situation could be:

- 1) Give in to the pressure, and not send the samples for examination.
- 2) Ignore the threats and fears and firmly press ahead.
- 3) Brief your superiors, seek directions from them and act accordingly.

Suggest any other possible option(s). Evaluate all of them and suggest the best course of action, giving your reasons for it. (250 Words) 20 M

13. On the freezing morning of 9 December 2016, at around 5 a.m., when there was relatively low visibility and a deep silence had enveloped the area, three people barged into a house in Tapkara panchayat of Torpa block and attacked a 60 year-old woman named Susari Budh. They attacked her from behind without saying a word. She was dragged mercilessly out of the house, her hands and neck were tied and kerosene was poured on her. The poor frail lady begged for her life but her pleas fell on deaf ears. Nature was a mute witness to the men lighting a matchstick and setting her on fire, burning her alive in front of her rented house. An innocent woman lost her life, accused of indulging in witchcraft.

In places like Jharkhand, where we have a large population of tribal communities, elderly women/widows live in fear of being killed as 'witches' when neighbours become ill or their livestock die unexpectedly. Witch hunts are so rampant in the state that whenever a new disease sets in that affects either people or cattle, and the villagers fail to comprehend it, they look for witches to kill so as to propitiate the spirits.

The above extract from a news paper highlights how deep-rooted superstitions are in our society. What do you think are the reasons for the prevalence of these superstitions in this day and age? Imagine yourself to be a young civil servant posted to a district where people are blinded by superstitions. What would you do to root out these evils? (250 Words) 20 M

14. Mr. Ravi and Mr. Varun are special education teachers who work with third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Their school is preparing to take the state's annual standardized achievement tests. This year students in Mr. Ravi's and Mr. Varun's classes have been identified as having difficulty in reading and are at risk for failure on the standardized test. The principal has made it very clear that he expects the school's scores on this year's standardized test to be an improvement over last year's scores. The day before testing is scheduled to begin, the principal has a meeting with Mr. Ravi and Mr. Varun. At the meeting he tells them to do whatever is necessary to ensure positive test results. While administering the test, Mr. Ravi realizes that Mr. Varun is reading parts of the reading comprehension passages to the students. This violates the validity of the test and could result in a false learning profile of his students (falsification of results). Mr. Ravi tells Mr. Varun so, who responds by saying that he is simply doing what the principal instructed him to do.

What should Mr. Ravi do now? What would you do if you were in Ravi's shoes, and why? (250 Words) 20 M

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