

QUESTION BANK

(1) Normative Ethical systems can generally be broken down into three categories.

(i) Deontological

(ii) Teleological

and (iii) Virtue Ethics.

Bring out the difference between these three categories.

(2) Bring out the similarity between the Ethics of "Nishkama Karma" as brought out in the Bhagawat Gita and Immanuel Kant's ethics of "Duty for the sake of Duty".

(3) A Speedy, fair and efficient "Criminal Justice System" together with an efficient legal system for "Enforcement of contracts" is a pre-requisite for Business Organisations to function ethically. Examine and elaborate with examples.

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(4) List the unwelcome acts or behaviour which constitutes "Sexual Harassment" as defined in the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. Briefly describe the procedure prescribed in the said Act for dealing with complaints of Sexual Harassment.

(5) Write a short Essay on "Trusteeship, Mahatma Gandhi and Business in the 21st Century"

(6) Dag Hammarskjöld, the Second Secretary General of the United Nations (from 1953 to 1961) was described as the "Greatest Statesman of the 20th Century". What were the influences on him which ~~determined~~ determined his Ethics?

- (7) An Organisation is as ethical as the top management ~~wants~~ wants it to be. What is the role of "Top Management" in the building and sustaining of an Ethical Organisation? Discuss with examples.
- (8) What is clause 49 of the Listing Agreement issued by SEBI in respect of companies listed in the Stock Exchange? In what way is this expected to improve the Quality of ~~the~~ Corporate Governance in Indian Companies?
- (9) "Bribery" and "Corruption" are clearly unethical practices. In what way has the "Right to Information Act 2005" (RTI Act) contributed in reducing this. Also briefly describe the work done by Transparency International to fight this menace.

Define "Corporate Social Responsibility" (CSR).

Section 135 and Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013 as well as the provisions of the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 have come into effect from April 1, 2014.

Briefly describe what this entails, as far as corporates/companies are concerned.

11) Compare and contrast the Ancient Indian concept of "Varnashrama Dharma" with the English idealist philosopher F. H. Bradley's ethical theory, "My Station and its Duties".

12) "Power Corrupts and Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely" Discuss this proposition attributed to Lord Acton, with a few examples from contemporary India.

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(13) Critically discuss the view that "Advertising" promotes market Imperfection and is against the interest of consumers. What are the common unethical practices used in Advertising. Explain with examples.

(14) Briefly explain any one of the following Scams | Frauds that have ~~occurred~~ ~~occurred~~ occurred in India in recent times and the lessons learnt. What needs to be done to prevent such Scams in the future.

(i) Vijay Mallya, Kingfisher Airlines declared Wilful Defaulter.

(ii) The National Spot Exchange Ltd (NSEL) fraud in the Commodity Market perpetrated by Jignesh Shah.

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(15) "Climate change is the greatest challenge of our time. It is indeed an ethical issue. An approach that focuses entirely on ethics is hindered by the difficulty that no decisive and collective action is guaranteed by a ~~trans~~ transformation of individual ethical values" — Discuss.

(16) What is Virtue Ethics? Apply Virtue Ethics to explain the Rajat Gupta insider trading case.

(17) Write short notes on:

(i) Utilitarianism

(ii) Non-Overlapping Magisteria (NOMA)

18) List out the Ethical Arguments
For and Against

- (a) Abortion
- (b) Euthanasia
- (c) Capital Punishment
(Death Penalty)

19) Ethical Theories are often categorized into three categories. (1) De-ontological (2) Teleological (3) Virtue Ethics. Name the category to which the following belong.

- (a) Ethical Theory of Aristotle.
- (b) The Maximum Happiness Principle.
- (c) Kantian Ethics.
- (d) The Bhagawat Gita
- (e) The "Charvakas" in Indian Philosophy.

(f) The Rajat Gupta Scam

(g) The conduct of R.K. Pathauri

(h) "My Station and its Duties"

Of the above elaborate any one of the theories and your views on the said theory.

20) Summarize the contribution of any one of the following to the subject of "Ethics"

(a) Teilhard de Chardin

(b) Stephen Jay Gould

(c) Dag Hammarskjöld

(d) Mahatma Gandhi

(e) Martin Luther King

(f) Swami Vivekananda

(g) Deodutt Pattnaik

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21) "In the case of corruption and Black money, the real darkness is below the glow of Political Rhetoric. It is time our Politicians stop pointing the fingers at others and look at the cesspool in their own backyards"

This is a quote from the writings of Shri Pawan K. Varma

Kindly discuss.

(22) List out the Evolutionary Theories of Ethics and discuss any one of them in detail.

(23) In a brief piece written for a radio programme in 1953, Dag Hammarskjöld, spoke of the influence of his parents:

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From Generations of Soldiers and Government Officials on my father's side

I inherited a belief that no life was more satisfactory than one of selfless service to your country — or humanity. This service required a sacrifice of all personal interests, but likewise the courage to stand up unflinchingly for your convictions. From scholars and clergymen on my mother's side, I inherited a belief that, in the very radical sense of the Gospels, all men were equals as children of God, and should be met and treated by us as our masters in God."

Discuss the ethical contents of the above proposition including how one's upbringing influences the ethics one follows.

(24) Discuss the interconnection between "Religious Beliefs" and "Ethics". Also discuss the proposition that "Religions have often propagated themselves

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through means which are repugnant to the spirit of Religion".

(25) "Politics is the art of Gaining Power and the craft of retaining it. In this game an unholy alliance often comes about between the "Political class" and the "Business class". Such an unholy alliance compromises ethical behaviour leading to deterioration in the Quality of Governance" — Discuss the above Statement with a couple of examples and give your recommendations on what needs to be done.

(26) Society and Ethics — A Case Study of India's Failing Public Health System. (See & Read the book: Do we care: India's Health System by K. Sujata Rao.

(27) Mahatma Gandhi often used to say that the "Human Body" is the most complex machinery in the world and he (Gandhi) was a pujari (priest) of his "Body-Temple". Bring out the "Ethics" and "Business Ethics" that flows out of this concept of Mahatma Gandhi.

(28) Explain with a couple of examples how the "Doctrine of the Middle Path - Moderation in everything" developed by the Buddha can be used both in your "Personal Ethics" and in "Business Ethics".

(29) In April of 1959 the British philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell sat down with John Freeman of the BBC program Face to Face for a brief but wide-ranging and candid interview. Towards the end of the program, Freeman asks the old philosopher

what message he would offer to people living a thousand years hence. On the moral issue, Russell stated,

"Love is wise, hatred is foolish. In this world, which is getting more and more closely interconnected, we have to learn to tolerate each other. We have to learn to put up with the fact that some people say things that we don't like. We can live together only in that way. If we are to live together and not die together we must learn a kind of charity and a kind of tolerance which is absolutely vital to the continuation of Human life on this planet."

Bring out the relevance of this Statement of Bertrand Russell made in 1959, in the context of what is happening both in India and in the world today.

(30) Define "CYBERETHICS". List out some of the issues that need to be considered while framing a "code of Ethics" for use of computers and the internet.

(31) In the recent past, many incidents of cyber-crime have occurred at critical infrastructure facilities around the world.

Some of these are;

- (i) Stuxnet Virus
- (ii) Ukraine Grid Cyber Attack.
- (iii) Bangladesh cyber Heist.
- (iv) India ATM Card Hack.
- (v) Suckfly.

What lessons are to be drawn from the above cyber-crimes? What are the challenges in implementation of cyber security for critical infrastructure facilities?

- (32) Summarize the main provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2008 as amended by the Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008
- (33) Summarize the "National Cyber Security Policy - 2013" notified by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India on 2nd July 2013. [2013 (NCSP-2013)]
- (34) We live in exciting times of fundamental technological change. The convergence of digital technologies with breakthroughs in materials science and Biology means that we are seeing the emergence of entirely new ways in which to live. In both subtle and explicit ways, technology is also changing what it means to be Human. Discuss how the Ethical Dilemmas

you are currently facing have been impacted by technological changes.

Provide a couple of Examples.

35) In September 2015, the World Economic Forum published a Survey Report under the title, "Deep Shift - Technology Tipping Points and Social Impact". The study identified 21 Technology Shifts, including the tipping points for these technologies and the dates of their expected arrival in the market. Some of these are listed below.

(a) Implantable Technologies.

(b) Our Digital Presence

(By 2025, 80% of the World Population will be internet-connected on the internet)

(c) Vision as the New Interface.

(By 2025, 10% of Reading glasses will be internet connected)

- (d) Wearable Internet
- (e) The Internet of and for Things
(one trillion sensors connected to the Internet by 2025)
- (f) The Connected Home
(over 50% of internet traffic delivered to home for appliances and devices)
- (g) Smart cities.
- (h) Big Data for Decisions
(this has already occurred)
- (i) Driverless Cars.
- (j) Artificial Intelligence and Decision Making.
- (k) Robotics and Services
- (l) Bitcoin and Blockchain.
- (m) 3D Printing and ~~Mass~~ Manufacturing

(iii) 3D Printing and Human Health.

(iv) Neurotechnologies.

Think of each of these new technologies, which will be part of your life in your living times and their Ethical impacts. Articulate the same briefly.

(36) List out few of the Unethical practices which are currently in vogue in the cyber world and in the world wide web (www). What recommendations will you make to your Organization to improve their cyber security? What precautions will you take to ensure that your privacy does not get compromised because of your activities in the internet (including the social media)?