

GENERAL STUDIES

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SECTION-A

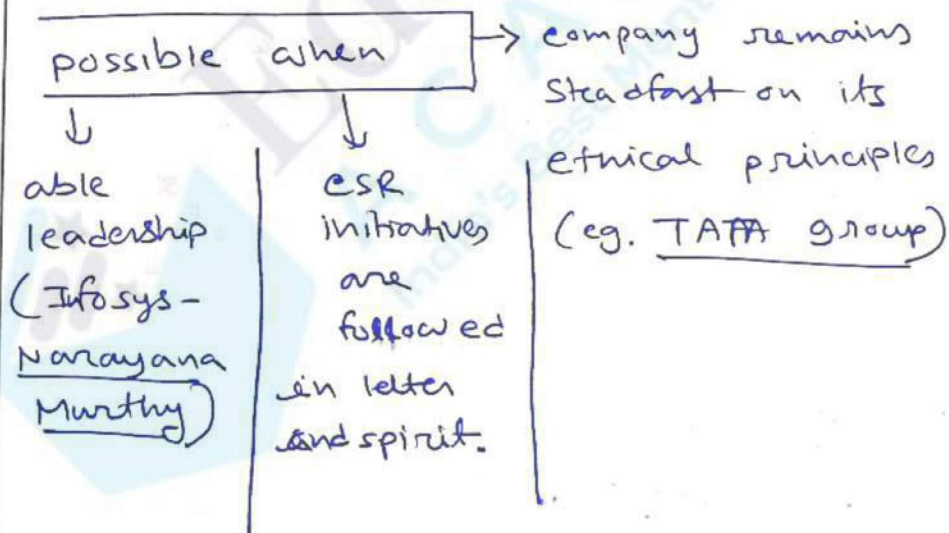
1. (a) The logic of limitless wealth lies in the basic human instinct for furthering self-interest in the form of profit. In this context, do you think there is a possibility of pursuing ethical capitalism? (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

'The earth has enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed'

-M K Gandhi

Limiters wealth lies in the vice of greed to further self interest.

possibility of pursuing ethical capitalism :-



→ model of scandinavian countries

→ concept of giving back to the society is kept in mind.

Not possible if

companies think of only profit maximization

faking to pursue ethical activities just to gain more reputation & shareholder profit (greenwashing)

- For every one rupee that you take for which you have not worked, remember there is someone who worked and did not get their one rupee!

—swami vivekanda.

This leads to no unethnical capitalism which is not a sustainable model and is considered to be 'commerce without morality' — pronounced as a sin by Sandhiji.



1. (b) If a law is unjust, a man is not only right to disobey it, he is obligated to do so. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

Laws are set standards of human behaviour to promote peace, harmony & unity in society.

Unjust laws & disobeying them:

merits ^{eg} → Gandhiji during salt satyagraha ~~and~~ disobeyed the salt law.

Slogan → French revolutionaries gave, 'No taxation without representation'

→ Same was echoed during Indian freedom struggle.

These laws were right to be broken because those were imposed by authoritarian rules who would not listen to the demand of the citizens.

wrong to be broken

→ most laws in our country & worldwide are now made by progressive, democratic governments & there are methods to constitutionally protest against them without breaking them.

ways to protest constitutionally

- (eg) farmer protests - against farm laws proved effective
- PILs filed in courts
- peaceful protests

Laws that need revisit (& needs peaceful objection against them)

a) → America turning down Roe vs Wade judgement (reg abortion rights)

b) → ~~the~~ decision Non-criminalisation of marital rape in India needs to be reconsidered.

However, in democratic contexts breaking laws should not be the desired path.



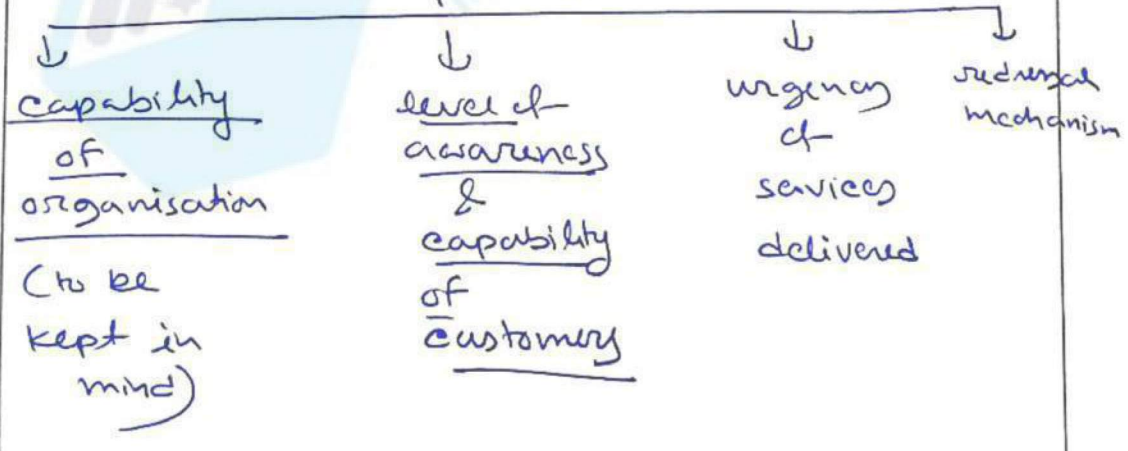
2. (a) The capacity of Citizens' Charter to initiate any transformative process is conditioned upon it being appropriately designed and effectively executed. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

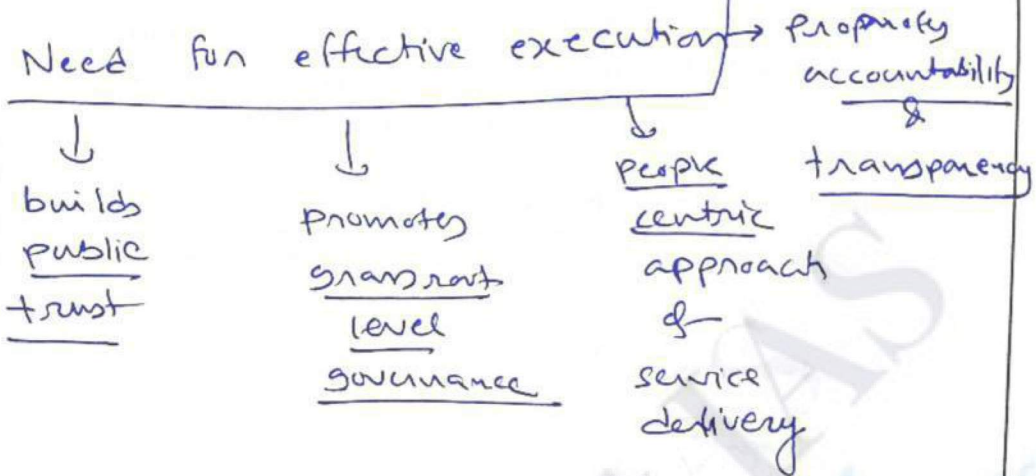
Justice P N Bhagwati remarked RTI & citizen charter to be the jewels of Indian administrative innovation.

citizen charters are basically a accountability mechanism of service delivery which ensures good governance by declaring the timelines of and list of services to be delivered by any institution. This also includes grievance redressal mechanism.

Need for appropriate design:-

(Things to keep in mind)



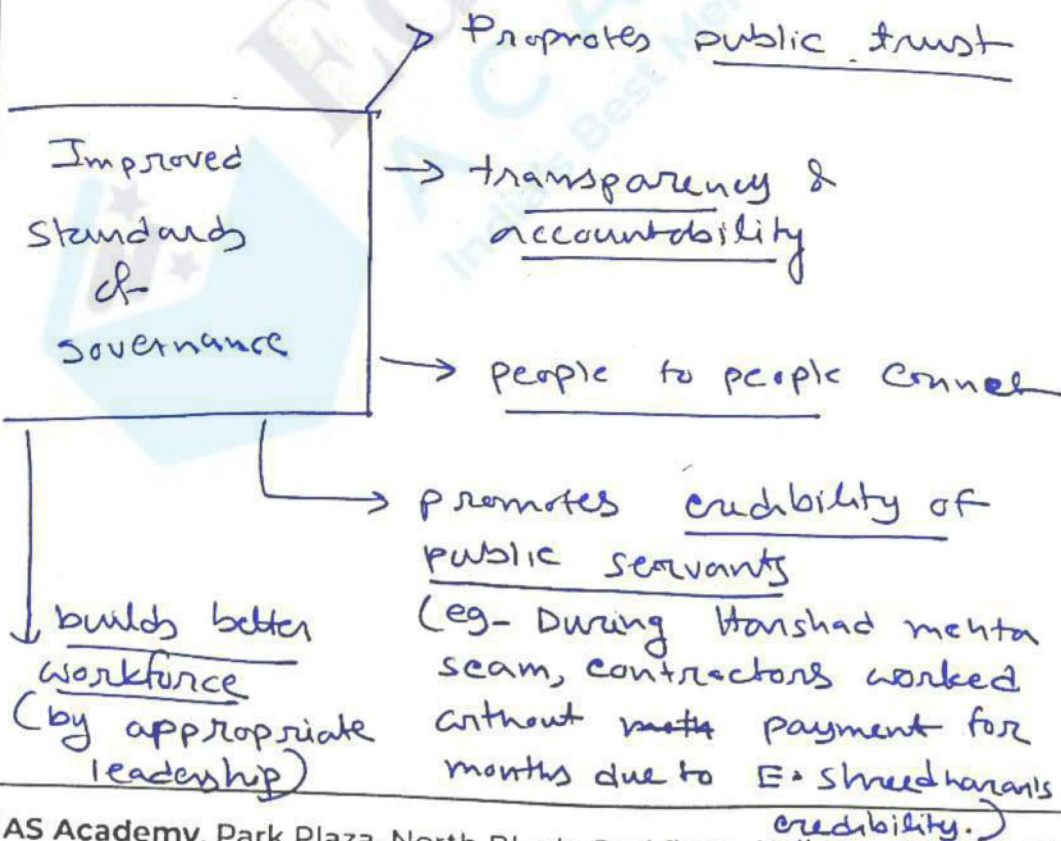


citizens charters changes the service delivery model ~~from~~ to rights based service delivery approach and brings efficiency in system by treating citizens as 'consumers of services' rather than previously practiced (ivory tower model) of service delivery.



2. (b) The moral fiber and ethical conduct of public officials not only influence the standard of governance but also their own interests and performance. Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

The ethical conduct of public officials and their moral conduct influence both their ~~per~~ service delivery stands and their own performance. As public officials are the 'face of the government' to the public, their ~~ed~~ conduct is perceived as the government's conduct towards the public.



Promotes
Public
servants
own
performance
&
interests

→ ① job satisfaction
(conscience is the
softest pillow to
sleep on)

→ ② credibility of
of public servant
at personal level

→ ③ better work relation
with peers and colleagues
(colleagues trust their
decision making)

→ ④ trust of political
executives during
policy design &
implementation
(eg. if the public
servant is known to be
non-partisan)

→ ⑤ personal reputation due
to dedication to service

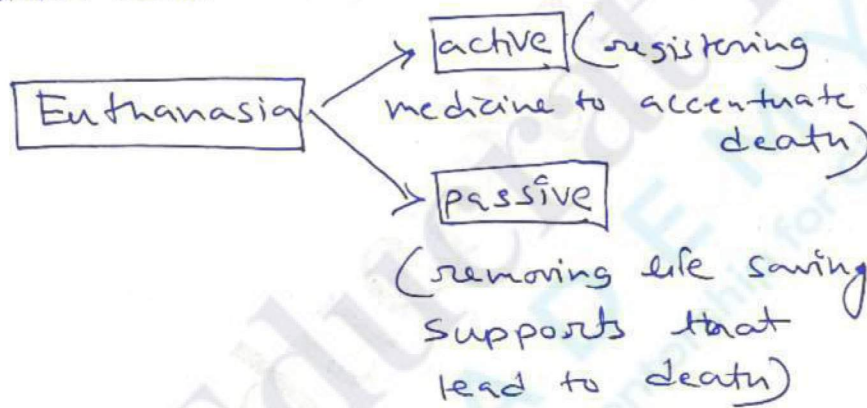
(eg. Election Commission mentioned)

Indian elections can be divided into
(pre T.N. Sheshan & post T.N. Sheshan era)



3. (a) The ongoing debate on euthanasia poses several ethical questions. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

Euthanasia is the process of allowing ~~to~~ someone with critical illness & no chances of recovery to chose dignified ~~to~~ death over a painful life.



Indian laws allow passive euthanasia in case by case basis. This issues was first raised by the Aruna Shanberg case.

Questions relating to Euthanasia

Supporting	Against
① <u>Right to dignified death</u> is part of right to life.	① This is equivalent to killing someone knowing they will not recover.

① ~~save~~ channelising scarce medical resources to someone with better chance of survival.

③ There is often more pain attached to their life than death.

④ practised in many countries worldwide

② Leaves no room for miracles

③ Will mean less care & attention given to patients with critical illness & low chance of recovery.

④ patients are generally not in stage to give informed consent.

⑤ may create a slippery slope of allowing euthanasia in name of dignified death.

The ethical debate over euthanasia is still unresolved. Indian judiciary is right to decide on case by case basis.



3. (b) Foreign aid is a form of neo-colonialism, as the economically wealthier countries can exploit the developing countries under the cloak of aid. Examine. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

Foreign aid is considered to be a new form of colonialism (Neo-colonialism) with the emerging ~~socio~~ socio-economic realities.

form of Neo-colonialism

(eg) China → propagating its interest in cloak of aid

→ Hambantota port of Sri Lanka (debt trap / cheque book diplomacy)

→ African colonialism of China (inhuman working condition of labours)

→ Chinese Aggression in south China sea & debt trap diplomacy in central Asian Region (China's Munro doctrine of access denial to other countries)

Aid out of genuine interest & humanism :-

- ① India's SAGAR (security & growth for all) in the region)
- ② vaccine traitra by India
- ③ ISA & CBDR initiatives of India.
- ④ India's medical & food aid to Afghanistan even if she doesn't recognise Taliban as a legitimate government.
- ⑤ Indian FIPIC country's summit promised investment in development activities of their choice.
- ⑥ Papua New Guinea's PM commented, we want India to represent us in global forums. → These efforts are not form of neo-colonialism. Thus it depends on the country's intentions & policies.



4. (a) Throwing light on the idea of Universal Humanism propounded by Rabindranath Tagore, discuss its contemporary relevance. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

Relevance of R N Tagore's
universal humanism in contemporary
world

- ① → promotes universal rights of citizens across borders
(eg. migrant rights, refugee rights)
- ② → promotes rights of all from all gender, race, caste, creed, religion
- ③ → promotes India's & other developing country's claim to global high table (eg- UNSC seat of ~~UNSC~~ India)
- ④ → changing order of global institutions (more power &

equal voice to global south nations)

→ ⑤ rights of people in war struck areas (in Ukraine, Sudan crisis)

→ ⑥ Rights of people to remain multipolar (not aligning to any one major global power)

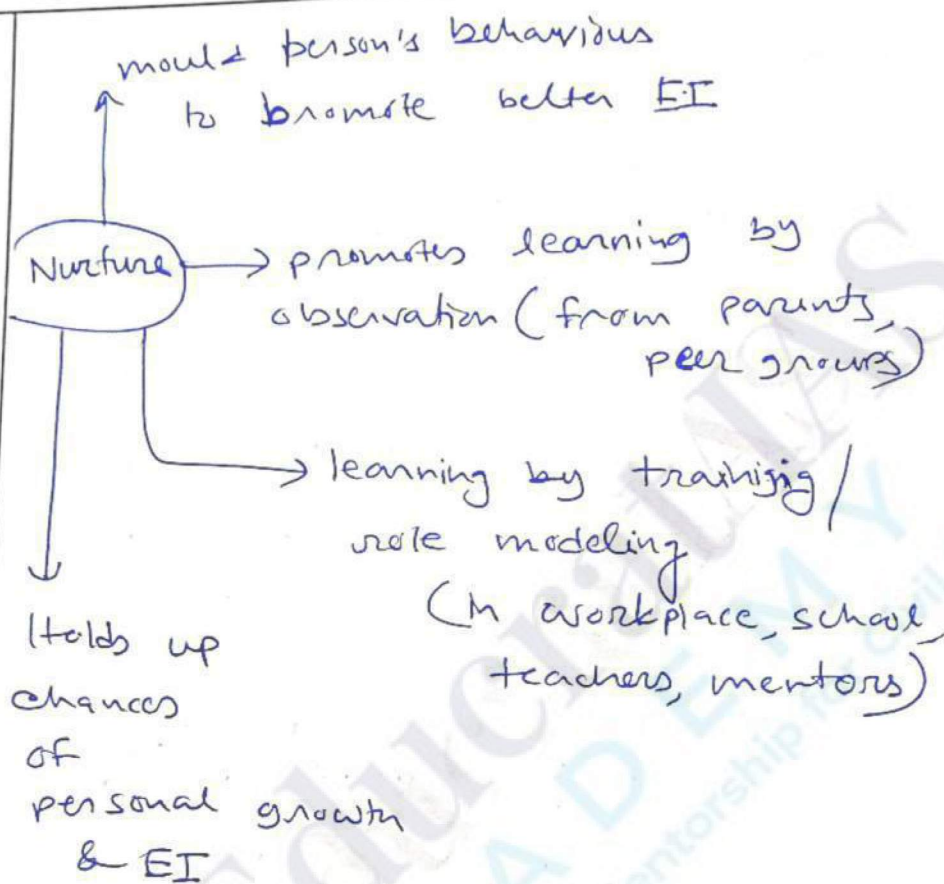
→ ⑦ Rights against discrimination (considering all humans equal)

(eg- Anti racial movements in different parts of the world)



4. (b) Do you agree with the view that it is nature and not nurture which determines the emotional intelligence of a person? (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)





Thus, both nature & nurture are important in determining one's EI disposition.

5. (a) Values that guide public administrators can often compete with each other, owing to their relative importance to the larger public interest. Discuss with examples. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

values of public administrator

(Given by Nolan committee)

- honesty
- objectivity
- openness
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Selflessness
- Non-partisanship

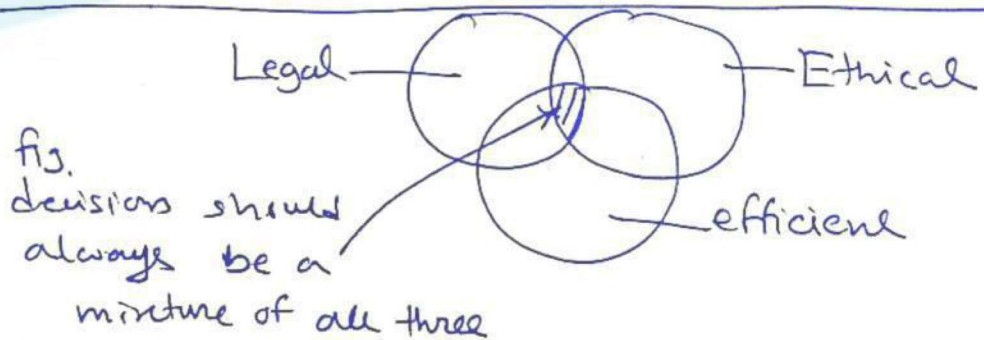
Depending upon situation, public administrator have to give relative importance to each values depending on the case at hand.

(e) scheme implementation needs objectivity for subtle efficiency.

b) However, schemes like food security or related to tribal development require compassion for citizens in order to understand their problem & proper service delivery.

c) Impartiality is virtue of public servant, however when (s) he has discretionary powers, positive discriminations towards vulnerable groups can be made.

d) transparency is an important value. However sense of secrecy is often important for maintenance of peace & stability.





5. (b) Is it justifiable to say that corruption is a social phenomenon? What are the various ways through which administrative corruption can be tackled? (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

Corruption is a social phenomenon because:-

- normalisation/sanskritisation of corruption
- ~~the~~ coercive/collusive corruption is rampant and widely accepted
- is a result of excessive red-tapism & colonial model of bureaucracy
- breeds when regulatory administration is not bridged by developmental administration

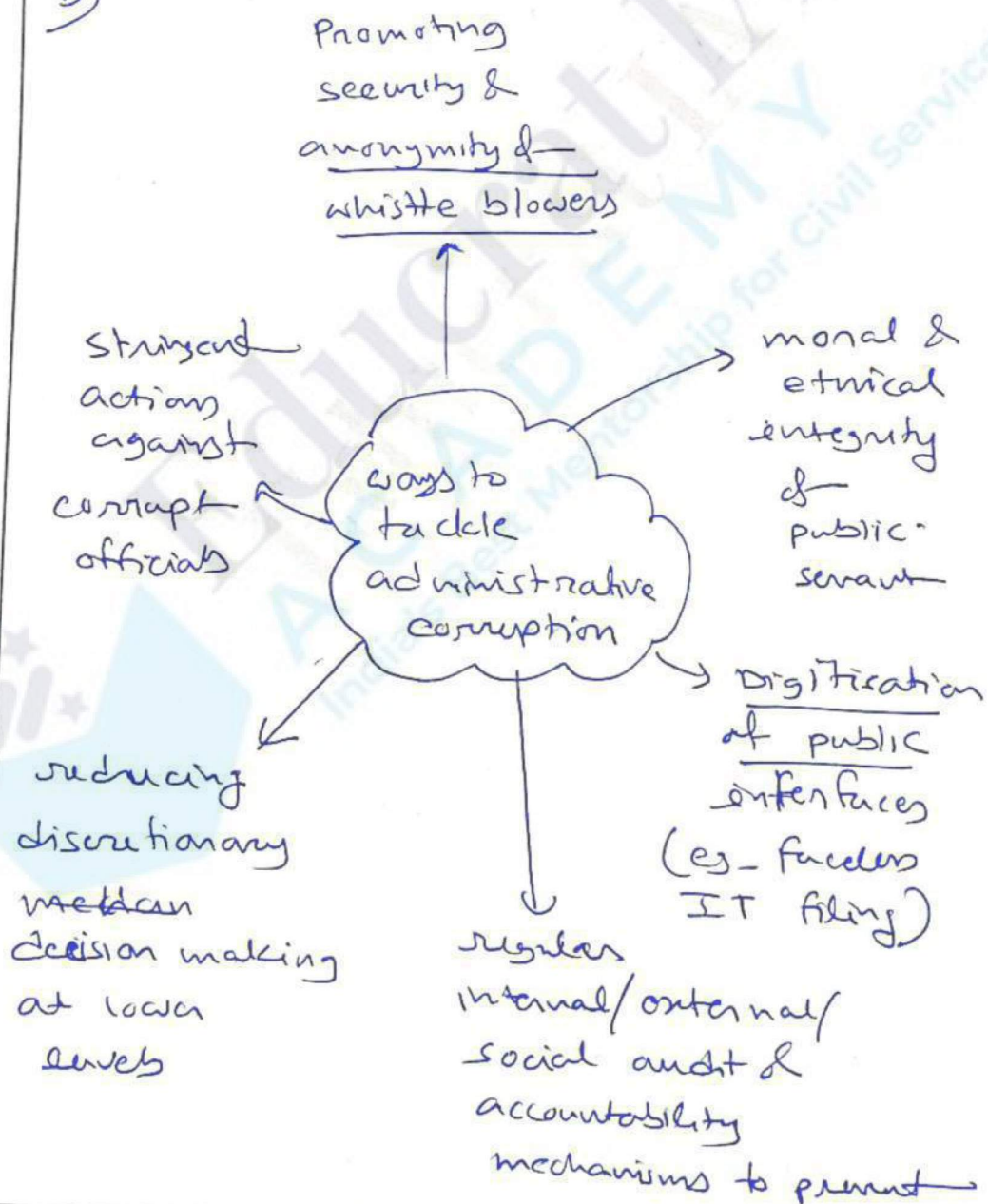
economic phenomenon

- ↳ involves monetary transactions
- ↳ level of corruption often

depends on the amount of economic gain involved.

Thus, corruption is both a social & economic phenomenon.

b)





6. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?

(a) "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity; it is an act of justice." Nelson Mandela (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)

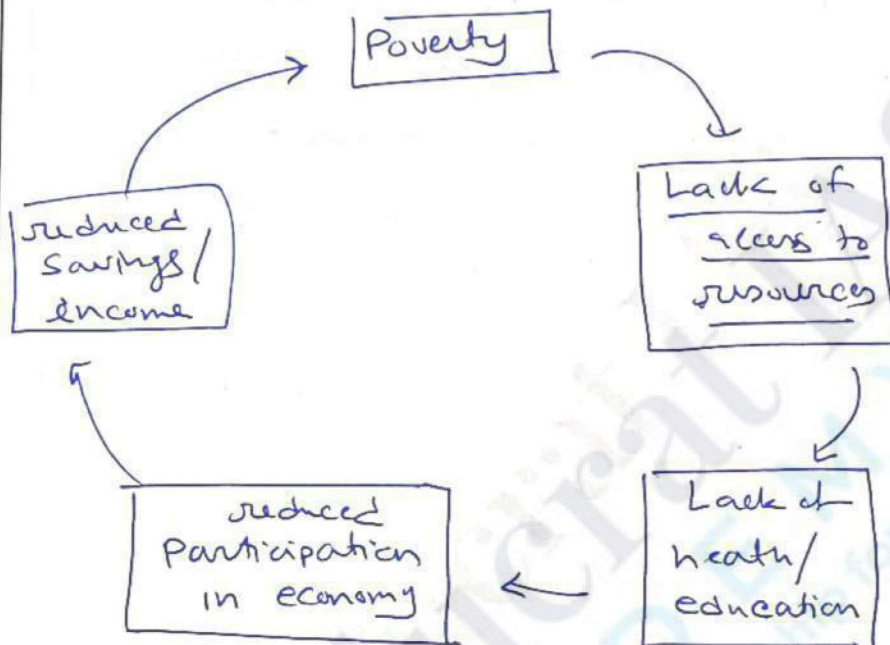


fig → vicious cycle of poverty.

poverty is a social vice that needs to be removed by ~~esp~~ several approaches like → capabilities approach → by making the poor people capable by giving health & edu opportunities rather than just giving them ~~low~~ jobs. → without improving their long term status.

→ SDG goal '1' → is to
~~from~~ eliminate poverty of all
forms because it is an
injustice to the poor people
and a global threat
threat to the development ~~also~~
of all countries across the
world.

Hence, removing poverty is not
just charity

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6. (b) "I do believe that, where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence."- Mahatma Gandhi
(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)



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6. (c) "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle." Martin Luther King Jr (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)



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SECTION B

7. You are posted as the Commissioner of Police in a metropolitan city where a visiting foreign dignitary, with President-level security cover, is scheduled to visit for an official function. As a part of the security preparedness, it has been decided that no vehicular traffic will be allowed on the route which will be taken by the foreign dignitary to reach the venue of the function in the city. However, just 15 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the dignitary, you are informed that a critically-ill patient is stuck on the way to the hospital in a private car along with his family. In this situation, answer the following:

- (a) Discuss the issues involved in halting traffic for VIP movement.
 - (b) List the options available to you in this situation with their merits and demerits.
 - (c) What will be your course of action? Justify with proper reasoning.
- (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

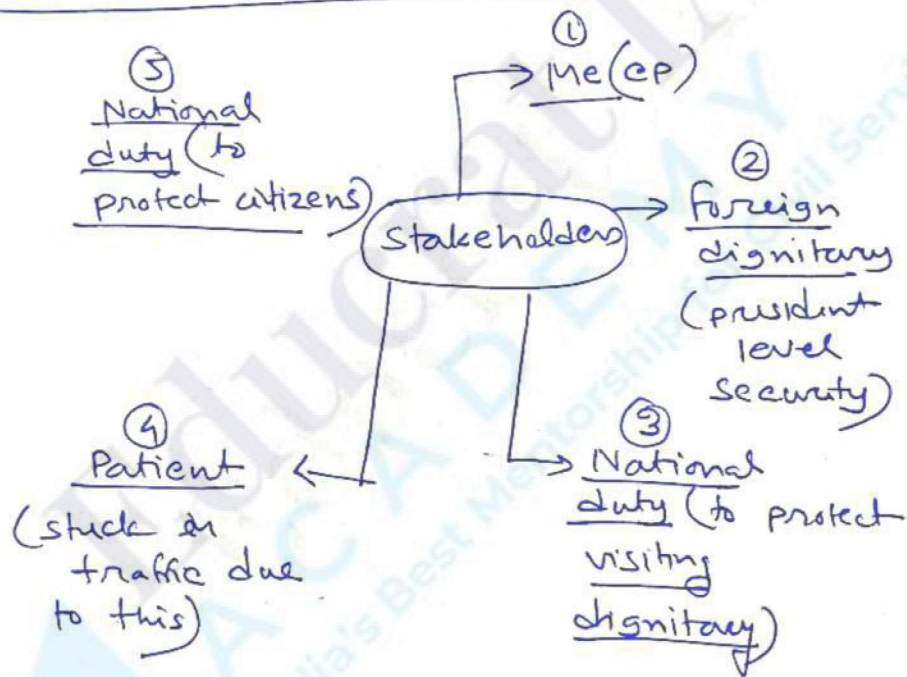
The given case closely resembles the ^{much debated} ~~recent~~ case of death of a patient in traffic jam during passage of ^{the} ~~a~~ president's convoy in Kanpur, few years ago. ~~This~~

Facts of the case

- ① I am CP, metropolitan city arranging ~~visiting~~ visit of foreign dignitary, (with president level security)
- ② ~~15 minutes before~~ stoppage of vehicles in the route for security reasons.

c) 15 mins before the passage of the dignitary, critically ill patient on way to hospital is known to be stuck.

Stakeholders (and stakes):



a) Issues in halting traffic for VIP & movement

Reason → generally done for security purposes (national duty to protect visiting dignitaries)



Issues → ① disruption to public life

② Patients, daily commuters, students, examinees face problem

③ But worsens vehicular traffic / accidents in other parts of the city due to this.

(b) options available & evaluation

option	merit	Demerit
① continue halting traffic	security obligation of foreign national intact.	→ life threat to critically ill - patient
② stop vehicular foreign dignitary's convoy fire sometime - let only patient's car	→ Life of patient saved.	→ Blot on <u>planning & execution of national</u> & visiting dignitary's security plan.

<p>pass.</p>		<p>→ such ease by ease deviation will make it difficult to control traffic.</p>
<p> c) Try to make the patient's car <u>pass by another route to hospital.</u> ep I, was as a CP, may create <u>green channel for</u> pass P (No red signals) for faster passage → Let the dignitary's <u>convoy pass uninterrupted</u> </p>	<p> → security plan executed swiftly → patient's life saved by sending to hospital on time → seamless movement at both vehicles. </p>	<p> such occurrences are <u>controllable</u> & <u>should</u> have been <u>planned</u> <u>before</u> <u>hand</u>. </p>



(c) option taken & reason

I would take option (c). However, such emergencies should be planned early and alternate route for passage of such emergency vehicles should be planned & properly marked beforehand.

Reasons

As per Gandhiji, wrong means cannot save the right end. By stopping the patient's car just to save national reputation, we would have made oules the end in themselves.

~~Not~~ Citizen's life & National Reputation - Both are non negotiable & proper planning to avoid a clash of the two interests is needed.

8. The transgender community has been a part of India's social set up since the very beginning but never recognized as a reputable part of the society. 'Hijra' is a term traditionally used in India for transgender women who were born male. The role and value of this community in accordance with the sacred Hindu texts condenses to the performance of blessings at marriage and birth ceremonies for good fortune. With the advent of the British Raj in the 19th century, the acts of "cross-dressing" were registered as a criminal offence and if such offences were committed repeatedly, imprisonment followed. Thus, began the criminalization of hijras. Today, although legally supported and socially empowered as compared to earlier times, hijras are still subject to transphobic discrimination-associated violence, poverty, and segregation. In light of the above, answer the following:

- (a) Identify the challenges faced by transgenders during the different stages of their life.
- (b) Discuss the reasons for the continuing discrimination against transgenders in India despite several initiatives for their upliftment in recent times. (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

Justice Indu Malhotra in
the famous Naveen Singh Johar
case had remarked,

"History owes an apology to
these community for the delay
in recognising their rights"



This rightly points out the years of injustice to the transgender community in India. As per the transgender protection Act, a transgender is someone whose gender is different from gender assigned at birth.

(a) Challenges faced by transgenders at different stages of their lives :-

- ① childhood → discrimination (inside & outside family) for behaviour like the other gender.
- ② Adolescence → change of hormonal balances → increasing dilemma about self perceived & society perceived gender identity & physical & behavioural aspects

③ Adulthood → identification as desired gender brings along fight for identity



↑ emotional stress



alienation in family/
society



lack of sensitization
among citizens/
local administration



lack of livelihood
opportunities

mostly
involved
in begging,
prostitution

After the SC
judgement,
many are
coming out
and disclosing
their gender
identities now



(B) Reason for continued discrimination

① social apathy → historic injustice to the society is still prevalent

② lack of sensitization & equal opportunity in letter and spirit → however NALSA Judgement of Third gender identity is a great step forward.

③ Need of certificate from district magistrate to get other documents → Bureaucratic involvement in an issue as personal as gender identity.

④ Social awareness & acceptance at all levels and inside the community → poor-rich divide (acceptability is more in urban/upper classes than poor/rural classes).

The NALSA Judgements, Navigy. Singh Johar case & Protection of transgender rights Acts are ~~right~~ steps in the right direction.

Way forward social awareness & acceptance will ~~and~~ come with time

⊙ Athlete Dutee Chand came out & disclosed identity as a transperson and also declared SC verdict on Navigy Singh Johar case gave her confidence

→ Kochin introduced gender neutral school uniforms.

These steps & social acceptance will go a long way in let them achieve their fullest potential and participate in society & economy like the other two genders.

9. You are an IPS officer posted as the Inspector General of Police in a state. The recent death of a father-son duo in one of the districts in the state, due to custodial violence allegedly in the presence of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), has sparked anger across the state. This is not an isolated incident, as there have been allegations raised by human rights groups in the past regarding custodial deaths due to physical assault by the police. The High Court of the State, taking suo moto cognizance of the recent incident, has served a notice to the state government, seeking a detailed report on the rising instances of custodial deaths. The state government has constituted a Committee to probe the incident and submit a detailed report about the veracity of facts related to it. You have been asked to head the Committee. You know the Deputy Superintendent of Police of the district to be an honest, hardworking and upright officer. He has privately requested you to absolve him of any wrongdoing as he claims not to be present when the incident occurred. You know that any action against him will be detrimental to his reputation and career. On the other hand, the seniors in the department are pressurising you to put all the blame on the DSP and make him a sacrificial lamb in order to protect the overall image of the police in the state. In the given scenario, answer the following questions:

- (a) Identify the stakeholders and the ethical issues involved in the case.
- (b) What steps will you take to ensure that the enquiry is seen to be fair and impartial?
- (c) Given the challenges that the police forces in India operate under in their day-to-day functioning, suggest some initiatives to address them. (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

Facts of the case

① I am an I/c heading a committee to respond reply to a Suo-moto notice by the High court reg. custodial death of father-son duo (not a single incident, but recurring)

② DSP, known to be honest, claims his absence at the spot.

③ Seniors in dept. advises to make DSP ~~look~~ like the culprit to save department's image.

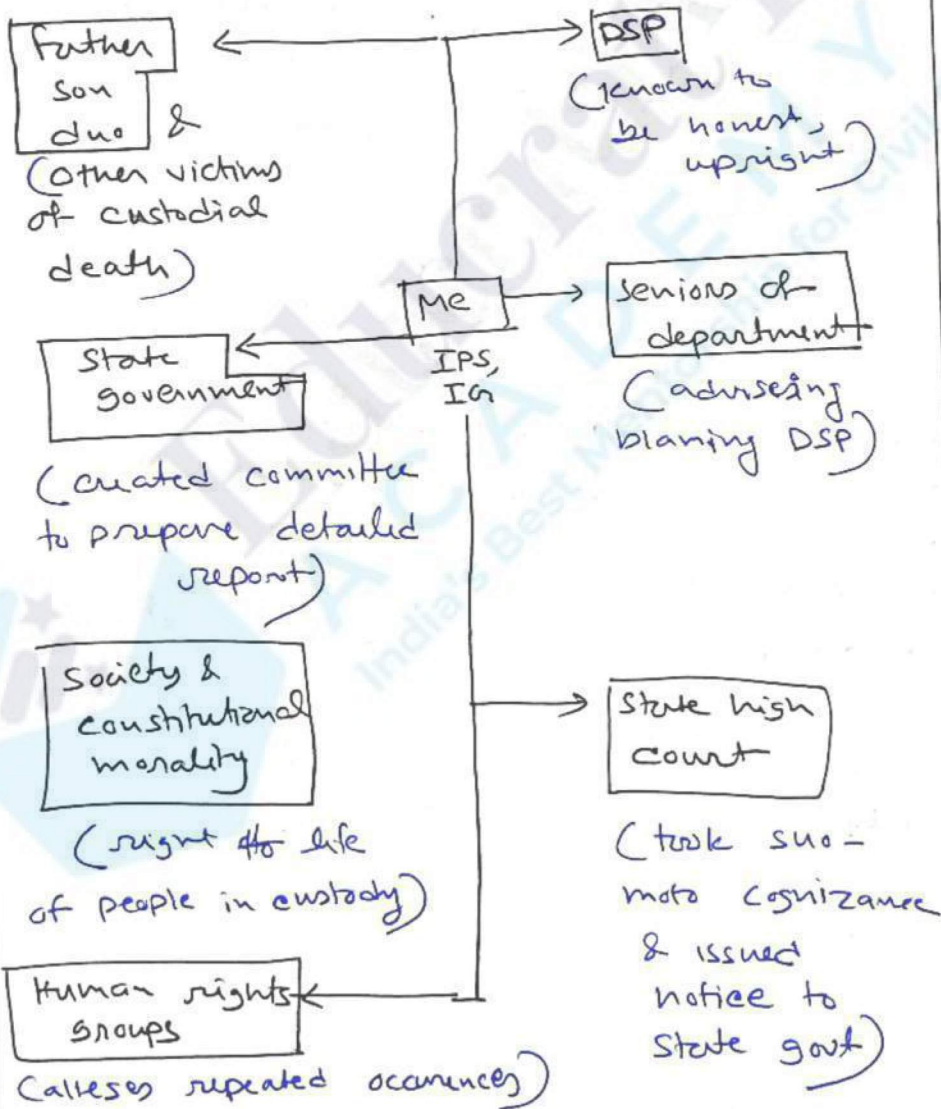
(a) Stakeholders & ethical issues involved :-

Ethical issues

① right to life of people died in custody vs. reputation of police department.

② Justice has to be delivered & truth has to come out - hence committee report should be prepared without any fear or favour

Stake holders



b) options available & evaluation

option	Merits	Demerits
<p>① Make DSP the sacrificial lamb</p>	<p>→ State's reputation saved</p> <p>→ Dept's reputation saved.</p> <p>→ Advise of seniors obliged to.</p>	<p>→ DSP wrongfully convicted.</p> <p>→ actual perpetrator might still be free, thus threatening more custodial violence in future.</p>
<p>② Save DSP as he is known honest & is pleading that he is not guilty</p>	<p>→ Advise of seniors</p> <p>→ DSP saved</p>	<p>→ Advise of seniors not obliged to</p> <p>→ actual guilty was not found out.</p> <p>→ <u>unbecoming of a civil servant</u> by deciding the</p>

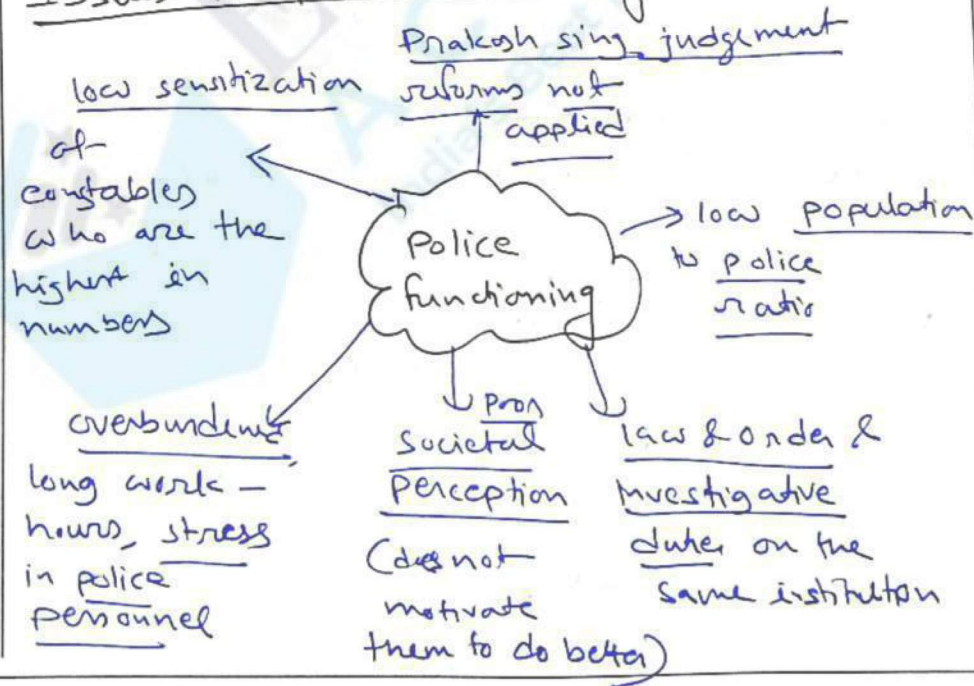
accused
without going into the
facts of the case

My Steps

① go to the facts of the case & find out the person who is actually guilty instead of deciding the accused first and put the blame on him

Reason → only the truth can solve the problems mentioned in the case - not short lived ^{wrongfully prepared} reports.

c) Issues of police functioning:



10. Mr. X is a billionaire businessman who heads a conglomerate engaged in insurance, energy generation and distribution, and manufacturing. Despite being globally known as a great philanthropist, he turned down a shareholder request seeking the disclosure of the conglomerate's actions on issues related to climate change as well as diversity and inclusion. Because of increased attention to climate and diversity issues, many leading firms have committed themselves to incorporate relevant considerations in their business strategies. Therefore, some industry-observers wonder if Mr. X is out of touch with the industry at large and have warned him that failing to address climate change issues puts his businesses under systemic risk. But, Mr. X maintained his vote against the disclosure proposal, while at the same time acknowledged the importance of both climate change and a diverse and inclusive work force. However, Mr. X believes that such ethical issues take secondary importance to maximising shareholder profit.

- (a) Discuss the importance of including climate change strategies and diversity and inclusion in a business organisation?
- (b) In your opinion, what matters more for a business organisation - socio-environmental concerns or shareholder profit?
- (c) How can the two above-mentioned issues be reconciled? (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

a) We have not inherited the earth from our forefathers, we have ~~it~~ borrowed it from our future generations.

M K Gandhi

Including climate change & inclusion & diversity strategies is of utmost importance.

Reason

- ① climate change & non-inclusion threatens the very existence of human life on earth & it is high time we act on it.
- ② builds public confidence in companies disclosing their steps towards cc & inclusion efforts.
- ③ In turn helps shareholder profit maximization (public credibility)

(b) What matters more

Any private organisation's primary motive is definitely profit maximisation. However, this should not allow socio-environmental issues take a backstage as for long term gain of the company a fair & credible image of the company is a absolute necessity

(b) This also builds the employees' confidence & trust in the work ethics of the company resulting in more productive & dedicated work force.

(c) Hence, socio-economic steps should be imbibed in ~~day~~ the company's work culture so that it does not have to be followed separately, because if it comes to choosing between the two, profit maximization will always be prioritized & ~~so~~ these concerns will keep taking the backseat.

e) How can two be reconciled?

① Business without Commerce
without morality is a sin
— M K Gandhi

Hence, socio-economic concerns
has to be addressed simultaneously.

② If necessary, the ~~del~~ declaration
that the company is
actually taking initiatives towards
climate change & inclusion
can be made public to ~~but~~
attract public confidence
(greenwashing) but it should be
declared only after taking the
steps and not for false promise
~~perfect~~ profiting → This
will maximize shareholder
profits as well.

③ Disclosure of steps taken towards these issues will bring more productivity from employees and reputation to Company.

11. You are posted as a Superintendent of Police (SP) in a district where people of different religious communities are living together peacefully. The district is also famous for its architectural heritage and is regularly visited by tourists from all around the world. However, there has been an incident in the nearby state where people of two different communities have started fighting over religious issues. This incident has a spillover effect over the whole country. In your own area of jurisdiction, you have come to know from various sources about circulation of some hate speech videos, which have the potential to destabilise the law and order situation. You are also aware that some outsiders with dubious intentions have started pouring in your district. In one locality, a shopkeeper who had earlier filed a complaint regarding threats he received for posting something on the internet, is found murdered in cold blood. This incident has stunned the nation. You are being informed that hundreds of people of the community to which the shopkeeper belonged are planning to stage a massive protest in your district.

(a) In the given situation, what are the options available to you to ensure that the law and order situation in the district remains stable. Provide a detailed account of your course of action.

(b) Do you think the present legal and institutional mechanisms are sufficient to tackle the menace of hate speech in the society? (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

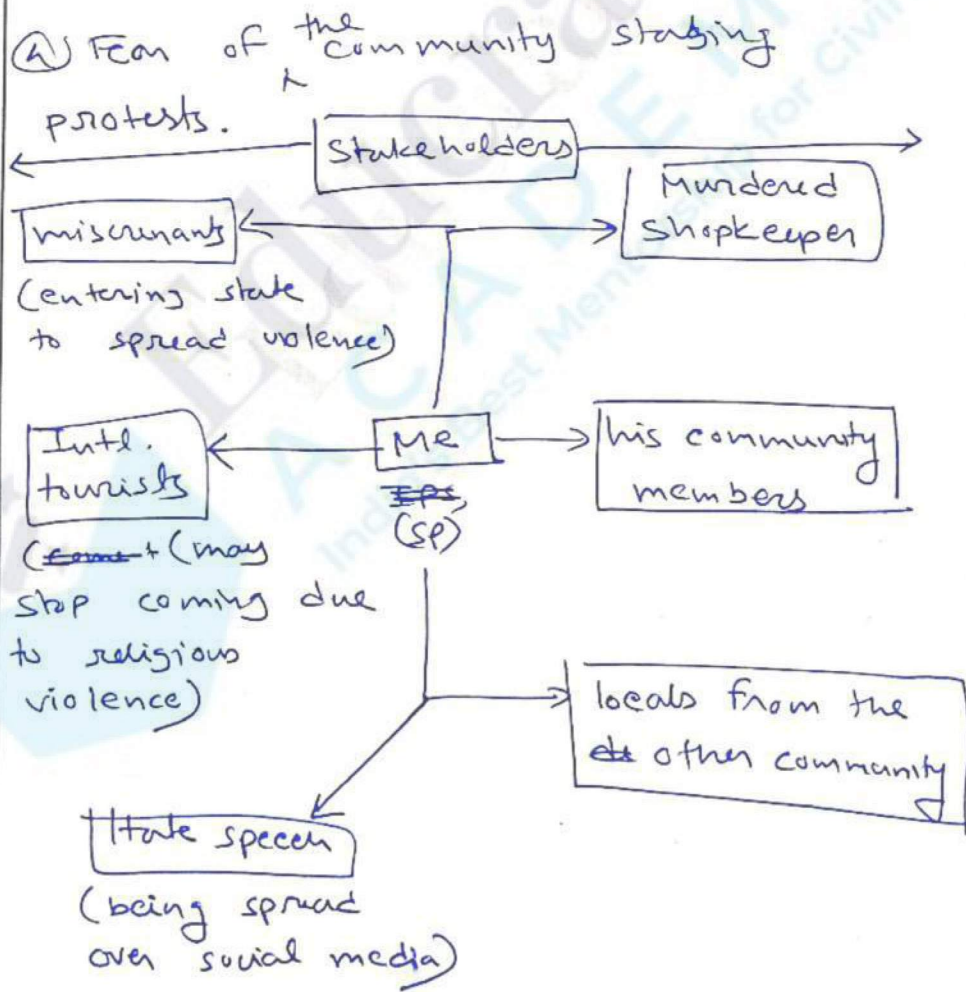
(a) Facts of the case

① I am SP in a district otherwise peaceful, with a heritage value of imp International importance.

② Spill over effects from other states

religious violence caused tensions in the district → outsiders entering district to promote violence

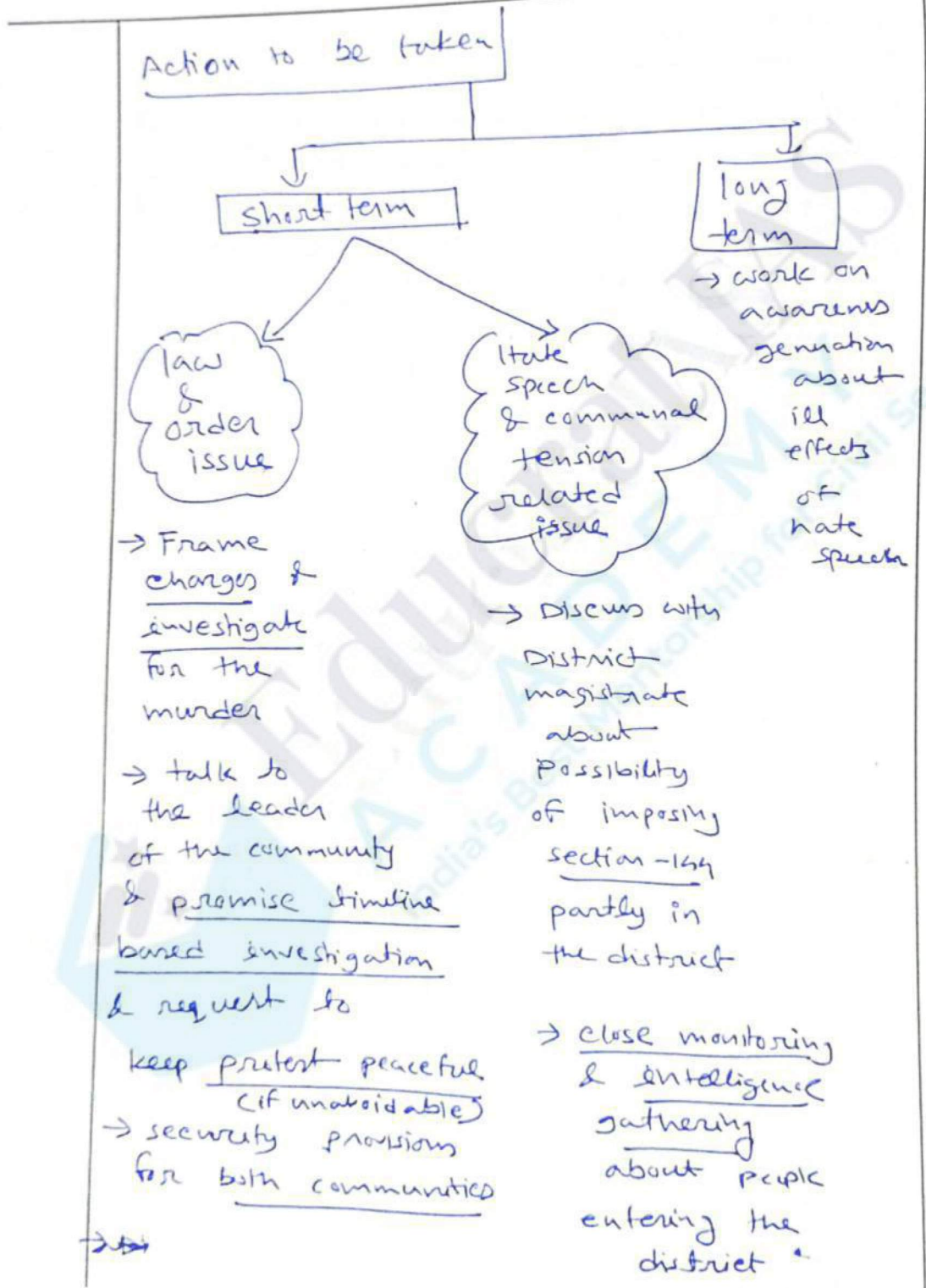
③ cold-blooded murder of shopkeeper who posted religious controversial content





a) options available & evaluation

Option	Merit	Demerit
① Complete blockage of internet & entry of people from other states districts/ states	→ temporarily stopping the violence.	may fail the <u>test</u> of <u>proportionality</u>
② Issue guidelines about not believing & spreading hate speech ↓ Frame charges against murder of shopkeeper	→ Issue may be resolved temporarily	→ widespread hater speech need more than just guidelines.



b) sufficiency of present provisions

→ 'hate speech' needs to be defined more clearly

→ broad political consensus about not politicizing the issue is needed.

→ there is provisions regarding hate speech but that is often misused or falls insufficient.

→ Difference of Dissent & hate speech needs to kept in mind.

→ ~~case~~ It should be imbibed in political ideologies of political parties to refrain from promoting hate speeches & so hard on racially communally instigating speeches.

12. The Indian education system suffers from many ills. One of the major issues is the focus on 'rote learning', which has been the staple of the Indian education system for many years. While many Indians have attained success despite this system, simply being able to recall information is not enough in today's world when that information is instantly available to anyone on a mobile phone. A survey of 200 Indian and foreign companies found that only 14% of Indian graduates were prepared for the workforce, largely because most graduates were unable to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems. In this context, answer the following questions:

- (a) What are the consequences of 'rote learning' on the educational development of young students in the country?
(b) Suggest measures that can be taken to address this issue. (Answer in 250 words, 20 marks)

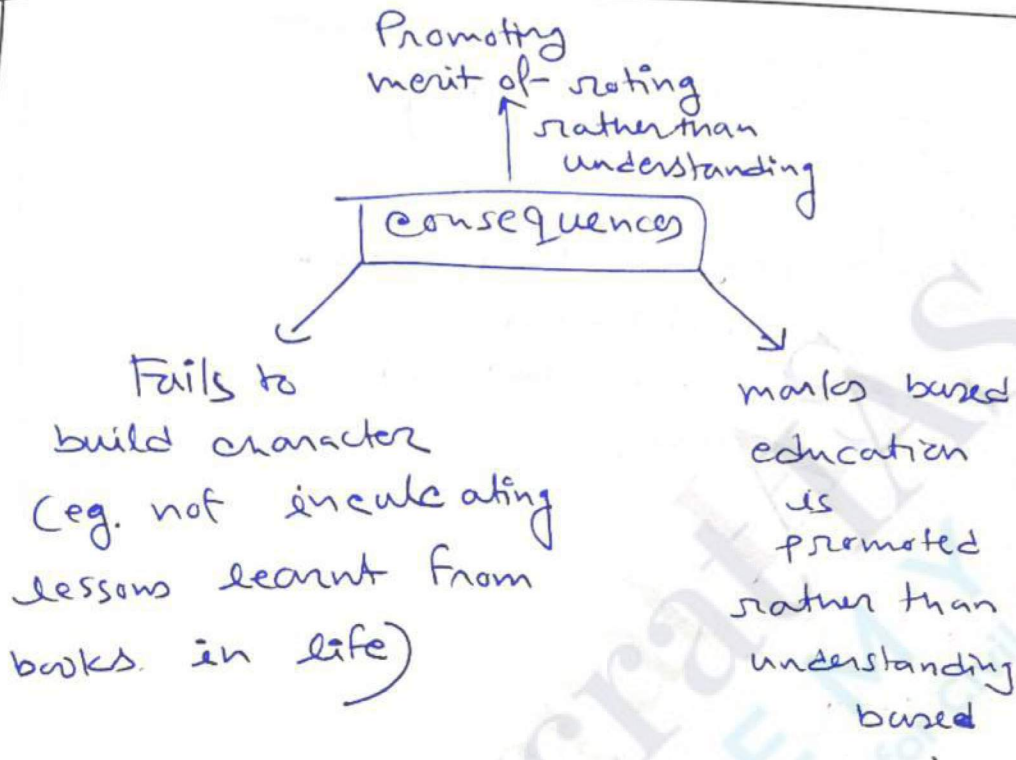
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consequences of rote learning in Indian education

" Education is not about gathering information, it is about applying knowledge."

— swami vivekanda.

The concept of education by swami vivekanda is completely reversed when rote learning based education is propagated.



b) Measures to be taken to address this issue

