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### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do furnish the appropriate details in the answer sheet (viz. Name, Registration Number and Test Code).
2. There are FOURTEEN questions printed in ENGLISH.
3. All questions are compulsory.
4. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized 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 authorized one.
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## EVALUATION INDICATORS

1. Alignment Competence
2. Context Competence
3. Content Competence
4. Language Competence
5. Introduction Competence
6. Structure - Presentation Competence
7. Conclusion Competence

Overall Macro Comments / feedback / suggestions on Answer Booklet:

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All the Best



Answer the following questions is not more than 150 words each.

1. (a) Celebrities are paid huge amounts by companies for endorsing products that at times turn out to be harmful for the consumers. Examine the ethical dimensions involved in such instances. 10

Celebrities have a tremendous amount of "social influence" and hence they are able to convince their fans, followers & general public to buy their the products they endorse.

But advertisement of products can also have ~~so~~ serious ethical dimensions like:

① Product is harmful to health

For example alcohol is usually advertised through "surrogate advertising".  
~~hence~~ This causes additional ethical & legal issue of breach of law.

② Product harmful to society

• eg: Tobacco products ~~to~~ imposes huge health costs on society

(3) Misleading advertisements

(4) Advertising products that have  
racist connotations

eg: Fairness cream - India is  
the largest market

(5) Advertising products which ~~they~~ celebrities  
themselves do not use

eg: Shilpa Shetty ~~adverts~~ became  
brand ambassador of an alcohol brand  
when she herself does not consume

~~Here~~, (6) Celebrities themselves may be  
misled - like Pierce Brosnan  
in "Paan Bazaar"

Actors/Celebrities must do due diligence  
while taking up any assignment.

Also the self-regulatory body of advertisers  
must carefully vet the advertisements that  
come on air & take post-facto action if  
products are harmful/misleading etc



1. (b) Lack of cleanliness in urban areas despite schemes such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan point to difficulties faced in bringing about attitudinal and behavioural changes. Discuss. 10

When ~~to~~ Mahatma Gandhi one stayed at Shantiniketan, he brought about a complete transformation in the cleanliness of the students there, by ~~not~~ forbidding servants from carrying away night-soil { doing it himself. This shamed & even inspired the young students ~~from~~ to follow his action & Rabindranath Tagore could hardly believe it.

This ~~is~~ story tells us that sanitation (among other things) is a behavioral & attitudinal issue.

Although we have had several initiatives for ~~for~~ sanitation improvement, we have been unsuccessful to bring about

necessary behavioral change because:

- ① Lack of community awareness regarding public health which was largely a result of colonial modernization
- ② toilets - and notions of purity and pollution
- ③ Comfort levels of people - even when they have toilets, the people do not use.

There has to be sensitization of community about importance of sanitation.

Local bodies must be at forefront of sanitation initiatives.

Bangladesh was able to bring down open defecation previously because of Community-led Sanitation (CLS).  
Sw. Prime Minister's initiative to launch people's efforts in Mann Ki Baat is a positive step in that direction.



2. (a) Issues around economic inclusion are not just about income gaps, there are many dimensions of moral and ethical choices as well. Discuss. 10

Constitution's Preamble talks about  
"Justice" - i.e. social, economic & political.

The idea of income gap, therefore  
is not merely an economic issue,  
but an issue concerning Justice,  
that is guaranteed by the  
Constitution seeks to guarantee for  
every citizen.

As Plato once said, justice,  
is the "virtue of our virtues" or  
the highest ethical moral principle.

So ultimately, the question  
of economic income gap  
becomes a moral & ethical  
question.

Let us look at a few examples:

① Because of income inequalities

② From income inequality, ultimality results in political disempowerment. This leads to elite capture of public policy and democracy loses its legitimacy.

• So it is important to treat income gap not merely as an economic issue but a vital ethical issue.



2. (b) Socially and economically marginalized women are used to make a profit, often at the cost of their own health and reproductive autonomy, in the name of commercial surrogacy. Discuss the ethical issues associated with commercial surrogacy in India. Should commercial surrogacy be completely banned? 10

Surrogacy is presently legal in our country and this has raised several ethical issues.

Some of them are:

- ① Women are forced into surrogacy because of dire economic needs.
- ② ~~Surrogacy~~ Fertility clinics carry out large number of unethical practices -- like not taking informed consent from surrogate, planting multiple embryos in the womb etc.
- ③ Several ethical issues involving parentage rights  
A commissioning parents, surrogate mother, unborn child all have rights, which can be

mutually contradictory.

Recently, Government has brought a new bill draft bill for banning of commercial surrogacy. But even this has several issues:

- ① May drive the activity underground and put women in greater danger.
- ② Altruistic surrogacy model has not worked anywhere in the world. That is why there is a demand for commercial surrogates.
- ③ What about coal miners, people working in construction sites in deserts, volunteer army? Tell these people are also putting lives at risk due to economic circumstances.

Hence we need more public debate on this issue. Better option is to regulate surrogacy (commercial) rather than complete ban.



3. (a) While discussing the ethical issues that journalists face on a regular basis, examine the causes of increased sensationalism in news media in recent times. 10

Media has traditionally played a very important role as the voice of the weak against the strong since, the name "Fourth Estate".

Yet there are several ethical issues that are now coming up in a journalist's working ::

- ① Advertiser pays - generally big corporates or the government. Hence reporting cannot be neutral & objective always. This destroys legitimacy.
- ② Revenue targets for editors - This is a well established in the US. This leads to phenomena like "native advertising".
- ③ The problem of "paid news"

④ Political party / Business group  
ownership of media enterprises

⑤ Increased sensationalism is also  
another ethical issue that  
has become problematic. Causes  
are:

- ① There is a willing audience
- ② Increased competition & need to  
catch eyeballs
- ③ Fame, power, & influence &  
money as motivating  
factors.

But this has dangerous consequences:

- ① Spreading war hysteria - recently  
after US attacks channels created  
"war newsrooms"
- ② Not checking facts, twisting  
facts

Need self regulation on part of journalists  
PCI's code of ethics must be followed  
Such code of ethics must also be  
applicable to visual media



3. (b) What are the various sources through which humans can judge the correctness of their actions? In the context of public life discuss how these sources are important in offering a clear and practical guidance. 10

Individuals ~~be~~ have a variety of sources from which they can determine the correctness of their action. Most of these sources are acquired through the process of socialization. Some of these sources are:

① Upbringing by parents

② Religion

③ Values ~~is~~ espoused by peer group

④ Education

⑤ Social interactions

⑥ Instincts & Natural inclinations

⑦ Books, movies, media etc.

⑧ Real life experiences

their effects

In the context of public life,  
these sources can provide  
both a constructive & negative  
role in practical guidance.

### Constructive Role

A capable public servant will  
always draw from these various  
sources & apply them to an in right  
context.

Negative role are sometimes very  
& sources of ~~at~~ contradictory in nature. Resolving  
contradiction requires honesty, integrity  
& source of purpose, lacking which  
a public servant suffers.

eg: Communal riot situation - A public  
servant must navigate between his

constitutional, religious, communal, humanitarian, human values.



4. (a) Should a person resort to leaking of information in case of wrongs done in the organization? Does it cause a conflict of interest between the personal, organizational and societal spheres? Discuss with examples. 10

Leaking information may not always  
be the most effective solution  
to the problems in an organization.

In fact, it ~~is~~ is something that  
must be resorted to only under  
extreme circumstances, when all  
other ~~opt~~ legal & legal options  
fail :

Leaking information does create  
conflict of interest between  
personal, organizational & societal  
spheres.

- ① For personal integrity, one  
may sacrifice organizational  
integrity, but this may  
actually be in larger public  
interest.

For example - when whistle blowers  
brought out the scams in FIFA,  
the organization has suffered  
from legionary crisis. ~~is~~  
But it is also opening up way  
for reforms.

② It may sometimes be against  
social interest also

For example, if people resort to  
string operations in organizations  
to leak information, everyone  
may start doing the same,  
if they feel they can personally  
benefit or reform the  
institutions. But this can have  
anarchical consequences.



4. (b) Competition, it is argued, spurs the best of performance, however, can it also instigate cheating and unethical behaviour? Discuss with adequate examples. 10

Competition, if conducted in a fair manner has generally ~~not~~ had the effect of improving performance.

In India, we have seen how introduction of competition ~~for~~ in ~~into~~ telecom sector led to a telecom revolution with India becoming ~~the~~ the place with cheapest rates for phone calls.

But ~~can~~ unheathy ~~competit~~ competition or competition without adherence to certain moral principles can lead to cheating or other unethical practices.

This is because of a desire to  
win at all costs.

Some examples to illustrate

① Doping scandals for sports  
people.

② to Copying in exams in  
schools

③ Wells Fargo scam recently  
unearthed in the US  
where employees were  
forced to cheat their customers.

It is ~~are~~ are such dangerous  
tendencies; we need to:

① To stop attaching undue importance  
for winning - journey is as important  
as destination

② ~~For~~ As a society, we must be prepared  
to respect both the winners  
those who finish second best

③ Reducing the reward gap between  
winners & second place.

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5. (a) "A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury". Explain the statement giving one example each from personal and public life. 10

Edmund Burke once said

"All it takes for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"

• It is important for people to realize that inaction can sometimes be as morally unjust as harmful actions.

Let us look at some examples.

① <sup>PUBLIC</sup> Not helping ~~passer~~-accident victims

Recently we saw in the news how a security guard in Delhi was hit by a ~~car~~ vehicle while the driver drove away by causing active harm, the

outlookers failed to help the  
victim, which resulted in  
his death.

② PRIVATE - example.

My classmate & I  
were once asked by  
my teachers in school to  
confess ~~to~~ if a friend of ~~my~~  
mine had resorted to copying  
in examination.

I could have denied. But  
if I had done that I ~~my~~  
~~would be~~ inaction. would  
have failed to give an  
opportunity for my friend to  
reform himself. I went  
through a huge moral  
dilemma, but decided to  
become the witness.  
He realized his mistake.

even today he thanks me for the same 18/52



5. (b) "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."  
What does this quotation mean to you? Explain with an example. 10

This quote means is a one  
that I strongly feel that  
every single person should imbibe  
in order to

6. Instances of atrocities against dalits despite stringent legal measures point to the fact that the problem is not one of legality only but a matter of entrenched social prejudices and attitude. In this context suggest some effective measures to address the issue holistically. 10

Dalits have been oppressed for nearly more than 2000 years and this is one of the great evils & a matter of deep embarrassment for our nation.

In spite of (The Protection of Dalits Act) several laws, policies (of social reform policy) Dalits still suffer from systemic inequality.

To tackle this we must do the following.

- ① Strict implementation of laws & policies.
- ② Increase representation of Dalits in police force.



- ③ Political parties must offer positions of power to SC dalits
- ④ Education & awareness regarding their plight
- ⑤ Campaigns for change of heart of upper castes - such movements ~~from~~ <sup>now</sup> should come from upper castes themselves
- ⑥ Use religious & scriptures to invalidate untouchability like Vachanam, Rayada Saravali.
- ⑦ Economic empowerment - Standup India, - Rastriya Kapilashram etc.

7. What do you mean by 'anonymity in the civil services'? Explain why anonymity and neutrality are considered as important traits for civil servants. 10

Anonymity of civil services is the quality of "facelessness" of the bureaucrat.

When a bureaucrat performs a function, he/she does not do it in his or her personal capacity.

But the task is being done by him/her as part of the machinery of the government.

The bureaucrat is merely a cog in the wheel.

It is important for administration because:

③ It maintains integrity of the



~~no~~ ~~good~~ institution

- (2) Bureaucrats do not become  
larger than institution
- (3) Public interest is served  
in an impartial manner
- (4) Rule of law is upheld  
no matter who is  
~~on the~~ in power
- (5) It ensures merit, objectivity  
& impartiality.

Yet we have seen cases where

- (1) Some bureaucrats by virtue of  
their great work have become  
prominent — Unod Rai,  
TN Sheshan

- (2) Also a tendency for bureaucrats  
to ~~use~~ enhance their image

by self promotion - this tendency must be checked

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8. Prescription of dresscode for women not only violates their liberty but also reflects outdated views on gender relations as well as proper conduct.  
Comment. 10

Prescription of dresscode for women  
per-se is does not amount to  
discrimination.

For example, in the civil  
services or in the army, there  
a prescriptions of dress code  
for women, but there are also  
prescriptions of dress codes for  
men. This is required for  
purposes like discipline, dignity  
~~It is also in cases where~~  
~~of office etc.~~

But when dresscodes are  
prescribed only for women and  
not for men or when  
dresscodes prescribed for women  
are more stringent than that



of men, then it can  
be a case of discrimination?  
violation of their dignity.  
For example

Temples & other places of worship

It is often noted that women  
are having much more stringent  
norms for dressing than men.

This leads to a situation where:

- ① Dresscode becomes a tool for  
social control
- ② Women are "put in their proper  
place" & etc
- ③ Special emphasis on women's  
"purity", "propriety", etc while  
men are free to do as they  
please.

~~This~~ These result in power-asymmetries  
among sexes, legitimisation of stereotypes etc. → 26/5

In the following questions, carefully study the cases presented and then answer the questions that follow (in around 250 words):

9. You are DM of a very poor district in the hinterland of India. It has come to your notice that manual scavenging is widely prevalent in the district even though the new law prohibits manual scavenging in any form. Upon enquiry, you have found that the number of manual scavengers has been reported to be very low, however, hundreds of dry latrines in the district depict a different picture. You have also noticed two more important trends: first, most of the manual scavengers are Dalits, and second, in many of the cases they themselves go to the houses and request the owners to clean their toilets manually, as it would provide monetary benefits. The entire district administration has been criticized by the media and there is political pressure on you to manipulate the data in a way that it shows less number of manual scavengers in the district. Based on the given information answer the following:

1. Identify the ethical issues associated with manual scavenging.
2. List the options available to you in the given case. Evaluate the merits and demerits of each.
3. Discuss some feasible steps that you can take to control this serious problem.

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① Ethical issues involved in  
.. this age-old practice that  
is a shame for our civilization  
are as follows:

- Ⓐ Economic necessity forcing  
people to take up inhuman jobs
- Ⓑ Discrimination of fellow human  
being on the basis of caste
- Ⓒ Lack of compassion on part of



society as a whole to the  
economic & social plight of  
manual scavengers.

(d) Lack of commitment on part of  
administration to uphold legal  
and constitutional value.

(e) Lack of honesty, integrity & transparency involved in under  
reporting of manual scavenging  
which is a phenomenon found  
across the country.

(2) To ~~over~~ analyze options available  
to me, first need to consider  
the needs of stakeholders.

Manual scavengers - economic security,  
right to life & with dignity.

Politicians - suppress the practice,  
deny its existence to avoid  
political harm.

Media - upholding interest of

to the unsub, responsibility to  
let public know the truth, & being  
hot topic, they can draw public  
attention

Myself: As an administration I need  
to uphold rights of manual  
scavengers,  
help them to fulfill their needs,  
& resist undue pressure from politicians,  
uphold integrity of administration  
in public eye.

Options available

① As the politicians say

PROs

- ① I can escape political trouble
- ② Continue to help manual scavengers  
in my own limited way.

CONS

- ① Truth will come out eventually
- ② Media will find the truth  
& it will be embarrassing for  
administration



③ Mr Denying the existence of the problem is ~~just~~ dictatorship }  
wrong way of tackling the issue

③ Injustice to the manual scavengers.

② Deny the politicians, publish the figures, keep a record of all communications

① ~~Do~~ I will do this in a careful & de manner. I will convince the politicians about the political fallout if media finds the truth? also commit to them that I will address this issue ~~is a~~ comprehensively

CONS - politicians may not agree & may lead to confrontation.

③ Steps taken to address issue.

① Strict implementation of Prohibition of Manual Scavenging & Rehabilitation Act

② MNREGS - to give income security

③ National Gaming Addiction -

④ Raising awareness, education, & measures for change of heart.

- (2) I may benefit ~~from~~ from this career-wise
- (3) I can <sup>continue to</sup> do whatever good ~~is~~ within my capacity. After all, only few culprits are being released.

### ~~Cons~~ CONS

- (1) Total abdication of personal values, ~~and~~ constitutional & legal obligations
- (2) ~~Be~~ Grave injustice to the community suffering from a serious scourge.
- (3) ~~A~~ Slippery slope argument - this one step can lead to further requests for going soft on criminals.
- (4) Ultimately it is a question of justice & legitimacy of adm administration that is being compromised



10. You are SP of a district where the use of drugs is prevalent, especially among the youth. The neighbouring districts are also suffering from the same problem. There is a huge hue and cry in the national media about the drug issue and the government and political parties are pressurising the police and district administration to act on the issue. A big deal of drugs is busted by the police in your area and all the culprits have been arrested. However, even before you reach your office, a minister from the ruling party of the state calls and asks you to release few of the culprits. You have long suspected the role of many senior leaders in this drug menace of the state. You have also been informed by your juniors that a few officers who dared to act against people involved in drug dealings were transferred or suspended on wrong charges earlier.

1. Identify the options available to you.
2. Evaluate the pros and cons of each of your options.

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This is a classical case of criminalization  
of politics, criminal-politician  
nexus of intimidation of bureaucracy.  
I will have to carefully  
evaluate the my options to uphold  
the public interest of rule  
of law.

Here are the options I will have  
① Release the culprits as instructed.

### PROS

- ① I will not get into personal  
battles with influential politicians

① Communicate to Ministers that  
I can do no ~~subtle~~ such  
things I take a case against  
minister.

### PROs

- ① I will be able to uphold  
system of institution,  
rule of law & justice
- ② I set a role model for other  
officers
- ~~Cons~~ ③ Community interest upheld,  
deterrent effect for  
criminals & robbers

### Cons

- ① Direct confrontation with vested  
political interest
- ② I can get suspended or become  
victim of political conspiracy



③ If I get in trouble for my  
brave actions, then it  
will demoralize police force  
further.

④ Go Multi-pronged approach

① Ask the minister to ~~com~~  
communicate the request  
in writing (which he  
will decline).

② Explain to minister about  
the constitutional & legal  
illegality of his actions  
(I am duty bound by  
law to do so)

③ Inform seniors in the police  
force regarding these  
pressures } keep a record of  
all my communication

so that I can defend myself if a line are only a charge against me.

- (4) Also ensure that there is proper evidence against the culprits & ensure evidence is made secure.

I would go for this multi-pronged approach, although it will lead to confrontation with ministers.

My inspiration to uphold the law comes from ~~an~~ ~~an~~ example set by Smt. Rajni Sekheri Sibal who faced a similar situation in the JBT scandal but ensured that she did not allow corruption to



like plane.

It eventually resulted in  
conclusion of a farmers' protest

11. You are the manager of a small hotel which maintains high standards of ethics in dealing with its customers. One day a person comes to your hotel and enquires about booking a room at your hotel. However, due to peak season, all rooms were already booked and hence the staff politely informed him about the unavailability. The person, however, was adamant and took this as a personal insult and started misbehaving with the staff present at the counter. Citing his political connection he also threatened the staff of severe consequences. Next day the person lodged a frivolous complaint with the police under the stringent SC/ST act. In his complaint he accused you and your staff of insulting him deliberately on the basis of his caste. He insisted further that he was denied a room at your hotel due to the caste he belongs to.
1. What are the options available to you?
  2. Evaluate each of these options and choose the option which you would adopt, giving reasons.

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This is an extremely sensitive issue that can have very serious implication if not dealt with in a delicate manner.

~~Here are some the options~~  
It could get politicized, damage attract media attention & damage reputation of my business.

Here are some of the options

① Face the issue head on,  
fight a legal battle

\* PROS

① I have all the records that



show that I have not  
discriminated against him  
with regards to company.

- ② I can show CCTV footage  
that staff did not misbehave.
- ③ Justice will prevail.

### CONS

- ① The evidences ~~is~~ may prove  
insufficient
- ② The law is a victim-centric  
law & ~~thus~~ hence, I  
might get in trouble.
- ③ Reputation, bad press,  
loss of reputation, possible  
affects on my business,  
staff & family ..

② ~~Sett~~ Go for an out-of-court  
& settlement, by offering  
the person compensation &  
asking him to withdraw case

### PROs

① I might be able to avert all  
negative consequences from bad  
publicity to incarceration.

### Cons

① I will be encouraging that  
person to do similar ~~also~~  
acts against me & and  
against others.

② This is against my personal  
values & integrity.

③ I am doing injustice to the  
SC/ST community by allowing  
such people to take advantage



of their ~~to~~ safeguards.



Give ~~back~~ the evidence to media,  
use my own network to  
build public support &

### PROs

- ① This can raise awareness about the ~~act~~-such illegal & immoral actions & persons like to the masses.
- ② I will be able to clear my story.

### Cons

- ① This may open a pandora's box of political & problems.
- ② Media trials may start.
- ③ May adversely affect my

car.

WAY FORWARD

① I will ~~fight~~ try to  
~~convince~~ convince the owner  
to ~~take~~ withdraw the case  
by telling him that no  
offence was meant, I  
will show all the evidence  
too directly to him - ledgers,  
~~camera~~ CCTV recordings.

② I will also ~~ap~~ apologize  
if he ~~fe~~ felt that ~~he~~  
~~was~~ being ~~re~~ ~~as~~ he  
was having inconvenience,  
but re-iterate that it  
was nothing personal  
and also offer him  
~~so~~ services if he books in  
advance

③ If none of this works, I will fight the  
case with evidence. As in Option ①.



12. You are the Health Secretary in a state where there is an outbreak of dengue and chikungunya diseases. There have been reports of negligent attitude of some private hospitals in the city. Also, the public hospitals do not have the required infrastructure and staff to meet such increased number of cases in a short span of time. Additionally, the staff is demoralised by the increased working hours and the public outrage. Despite the efforts of the local authorities this issue emerges year after year.
1. What are the immediate steps which should be taken in such a situation?
  2. Suggest some long term measures to ensure that such a situation is not repeated.

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① ~~For First thing~~ the

① Outbreaks of dengue & ~~chikungunya~~ chikungunya have become routine in affair. This makes the public out / media outrage understandable.

~~to~~ Administration, we must take steps in ensuring that the present outbreak is contained.

Need to adopt multi pronged approach. HOSPITALS

① Issue proper directions to all hospitals - private and public - on ~~best~~ best practices.

standard operation procedures of  
that denial of service will be  
dealt with strongly.

② Public hospitals - ~~so~~ arrange  
ad-hoc infrastructure of  
medical facilities. ~~to~~

Take help of neighb  
neighbouring states during  
this emergency.

③ ~~Have~~ surprise visits, inspections  
to ensure all hospitals are  
complying to the requirements.

### CITIZENS

① Set up ~~so~~ emergency help  
lines to take complaints

② Issue ~~to~~ advisory through  
media - regarding DO's and  
DONT's, what to do if



there are symptoms of diseases,  
which hospitals to go ~~there~~  
in given locations.

- ② <sup>9</sup> Take help of local bodies  
to spread awareness in  
these matters.

### PERSONNEL & STAFF

- ① Keep motivating them to  
work hard
- ② Announce bonuses & incentives  
for good performance
- ③ Appreciate their good work,  
try to pro-actively solve  
their problems.
- ④ To ~~add~~ address any shortage  
of personnel, take help  
from neighbouring states,

take help from central  
government-

✶ In addition to these measures,  
ensure that sanitation works &  
<sup>other</sup> municipal personnel work together  
to prevent stagnant water  
breeding of mosquitoes

## ② LONG TERM BASIS

① Root cause analysis - how  
mosquito breeding is happening.  
~~that~~ Make an inventory of  
all the sources - water  
logging, waste management etc.  
and then go for targeted &  
regular action

② Monitor the progress of  
these initiatives in a



in regular manner.

- ③ Lay down a policy on  
rules of responsibilities of  
public & private sector  
hospitals in times of crisis.
- ④ Build up infrastructure in  
public sector, address  
shortages of personnel.
- ⑤ ~~Try~~ Try using scientific solution  
like introducing sterile  
mosquitoes to arrest population  
growth (after proper safety  
checks).
- ⑥ Strengthen municipal governance of  
public health at local  
level. Identify needs, training,  
awareness building & reasonable  
pay for workers.

13. As a Forest Officer, you are receiving increasing complaints of certain animals ruining the farms and causing damage to crops. This is creating an undue financial burden for the farmers who are in deep distress because of the uncontrolled damage. Consequently, the farmers are demanding you to put forward a request for culling of animals. You are an animal lover and against culling of animals. You had made efforts to control the menace but the population of animals has increased beyond the managing capacity.
1. What are the options available to you? Evaluate each of these options and choose the option which you would adopt, giving reasons.
  2. Also suggest some long term measures to ensure that such a situation is not repeated.

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Stakeholders in the process are :

① Farmers - Livelihoods at risk.

② Myself - animal lover, yet my primary responsibility is to social welfare & rule of law.

③ ~~Prime~~ Local society -  
farmers groups & animal rights groups may get involved

Options available

① Cull the animals  
PROs

① Guarantee : select for farmers.



CONS

- ① This could be a hasty measure.
- ② Could involve illegality if done without proper procedure in consistent with Wildlife Protection Act.
- ③ Animal rights activists may raise issues.

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Do not Cull ANIMALSPROS

- ① My ~~personal~~ personal interest is upheld.
- ② Animals' right to life is upheld, it is humans who have invaded their natural habitats.

### CONS

- ① Farmer distress worsen,  
may lead to farm  
suicides & impoverishment  
of families
- ② Will worsen man-animal  
conflict
- ③ ~~Villagers~~ Farmers may  
take law into their  
own hands & start  
poisoning animals. This  
can lead to diseases  
& uncontrollable situation

### WAY FORWARD

- ① Consult wildlife experts  
rega & other stakeholders  
like farmers groups etc.



- ② Hold discussions ~~to~~ are  
arena at via - media.
- ③ Make necessary • deductions  
under WPA & others  
do limited cutting if  
necessary.
- ④ Give relief to farmers for  
crop losses through  
MNREES / other compensation

Long term measures.

- ① Find underlying causes of  
• man-animal conflict
- ② Relocation of agriculture  
lands
- ③ Insurance schemes that  
cover / crop loss due

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animals .

- (4) Involve local farmers  
in animal conservation &  
thrusts local forestry  
} give supplement income



14. Dr. A.K. Singh, a professor of medicine, is a prominent cardiologist. His personal financial investments include significant stock holdings in three publicly traded biotechnology firms. He is approached by one of these firms to be a lead investigator in a therapeutic trial of a novel agent for preventing tissue damage from myocardial infarction (MI). This will be a randomized double-blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial (neither patient nor physician will know whether the drug under investigation or a placebo is being used in a given patient). Dr. Singh is quite familiar with the preliminary animal and cell biology work in the area and believes that there is an excellent chance that this new drug will result in a significant improvement in survival and reduce damage to the heart muscle. He even thinks this novel agent may reduce the risk of heart failure and irregular beats. Dr. Singh's group is one of the few cardiology groups fully prepared to carry out this investigation, which is why he was contacted. He cares for a large number of patients with MI and believes that he could enroll numerous patients efficiently. The drug will only be available to his patients if his group participates in the trial. The company is offering Rs. 25 lakh for each patient enrolled. As a lead investigator, he will become much better known and will likely experience an increase in referrals if the trial succeeds.
1. Is Dr. Singh's participation in this study appropriate? Justify your position.
  2. Does Dr. Singh have a conflict of interest? If so, what is the nature of the conflict? How could it be mitigated.
  3. How would the nature of the conflict of interest be different had he not already owned stock, but instead had been offered stock as a form of compensation for conducting the study?

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④ ~~Dr. A.K. Singh~~

This is a case where Dr. A.K. Singh, a reputed professor of medicine, is facing a conflict of interest situation. He also knows that he is only one among the few people competent to do the trial & genuinely wants to do good for a

medicine that might benefit people.

He needs to keep & have a clear idea on what his objectives are before approaching the problem.

- ① This case does involve conflict of interest of Dr. Singh's participation can only be appropriate if he removes the or mitigates the conflict of interest (which can be discussed in the next question)

~~From~~ I think, Dr. Singh's participation can be justified if:

- ① If his overarching consideration in participating in this exercise is & for to use his ~~comp~~ competence to



check efficacy of drug. <sup>efficiency</sup>  
ensure safety of ~~patients~~

- ① All other ~~not~~ factors ~~are~~ <sup>like</sup> value of stock price, ~~his~~ are secondary as incidental concern

If ~~all~~ If this is not the case, then his participation is not justified.

~~Also~~, but this <sup>still</sup> leaves out the question of loyalty, which can be addressed only by removing conflict of interest.

- ② & Yes, Dr. Singh has conflict of interest.

① If the drug trial fails? drug is proven ineffective, then company's share price

may fall & doctor may lose money. Hence personal interest is involved ~~even~~ if ~~he~~

- ② Health of patients is also involved here, as he is likely to get <sup>lot of</sup> enrol<sub>ed</sub> patients

Conflict of interest can be mitigated by:

- ① Selling the shares before trial
- ② Openly declaring about his share to public & the patients & maintaining full transparency of procedures followed.
- ③ Asking the company to add the cost of shares in payment to him & he



may then ~~place~~<sup>give</sup> shares ~~or~~  
~~under~~ a convey to a third  
party ...

- (3) If stock was offered after  
the ~~third~~ ~~for~~ trials the  
conflict of interest gets  
further aggravated

The doctor is not even  
~~is~~ guaranteed any rewards  
on the job, if ~~it~~ the  
trials fail.

This makes the situation of  
patients even more precarious.

Best way forward is for the  
doctor to sell his shares  
before the trial so that all  
doubts are removed.