



MIT Civil Services Training Institute (MIT-CST)

Test - 10



Topic : Ethics Case Study & Economics

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Instructions:

1. Each questions 10 marks
2. Cellphones are not allowed during the examination.
- 3. Write answer on separate answer sheet.**

Case study 1-

As a senior officer in the Ministry of Public Works Department, you have access to important policy decisions and upcoming big announcements such as road construction projects before they are notified in the public. Your son is a land dealer and a realtor. The Ministry is about to announce a Mega Road Project. Once it is announced, the land price in the vicinity would see a steep hike. You have access to maps and know the dimensions of land to be acquired. Your son wants to know complete details and he is insisting you about this. He wants to buy the land at the current rate which is very cheap and round the “soon-to-be-announced” road project. He is trying to convince you by saying that he will buy the land confidentially and there would be no problem for you in the future. You are aware that the Minister has already shared this information with his children who are also in the land business. In fact, the minister has asked you to do the same so that your son earns huge profits. He is trying to convince you by saying that his sons and your son will be buying the land legally hence there is no problem.

Q.1. In this situation, what will you do? Critically examine various conflicts of interests at play. (10 marks)

Q.2. Explain what are your responsibilities as a civil servant. (10 marks)

Case Study 2-

You have passed the UPSC Civil services examination with a very good rank and you have given first preference to IAS and your home state. You will get home cadre as you are the topper of your state and there is vacancy available under your category. A former Chief Minister, who belongs to your caste, now wants to make you his son-in-law. Just like you, his daughter is also a graduate from top foreign university. She is very beautiful, down to earth and a sweet girl.

The former CM is also the head of the political party he belongs to and there is every chance that he would become the CM again if his party comes to power again. Your parents are on cloud nine since this marriage proposal has been offered.

The former CM is very rich and has only one daughter. He was jailed for a few years in the past on corruption and murder charges. There are serious cases still pending against him in various courts.

His family has liked you a lot for looks and personality. They want you to be their son-in-law at any cost. The girl has also liked you. Recently they have sent costly gifts to your parents, about which you were unaware of.

Q.3. Do you think it is unethical for you to marry the girl as you are going to serve in the same state and where there are chances of you working under your future Father-in-law? (10 marks)

Q.4. Critically examine the ethical dilemma involved in this case study. (10 marks)

Case Study 3-

You are posted as a District Education Officer (DEO) in a Maoist affected area. You have been specifically given the responsibility of working on the literacy mission. After reading the education reports and doing field visits, you find that the number of children out of school has increased drastically and the motivation amongst children and teachers is also low. While certain basic infrastructure is in place, the major hurdle in attracting these students to these schools include the attitude of the inhabitants towards education and the security risks involved in sending children to school.

Q.5. Analyse the reasons behind such an attitude. As a DEO, what are the steps that you would take in order to increase the school attendance and change the prevalent attitude of inhabitants towards education? (10 marks)

Economics

Q.6. What is HAM? Give a comparative analysis with other investment models and measures taken to overcome the drawbacks of earlier models.

Q.7. "Gross NPAs of banks rose to Rs 10.3 lakh crores in FY18, Banks wrote off a record Rs 1.44 lakh crores of bad loans in 2017-18". In the light of the above statement explain the genesis of crisis, measures by RBI & what measures be taken to prevent its recurrence?

Q.8. "Getting India back on track", suggest major reform measures taken by Government of India towards building "New India".

Q.9. With reference to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, analyse the causes leading to Wilful Defaulting of payments to Banks in India. Also, highlight multi-layered measures that can be undertaken to improve the same.

Q.10. Adaptation of PPP model for infrastructure development of the country has not been free from criticism. Critically discuss the pros and cons of the model.