

# Human Values and Professional Ethics - II

## Assignment - I

Que 1) Write a short note on -

(a) Professional Accountability.

Professional accountability is a virtue in career practice that requires practitioners or service providers to show responsibility for all action that they undertake during their practice. It is aimed at eliminating or reducing malpractice among professionals. In ethics and governance, accountability is answerability, the notion of holding someone responsible for failure to deliver services to an appropriate standard. It has three components -

- (i) The individual's professional accountability for the quality of his or her own work.
- (ii) The accountability of engineering professionals within the organisation in which they work.
- (iii) Accountability (with others) as a senior member of staff for the organisation's performance.

(b) Collegiality.

Collegiality is the relationship between at least two colleagues, valuing diversity and recognising the bare fact that everyone has something different and important to offer. Collegiality means being open with others, sharing with them and collaborating for the good of the profession, including acting as guides or mentors. Our shared expertise and wealth of knowledge can make our professional relationship strong and much more viable in our field.



Ques 2) Discuss value of family, tradition and community prayer in value development.

The family and society develop moral values in a child. like truthfulness, happiness, peace and justice, etc. The family shapes ~~student~~ child's attitude towards people and society, helps in mental growth of the child. Family helps a child socialize. Joint family systems and the presence of elders plays an effective role in the social and moral development of a child. Prayer has scientifically proven benefits such as prayer improves self control, makes you humble, makes you more forgiving, increases trust and offsets the negative effects of stress.

Ques 3) Explain 'Pluralism in India'.

Pluralism means an ideology which envisage a society where many beliefs, faiths, religions, cultures, traditions and practices exist without any friction or violence among them. Pluralism in India has meant the substantive representation and respect of diverse people in all arenas. Pluralism celebrates diversity of people, expressed through ideas, languages, religion, race, etc. India's religiously diverse population is composed of religious communities which aren't too familiar with each other's beliefs and practices. Yet many Indians take a pluralistic, rather than an exclusivistic, attitude towards other religious beliefs. Eg - Muslims celebrate Hindu festivals like Holi, Diwali, etc. Some Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, etc also celebrate the Christian festival - Christmas.



Que 4) Briefly describe Bhopal gas plant accident and after effects.

On the night of December 3, 1984, forty tons of toxic gas made a poisonous grey cloud from Union Carbide India limited (UCIL's) pesticide plant at Bhopal which spread throughout the city. It was result of a water carrying catalytic material which entered methyl Isocyanate storage tank. It proved to be a killer gas which spread throughout the city. No alarm from the plant ever sounded and hence no evacuation plan. Victims became breathless, blind and doctors couldn't diagnose them. Next morning, dead bodies of humans and animals were found everywhere. 10,000 people died, 30,000 to 50,000 were critically ill.

After effects

UCIL had to pay ₹2.5 billion as interim relief. UCIL escaped with a petty amount as settlement and the lakhs of Indians still continue to suffer the catastrophe heaped upon them by sheer deliberate negligence of UCIL management in connivance with the Indian authorities at different levels.