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## EVALUATION INDICATORS

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All the Best

Answer the following questions in not more than 150 words each:

1. (a) Growing awareness about terminal as well as mental illness has given credence to the idea of "living wills". What is a living will? Discuss the ethical issues to be considered from an individual as well as social perspective to formulate and implement it. 10

Living will is a declaration by a person in advance to give authority to someone to take decision on his/her behalf in case of their terminal or mental illness

Ethical Issues Associated with living will

Personal level

- (1) Right to life : As ~~to~~ life cannot be given to anyone hence there is no right to take life even our own
- (2) Right to live with dignity : Terminal and mental illness leads to dependency and pain which is against dignity
- (3) Person to whom this right is granted may take decision ~~to~~ to take life even when not required.

In general and personal Interest

social

- (1) Culture of short cut to ~~E. de~~ let  
Aged and elderly die may prevail  
Instead of love and care
- (2) Children may force ~~6~~ elders to  
sign living will
- (3) This may lead to unethical  
medical practices

Hence there should be proper evaluation  
of pros and cons before formulating  
any such policy



1. (b) In order to improve the bureaucratic work culture and productivity, there is a need to downsize government and privatize some of the services. Critically discuss with examples. 10

Bureaucratic work~~culture~~ culture is alleged to be marked with

- 1) Red tapism : focus on rules rather than results
- 2) Inefficiency
- 3) Apathy
- 4) Disconnect with public

Hence there is suggestion to downsize government and privatize services as

- 1) Privatization brings more accountability and efficiency

ii) Economic service delivery

iii) Government can focus on areas where private parties cannot be delegated such as social sector

for example: 1) Preventive Healthcare

ii) Behavioural changes in sanitation practices

iii) Regulatory mechanisms

However

⑥ Privatization is not the panacea of all ills

D It may raise the cost of service as seen in privatization of water supply in Cape-Town

11) Commercial Interest may prevail and marginal section of the society may be left out

111) Government cannot fix accountability as it can do on Government employees

for example: Bssar tower failed to provide better electricity supply in sagar. & Ujjain and Government could only forfeit their security deposit

11v) PPP model often ends up in litigation

Hence there should be a balance between role of Government and private agency

2. (a) Examine the contemporary relevance of Gandhiji's talisman as a means of resolving ethical dilemmas in day to day life. 10

Gandhiji's talisman states to look for the ~~benefit~~ ~~effect~~ effect of our action on most downtrodden of the society when we are in dilemma to take some steps.

If there is benefit to last person of the society we should take that step otherwise not.

### Relevance

As a civil servant or a normal person often we face dilemma of self interest ~~is~~ against societal interest

### for example

1. cutting trees to build factories
2. Giving heed to keeping our surroundings clean or minding ~~our~~ our own business



3. ~~Dilemma~~ Dilemma of Helping someone  
in road accident in fear of  
unnecessary police questioning  
etc.

4.

In these cases we should keep in  
mind the impact of our action  
on marginal section

for example ① when we keep our surround-  
ing clean → lesser disease burden  
on poor who can't afford healthcare

② Helping the victim may save  
his life etc.

Hence Gandhi's Talisman which  
perfects Empathy, Compassion and  
love toward Humanity is greatest  
guide in contemporary society



2. (b) "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." Assess whether such an objective can be achieved within the existing system of education in India. 10

Plato said - "Let's bequeath our children not the riches but the spirit of reverence to humanity"  
Point out the value of character building in Education

As school is the first formal agent of socialization in formative stage of life, Education decides the future course of life.

Present Education system <sup>is accused to</sup> focuses on

1. Competition and Grades
2. Rote learning (sometimes)
3. Less focus on vocational Education
4. Less focus on Activity based and value based Education

However character building can take place along with Intelligence

by

- 1) Inculcating value education and Brotherhood along with competition
- 2) Activity based learning should be focussed to inculcate fraternity
- 3) vocational training to develop spirit of manual labour and respect for All professions along with self reliance

Though competition brings efficiency and excellence, yet there is a need to bring minor tweaks in education system to bring character ~~at~~ along with Intelligence.

3. (a) "A blanket prohibition of criticism of the policies of the Government is invalid and void, and it makes no difference if the person criticizing happens to be a government servant." Critically discuss in the context of Civil Service Conduct Rules, 1964. 10

Civil service conduct rules put a blanket Ban on public criticism of policies of Government by a public servant. This is said to be excessive as

1) Public servant also enjoy freedom of expression under Article 21 being an Indian citizen

2) People have the right to know bad policies and public servants have duty toward public

However this does not go well with governance

= 1) This amounts to criticism of government by government



- I) Public servant may seek personal  
Interest by gathering public support
- II) Hampers the ~~deft~~ discipline and  
Efficiency of ~~the~~ working

Public servants are provided with proper channel to give their grievances. Also they can advice ministers to bring necessary changes with Consultation.

~~He~~ However once the policy is finalized, they should wholeheartedly make it a success as success lies in better implementation. and they should do it with political Neutrality

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3. (b) "Man by nature is a political animal". Explain with reference to Aristotle's idea of the state in life of the society. **10**





4. (a) What are the factors that have influenced the contemporary attitude of the state and the society towards homosexuality in India? Also, comment on the changing attitude and the factors driving this change. 10

factors behind contemporary attitude  
of society & state

- 1) Lack of tolerance and fair attitude toward 'different'
- 2) Lack of awareness of ~~scietnt~~ scientific factors behind Homo-sexuality
- 3) Reverence to the idea of 'Reproduction' as an important goal of life
- 4) Religions based on rules rather than principles and values
- 5) Colonial laws such as Section 377 of IPC

However with the growing awareness worldwide people are accepting the idea of Homosexuality

as seen in legal sanctity to Homo  
sexual marriages in Australia and  
France

### factors

- 1) Globalization and Electronic  
media lead to easy spread of  
Ideas → More reach to liberal  
thoughts
- 2) scientific evidences in support of  
homosexuality as 'Normal'
- 3) Rising awareness about Human  
rights
- 4) Modern Education → spirit of  
rationality and questioning
- 5) Gen social media → Homosexuals  
coming together to raise their  
voice

Hence Human rights should prevail  
and everyone should enjoy their rights  
without fear

4. (b) With behavioural issues and suicides among children on the rise, teachers and parents need to play an active part in ensuring mental well-being. Discuss. Also, explain the importance of emotional intelligence in this regard. 10

suicides among children / Behavioural  
Issues are on rise due to

1. Rising academic pressure with  
Increasing competition and expectations
2. Culture of treating child as commodity
3. Parents (working) Not able to give  
Time to ward
4. ~~too~~ Exposure to Internet →  
Wrong Habits at early Age such  
as porn, drug abuse etc.

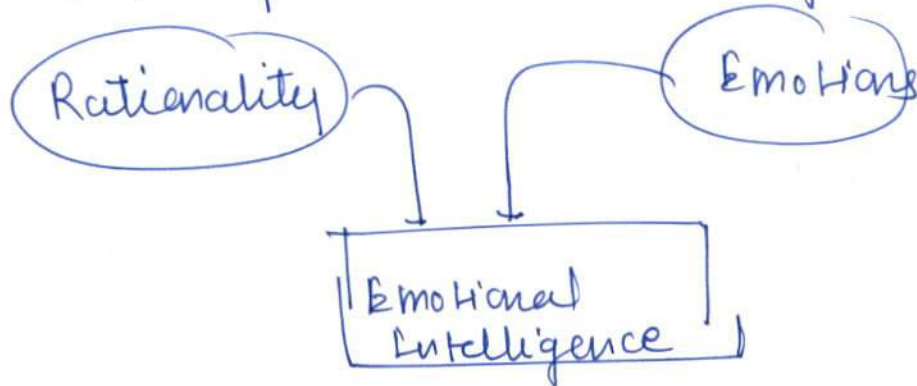
Teachers and Parents can play active  
part by

1. Detection early signs of such Beha-  
viour and Involving with child
2. Keeping a soft watch on child's  
Activity
3. Regularly Interacting with child  
and making her comfortable with  
them



#### 4. Respecting Individuality of the child and Instilling confidence

##### Role of Emotional Intelligence



- 1) It can help in understanding the mental state of child
- 2) Help in keeping our anger in control while ~~to~~ interacting with child
- 3) Helps in balancing Reward and punishment while dealing with child
- 4) Helps in developing empathy, compassion with child to help him develop better

5. (a) The policy of Dhamma advocated by Ashoka through his edicts remains relevant in the context of issues in public life even today. Elucidate with examples. 10

## Policy of Dhamma of Ashoka and its relevance

### Results

- ① Respecting All professions and ~~the~~ Equality among the society

### Relevance

Upholding  
Right to  
Equality  
U/A 14

- ② Prohibition of Animal sacrifice

Animal  
rights  
movement

- ③ Advocacy to tolerance and love in society

spirit of  
fraternity  
in preamble  
of our  
Constitution

- ④ Respecting Elders and Helping those in need

— mentioned  
under  
Article 43

(part IV) of DPSP

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other ideas such as religious  
tolerance, prohibition on war etc  
are also relevant today with  
focus on secularism and United  
Nations mandate of universal peace

Hence



5. (b) Arguably, poverty is not only a matter of statistics. It is a reflection on the kind of society we live in. In this context, discuss the ethical implications for a society that witnesses high incidence of poverty. 10

Traditional Notion of Poverty focuses on head count ratio below a certain fixed Income line

But it is a reflection on kind of society as it shows the ethical standards of society

society with High Incidence of Poverty

1) Lack the spirit of Empathy, Compassion as wealth is concentrated and Riches are not willing to create ~~an~~ opportunities for poor

2) Poor population is devoid of basic Human rights and a dignified life

3) shows Inequitable society

#### iv) social inequalities prevail

Generally nations with more poverty  
fare poorly in corruption index  
It shows that corruption by  
well off is main reason for  
poverty

Hence poverty has ethical dimensions  
and spirit of empathy,  
compassion and fraternity can  
help to overcome from it.

6. Every superstition cannot be removed by the force of law. For that, a mental change is necessary. Comment. Also, explain how educators and public figures can help in eradicating superstition and instilling scientific temper among people. 10

Superstitions are irrational practices that have social sanctions

As superstitions are interwoven in internal fabric of society - ~~and enjoy~~  
Externally imposed laws are many a times ineffective for example

1) Caste system is still prevalent <sup>(untouchability)</sup>  
Despite of Article 17 and civil rights Act.

2) Child marriages

3) witch hunting etc.

Hence there is a need to make people aware about negatives of these superstitions so that they voluntarily leave these. ~~as~~

Educators and public figures who ~~are~~ are emotionally connected with people and enjoy goodwill



and reputation can be effective

Power of persuasion depends on

- 1) credibility and Authority of speaker
- 2) content of Message
- 3) 5 Mental ~~at~~ state of Receiver

Educators and public figures are well aware about customs and social traditions

They ~~also~~ can use their goodwill to make people aware about superstitions in local dialect with the help of local stories and by picking Credible people as messengers.

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7. Many argue that there are times, when war is morally permissible, and even obligatory. Critically discuss. 10

Responsibility to protect doctrine permits war in case

1) Government is not able to protect the interest of its people and indulged in Genocide, Human rights violation of particular Group or people

However

1st All other means should be exhausted such as International pressure, then war support to affected population

Also these war principles should be kept in mind

1. Just pre bellum: war should be last resort and ~~pro~~ proper warning should be given beforehand

2. Just ad bellum: limited aim of saving lives and eliminating corrupt

regime rather than expansion.  
minimum deterrence

Just post Bellum: support to  
reconstruction

However war brings many negative  
sides

- I) loss of Innocent lives
- II) many a times commercial and  
Economic interest pursued in name  
of Responsibility to protect
- III) Damage extends to many  
Generations

~~He~~  
So Although war can be used as  
last resort but it should be avoided  
and other means to settle issues  
should be taken.



8. It has been argued that traditional approaches to corporate social responsibility (CSR) are inadequate. Discuss. Also, examine the role of Social License to Operate (SLO) in this regard. 10

Corporate Social Responsibility

Relates to ~~as~~ fulfilling social commitment along with commercial interests.

Traditional Approach

1. Devolution of fixed funds
2. one way decision making without consultation of society
3. More focus on brand building rather than outcome based approach (output based approach is focussed)
4. Many companies take it as mere legal obligation

Hence results coherent to investment are not visible. Although some companies are doing good. such as recyclable tumbler approach of Starbucks etc.

social licence to operate means getting permission of society via consultative process to operate in particular area.

### Pros

1. ~~soe~~ Proper mitigation ~~may~~ measures to Externalities
2. Involvement of public → sticking to standards
3. ~~better~~ sustainable development

### Cons.

1. Difficult to operate as many a times public is moved by narrow interests due to low awareness
2. Commercial viability may be affected

Hence there is a need to frame guidelines balancing all sides within the spirit of local governance and commercial viability.

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

9. A renowned and critically acclaimed producer-director has come up with a new movie based on retelling of the freedom movement. The trailer of this project depicts prominent freedom fighters and various aspects of their personalities. It is a project that involves substantial sums of money and has taken collaborative efforts of 3 years. However, certain political and social activists have objected to what they perceived as negative portrayal of some freedom fighters. As such, they have opposed the release of this movie and issued threats with serious consequences. This has come in the context of increase in the number of instances involving many groups issuing threats against one or the other movie. In such a context you have been designated as the head of a special committee with the broad responsibility of reviewing the film certification process in general as well as the checking the historical accuracy of the events depicted in this particular movie.

(a) Who are the key stakeholders you would involve as part of the consultation process?

(b) What are the principles that you would consider while giving your recommendations to the government? Also, provide an outline of a solution that you deem appropriate in the prevailing context. 20

Ans.

Above case study pertains to the growing problem of Extremism be it cultural, religious, linguistic etc.

People attach themselves to one particular identity among many and lack of tolerance give rise to such situations

(a) Key stakeholders

1. Film fraternity such as directors, producers, actors who consistently



have to face the threat on finances and life

2. Government with the responsibility of maintaining law and order
3. civil society with representation from various groups and communities such as SC, ST, Women, etc. as every one faces the flak of such revolts
4. ~~and~~ Protesting groups to give them fair representation
5. ~~that~~ Experts from various fields such as History, Mythology, Psychology etc

(b) As Abraham Lincoln clearly points out that mob justice is no justice and every phenomena should be governed by rationality, Humanity and cultural relativism. I will keep following principles in mind

1. Freedom of speech and Expression of both film fraternity and protesting group (As U/A 19 of Constitution)
2. Commercial Interest of film fraternity as it also amounts to employment Generation and soft Power of India
3. Balancing creativity against Historicity: As fiction and creativity is not hampered at the cost of historical facts and vice versa
4. Right of public at large to live peacefully as protesters had to disruption in public life
5. Maintaining law and order situation which is

## Solution to the problem

- ±. I will suggest to form a Committee consisting of All the stake-holders so as to provide a platform for consultation and clearing the mistrust
- I will also suggest to form a Grievance redressal mechanism so as All the Grievances are welcomed and no one should take the street
- I will also suggest to overhaul the policing mechanism so that there is a fear of Genuine law among all the citizens and they should stick to Constitutional means as threats are unwanted and audience has All the rights to decide wrong and right themselves
- I will suggest the film industry to balance creativity with history



as they should take suggestions of  
Historians

### long term measures

1. Growing the spirit of tolerance through proper socialization at school and family level → Education should consist of values.
2. Self Employment Generation so that people keep themselves busy in creative works. An empty mind is the mind of devil.  
for this skill education needs to be focussed
3. overhauling the Justice delivery mechanism so that people can trust the court rather than mob justice

10. There have been reports of repeat instances of mob lynching in different states of India. It has been pointed out that these presumably faceless mobs gather impromptu on the basis of unverified information on issues that affect the collective conscience of the society such as child trafficking, sexual harassment, cow slaughter etc. Most of the people don't even regret their action of violating the law and even get away with committing such a heinous crime.

(a) What are the socio-psychological factors that motivate people to join the mob and kill fellow human beings?

(b) Identify the implications of increasing crime of lynching on society.

(c) Examine the role of social media in recent instances of mob lynching. As a law enforcement officer, how will you prevent such incidents from happening in your district?

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~~That~~ Present situation of growing mob violence amounts to worst form of Injustice

(a) socio-psychological factors

1. Lack of Nationality and Following the ~~Heo~~ Herd mentality
2. Lack of Tolerance, empathy and Compassion
3. ~~mis~~ Mistake in Justice delivery mechanism
4. Growing unemployment of youth  
→ Building up of Frustration vents through such activities
5. Lack of spirit of cultural relativism

(2) Implications

1. Anarchy prevails which may lead to complete disruption in societal life and everybody feels threatened
2. Violation of Right to life and dignity of the victim
3. worsening of social fabric
4. Negative image outside lead to drop in investment which affects Economic development

5/6(3) Role of social media

- 1) Social media has made the communication and spreading of Rumors faster which are easily exploited by evil elements of the society



However to prevent such cases  
social media can also be used as  
an effective platform

My plan of Action

Short term

1. Awareness campaign to make people  
aware that police system is well known  
to deal with crime of child kidnapping  
etc so

2. Training Police officers to be  
easily Accessible to public so that  
they can trust them

Also I will impart Emotional  
Intelligence training to Police staff  
to deal with such situations calmly

3. Starting a 24x7 helpline to  
report any such incidence immediat  
ely so that help can be provided

104) Contacting Influential elements of society and Using the method of persuasion

4. Installing CCTV cameras at prominent places  
long term

1. Asking Government to enact separate law for mob lynching

2. Calling the meeting of Teachers and Parents to instill spirit of Brotherhood and lawfulness in children through education

3. making Intelligence system

Robust so that Any such case can be prevented beforehand





11. We live in a time when almost everything can be bought and sold. Over the past few years, markets and market values have come to govern our lives as never before. Today the logic of buying and selling no longer applies to material good alone but increasingly governs the whole of life. However, there is a wide spread realization that markets have become detached from morals and we need to somehow reconnect them. The use of markets to allocate social goods has also been a cause of concern. In this context, answer the following:

(a) Is greed wholly a vice or a trait of character that has both positive and negative sides? Could you relate it to the utilitarian philosophy that emphasizes pursuit of self interest by individuals as the basis of economic well being?

(b) Are there some things that money shouldn't buy? Illustrate with examples.

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(a) Aristotle and Buddha both pointed out the importance of middle path or Golden mean

that is no ~~ch~~ value is vice or ~~bad~~ virtue in itself rather its practice makes it so. Its excessiveness that makes it vice

so Greed also has both positive and negative sides

Positives

1. Limited Greed makes people work harder to achieve better things

in life. When people without  
doing harm to other maximize  
their earnings for better livings  
Greed act as virtue.

Utilitarian philosophy points to  
Greater wellbeing of Greater number

as an ethical criteria. Hence when  
we pursue self interest, definitely  
we do some economic work which  
in hindsight generates other opportunities  
for others to work promoting  
economic well being for All

for Example: self employment  
when expanded gives employment to  
others

Negatives

However when we forget other's interest  
in pursuit of Greed, it becomes  
vice

for example: when we practice

Unethical business practices ~~with~~  
such as adulteration to gain more  
profit.

Utilitarian philosophy denies such  
self interest as it leads to greater  
harm of Greater number

(b) Economic wellbeing is one thing  
social and mental well being is  
other

Also to a limit both are related as  
Maslow Hierarchy points out that

After economic security (1st priority)  
people seek other priorities

Yet money can't buy somethings  
such as

(1) Relationships : If we don't give  
proper concern to them. As seen in  
growing loneliness, Alienation amid  
growing economic well being



ii) Money Alone can't buy Healthy life If we don't look after it

iii) Satisfaction comes only when money is earned through right means and there is happiness around us.

As mill says

"I ~~seek~~ learn to seek satisfaction by limiting my desires"

Hence money can't buy satisfaction

Example: There are many rich people such as Monica Hicole smith died of depression and drug abuse

iv : money Alone can't buy Excellence  
rather determination and  
cultivation of mind can

However economic well being provide  
a chance to build a society above  
narrow concerns of food, cloth and  
shelter

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12. You are the head of a policy think-tank. There is a proposal to cut down more than 10,000 trees to build a residential colony in the capital of the country. The city has one of the highest homeless population in the country and the settlement will be used for them. This news has generated a lot of public debate. While on the one hand is the need to expand urban infrastructure in order to meet the demands of the growing population, on the other, is the environmental concern. In last ten years, the city has lost more than half of its green cover and has seen increased frequency of extreme climatic events. You are asked to deliver a lecture for the policymakers and concerned citizens, in which you have to specifically deal with the following questions:
- Why do you think such situations arise in the first place where developmental activities and environmental concerns often come out as antithetical to each other?
  - What should be the short-term and long-term solutions for tackling such situations?
  - What are the potential benefits of inculcating environmental concerns in the policy making and planning process?

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Economics vs Environment debate is most contentious issue amid climate change and growing threat to existence

- (a) This situation ~~arise~~ arose because of
- (1) In past model of development Environmental concerns have not been taken into consideration such as during Industrial revolution



- (2) Growing resource constraint due to sprawling population
- (3) Inequitable development leading to high pressure on resources mainly in cities
- (4) ~~representation~~ Present concept of development focusses only on Economic development rather than Balance of Environment and development

(b) short term solutions

- (i) Environment Impact Assessment of Building colony and taking effective mitigation measures such as Afforestation,
- (ii) Flexibility of Norms of floor space index to promote vertical expansion so as to minimize the loss of trees
- (iii) Green Building solutions to minimize effect on Environment

through Energy and water use  
efficiency

### (C) Benefits of Inculcating Environment Concerns

(1) sustainable development which is  
long lasting without affect the  
Quality of life for present  
Generation and resource availability  
for future Generation

(2) Clean Environment → Clean  
Air and water → less burden  
of diseases → Max labour productivity  
and less expenses on Healthcare  
→ Economic development

(3) People and Ecosystem are linked.  
Good environment leads to less  
Energy demand and hence leads  
to max resource efficiency

(4) Better future of Next Generation

(5) Better Quality of life

(6) Also ~~Good Education~~ Bad  
environment affect more to  
vulnerable population. Hence Envi-  
ronmental concerns lead to better  
social equity





13. You are a young athlete representing India at an international-level competition. During the competition, you witness a few senior athletes injecting something using a syringe, in private. When you approach them, they explain that it is a performance enhancing drug, which is very common in such competitions and you should take the same as well. You are in fear and decide to approach the coach to discuss the event you witnessed. However, you get to know that the athletes are taking the drug at the advice of the coach himself.

(a) What would you do in this scenario? Discuss the options available to you and chart your course of action.

(b) Why do you think use of unfair means to enhance performance is common in competitive sporting event? How can this practice be minimized?

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~~Present~~

Facts of the case

(1) Prevailing culture of drug abuse in sports fraternity with the full knowledge and permission of coach

(2) Stakeholders

(1) India at large as Exposure of such culture brings National shame

(2) Players and coach : for their career and future

(3) sports fraternity at large as

performance enhancing drugs do  
harm to True performers

(a) My plan of ~~Action~~ Action and options

(1) succumbing to coaches advice may  
give me instant benefits as results  
But this goes against Integrity and  
Honesty

(2) Asking the coach to reveal this  
to authorities and withdraw all  
the guilty players from the  
competition along with himself: this  
may bring instant setbacks to  
coaching and career of players  
but good for overall sporting culture  
and National pride

If coach does

(3) Reporting whole incident to Authorities  
with objective proofs of scenario



so as to being justice: I might have to face the wrath of organizations and hindrance to career. But this way larger benefit persists and I will continue my career smoothly with better efforts

My choice: I will choose option (2) if coach agrees than it's fine otherwise I will choose option (3) and clean the culture

(b) This practice is common due to

(i) Performance pressure as Good

performance is linked to better Economic Incentives, fame etc.

(ii) Attitude of Instant Gratification without putting required efforts

(iii) Sometimes players don't get enough ~~off~~ infrastructure and

facilities as compared to their international counterparts and hence resort to such means

This practice can be minimized by

- (1) value education along with sports training
- (2) legitimate Economic Incentives to quality players and media
- (3) Awareness among people to not to treat sports person badly if he/she fails to perform at some point and give respect to privacy and personal life
- (4) strict enforcement and punishing the guilty to set right examples
- (5) Quality sporting infrastructure of international standards should be built to promote sports.

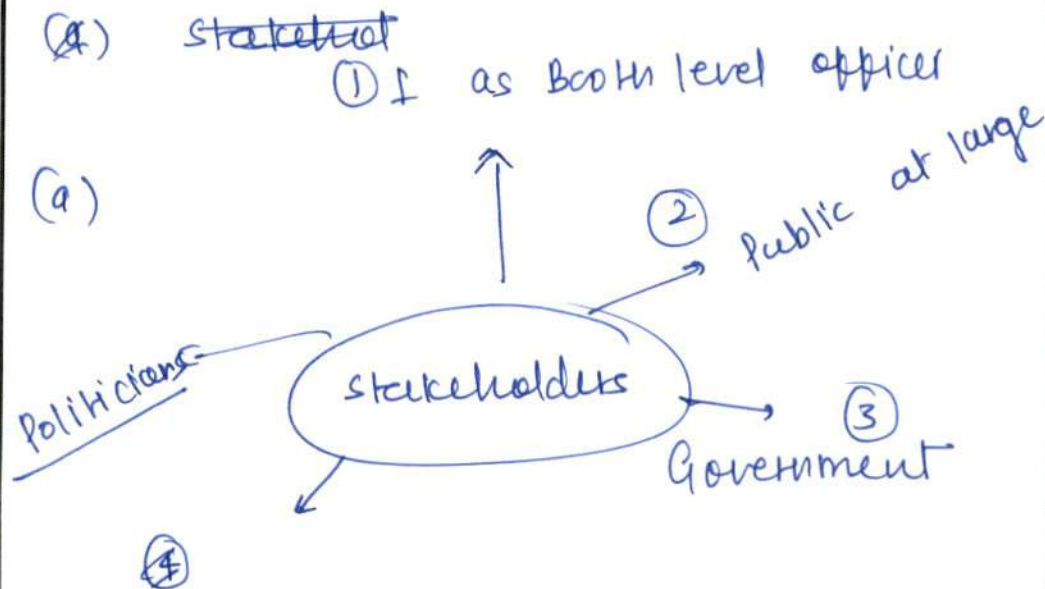




14. You have been appointed by Election Commission as a booth level officer to oversee the conduct of elections in a remote and under-developed area. For the preparations of elections, you have been instructed to ensure maximum voter turnout. For this, you conduct a series of meetings with the people in villages encouraging them to vote in large numbers. However, they confront you with the fact that despite so many previous elections, the promises made by representatives remain unfulfilled and even the basic necessities of livelihood are not available. As such, they are ignorant of your appeals and are subsequently not forthcoming even to listen to you, let alone giving assurances to vote. Based on this information, answer the following questions:

- (a) Identify the stakeholders in the situation along with their interests.  
(b) What are the factors that you will take into account to convince the people and ensure maximum voter turnout?

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### Interests

1) Public : without voting, democracy is not upheld and person with less support will be elected who will not be accountable to them

2) Government : Less voting and  
mistake shows the failure of  
Government.

Election act as feedback system to  
Government without which it can't  
improve its functioning

3) I as BLO as less voting will  
be treated as my poor performance

4) Politicians : Growing mistake  
means their reputation is at stake  
also credible person may not get elected

(b) I will take into account the  
following factors

(1) Right of the people to  
elect their representative

(2) spirit of democracy which  
lies in maximum participation of  
electorate

(3) feelings of the people about

their representatives

(4) Awareness of people about their rights and availability of options such as NOTA.

(5)

Hence I will act with Emotional Intelligence along with persuasion I will pick some influential element of society, convince him to persuade people and make them aware about their rights and chance to make representative Accountable

As Abraham Lincoln says  
"Power of Bullet is greater than  
Bullet"

Maximum participation should prevail and Hence the spirit of  
democracy





