

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 23 GS 4 (Paper 5) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	In the present digital age, social media has revolutionised our way of communication and interaction. However, it has raised several ethical issues and challenges. Describe the key ethical dilemmas in this regard.	Check Solution
Q1 (B)	"Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment but a product of civil education and adherence of the rule of law." Examine the significance of constitutional morality for public servant highlighting the role in promoting good governance and ensuring accountability in public administration.	Check Solution
Q2 (A)	Carl von Clausewitz once said, "War is a diplomacy by other means." Critically analyse the above statement in the present context of contemporary geo-political conflict.	Check Solution
Q2 (B)	Keeping the national security in mind, examine the ethical dilemmas related to controversies over environmental clearance of development projects in ecologically sensitive border areas in the country.	Check Solution
Q3 (A)	Given below is quotations of great thinkers. What do this quotations convey to you in the present context?"Those who in trouble untroubled are, Will trouble trouble itself." – Thiruvalluvar	Check Solution
Q3 (B)	Given below is quotations of great thinkers. What do this quotations convey to you in the present context?"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." - William James	Check Solution
Q3 (C)	Given below is quotations of great thinkers. What do this quotations convey to you in the present context?"The strength of a society is not in its laws, but in the morality of its people." - Swami Vivekananda	Check Solution
Q4 (A)	"For any kind of social re-engineering by successfully implementing welfare schemes, a civil servant must use reason and critical thinking in an ethical framework." Justify this statement with suitable examples	Check Solution
Q4 (B)	What are the major teachings of Mahavir? Explain their relevance in the contemporary world.	Check Solution
Q5 (A)	"One who is devoted to one's duty attains highest perfection in life." Analyse this statement with reference to sense of responsibility and personal fulfilment as a civil servant.	Check Solution
Q5 (B)	To achieve holistic development goal, a civil servant acts as an enabler and active facilitator of growth rather than a regulator. What specific measures will you suggest to achieve this goal?	Check Solution
Q6 (A)	It is said that for an ethical work culture, there must be code of ethics in place in every organisation. To ensure value-based and compliance-based work culture, what suitable measures would you	Check Solution

	adopt in your work place?	
Q6 (B)	India is an emerging economic power of the world as it has recently secured the status of fourth largest economy of the world as per IMF projection. However, it has been observed that in some sectors, allocated funds remain either under-utilised or misutilised. What specific measures would you recommend for ensuring accountability in this regard to stop leakages and gaining the status of third largest economy of the world in near future?	Check Solution
Q7 (A)	What are the options available with Vijay?	Check Solution
Q7 (B)	What are the ethical dilemma being faced by Vijay?	Check Solution
Q7 (C)	Critically evaluate and examine each of these options identified by Vijay.	Check Solution
Q7 (D)	Which of the options, do you think, would be most appropriate for Vijay to adopt and why?	Check Solution
Q8 (A)	Can deforestation be ethically justified in the pursuit of social welfare objectives like, housing for the homeless?	Check Solution
Q8 (B)	What are the socio-economic, administrative and ethical challenges in balancing environmental conservation with human development?	Check Solution
Q8 (C)	What substantial alternatives or policy interventions can be proposed to ensure that both environmental integrity and human dignity are protected?	Check Solution
Q9 (A)	Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.	Check Solution
Q9 (B)	Critically examine the options available to Subash in the above situation.	Check Solution
Q9 (C)	Which of the above would be most appropriate and why?	Check Solution
Q10 (A)	What are the options available with Rajesh in the above situation?	Check Solution
Q10 (B)	What are the ethical issues involved in this case?	Check Solution
Q10 (C)	Which would be the most appropriate option for Rajesh and why?	Check Solution
Q11 (A)	What is your reaction to the above situation and how do you restore the proper functioning of MGNREGA Program in this regard?	Check Solution
Q11 (B)	What actions would you initiate to solve the various issues listed above?	Check Solution
Q11 (C)	How would you deal with the above situation?	Check Solution
Q12 (A)	What are the options available with Ashok to cope with the situation?	Check Solution
Q12 (B)	What are the ethical and legal dilemmas being faced by Ashok?	Check Solution
Q12 (C)	Which of the options, do you think would be more appropriate for Ashok to adopt and why?	Check Solution
Q12 (D)	In the present situation, what are the extra precautionary measures to be taken by the Border Guarding Police in dealing with soldiers in uniform?	Check Solution