

# Comprehensive Guide for GS4: Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude

## Basis of Analysis

This guide is based on:

- UPSC GS4 trends (2013–2024)
- State PSC ethics syllabi (BPSC, UPPSC, MPPSC)
- Toppers' strategies (e.g., Anudeep Durishetty, Srushti Deshmukh)
- Coaching material: Vision IAS, Lukmaan IAS, ForumIAS, GS Score

## Core Standard Books

- **Lexicon for Ethics (Chronicle)** – Concise and UPSC-oriented
- **Subbarao (Reference)** – Covers administrative ethics, use selectively
- **GS Score Ethics Compendium** – Structured for Mains answer writing
- **Vision IAS GS4 Notes** – Beginner-friendly and well-organized
- **Lukmaan IAS Notes (S. Ansari)** – Rich in examples and case studies

## Topic-Wise Strategy & Resources

### 1. Ethics and Human Interface

- Sources: Lexicon + Vision + GS Score
- Add quotes from Gandhi, Buddha, Kalam

### 2. Attitude

- Use: Lexicon + GS Score
- Example: Bureaucratic empathy (e.g., IAS officer helping a flood victim)

### 3. Aptitude and Civil Service Values

- Values: Integrity, empathy, impartiality, tolerance
- Examples: T.N. Seshan, E. Sreedharan, Armstrong Pame

### 4. Emotional Intelligence

- Use: GS Score + Daniel Goleman's 5 EI components

## 5. Moral Thinkers & Philosophers

- Indian: Gandhi, Buddha, Chanakya
- Western: Plato, Kant, Mill, Aristotle
- Tip: Prepare 1-liner summaries and quotes

## 6. Ethics in Public Administration

- Topics: Code of ethics, accountability, transparency
- Use: Subbarao + Vision examples

## 7. Probity in Governance

- Topics: RTI, Citizen Charter, corruption
- Sources: ARC 2nd Report + DBT, Social Audit examples

## 8. Case Studies (125 Marks)

**Structure:** Introduction → Problem → Options → Evaluation → Decision

**Best Resources:**

- Lukmaan IAS Case Workbook
- ForumIAS 50+ Case Studies
- GS Score Workbook
- Vision Mains 365 GS4

## Toppers' Advice

- **Anudeep Durishetty:** Prioritized case studies, value-rich answers
- **Srushti Deshmukh:** Used quotes, made a personal value-notebook
- **Utkarsh Dwivedi:** Used GS Score + real civil servant stories

## Additional Enrichment

- Selective chapters of ARC 2nd Report
- Best practices from NITI Aayog/PIB
- Newspaper-based ethical case examples

## Ethics Answer Writing Tips

- Use value-laden keywords: empathy, probity, justice
- Quote thinkers: *"Means are as important as ends" – Gandhi*
- Case structure: Stakeholders → Ethical Dilemmas → Decision Justification
- Practice 2–3 case studies per week under time constraint