

INSIGHTSIAS MAINS TEST SERIES-2019
TEST CT1910

Duration-3 hours

Total Marks: 250

Answer all the questions

SECTION A

1. Define and bring out the significance of each of the following in the context of Civil Services in India:
(a) Tolerance
(b) Non-partisanship (10 Marks, 150 words)
2. What is the importance of courage, honesty and patience in making oneself a 'person of integrity'? (10 Marks, 150 Words)
3. "As water changes according to the soil through which it flows, so a man assimilates the character of his associates". Discuss in this context, the role of family and friends in building ethics. (10 Marks, 150 Words)
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5. In the context of an individual's freedom, one view is that unless freedom is accompanied by duties, we cannot realise freedom for all individuals, but other view holds that imposing duty is an encroachment into an individual's freedom. Which view is appropriate according to you? Argue your case. (10 Marks, 150 Words)
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SECTION-B

12. In your country, three provincial capitals are thriving global IT hubs. Such IT corridors are accompanied by huge consumerist culture and denser populations, with time they put pressure on scarce resources including water. The cities host rich, poor and middle class, with varied income status. Their access to water is determined by their status. In recent months, the cities are struck with severe water crisis. While rich and middle class can afford to buy water temporarily, poor suffer from water starvation. Finally, violent protests led by affected slum dwellers erupt. As a long-term measure the Water Secretary of Central Government proposes forcing the IT industries of three states to relocate to other states, regardless of them losing the economies of scale. Otherwise, neither the groundwater table of three states can be improved, nor could present crisis be resolved. This created a resentment from corporates, white collared and blue-collared employees of service sector from the three states. The IT MNCs even threaten to exit from your country to other nations. But the protestors want closure of IT industries.

As a Cabinet Secretary, will you approve the proposal of Water Secretary?
(250 words, 20 marks)

13. In a village famous for Litchi fruits, a juice factory is being planned to be inaugurated by an educated youth. He is son of the Village Headman. The land required for construction needs to be purchased from seven farming families of the locality. However, the families are unwilling to sell their land since the price offered is too low to give up the land-based livelihood. The social profile of families is: all suffer abject poverty, two are from Scheduled Castes category and rest are from Schedule Tribes category, three are run by widow women and all families have octogenarians. After repeated demands, ranging from requests to bullying, finally the Village Headman decides to prepare the land for factory construction. When the seven families resented, without warning he shoots 13 of them with his gun. While you receive complaints as a Superintendent of Police, you are also pressurised by the local MLA to pardon and save the Village Headman who is coincidingly the MLA's relative.

As a Superintendent of Police, what will be your response and what is your plan to prevent such incidents in future? (250 words, 20 marks)

14. In your state there is consistent avoidable deaths at government hospitals for various reasons. One a day, death of a women due to treatment failure was misconceived by her family members as medical negligence. They harm the doctors in revenge which was condemned by entire medical fraternity of the country. Subsequently, doctors of entire nation initiated a hartal and boycotted their service, this continued for a week. Despite repeated requests and stringent warnings, the doctors did not resume back to the duty which caused considerable loss of lives and increased illness. The doctors demand year-round police protection to each of them during duty hours, which is considered by state as costly and administratively less feasible. So, along with protests, loss of lives continues.

Health Minister offers two suggestions and seeks policy advice from his Secretary:

(a) Dismiss the stubborn doctors and speedily recruit new ones on contract basis,

(b) Promise police protection to every doctor during duty hours and pacify them.

Which one of the two options should the Secretary recommend and why?

(250 words, 20 marks)

15. Lakshmi is a well-versed woman who has been posted as teacher of a primary school in a backward village of India. The village suffers from illiteracy, tribalism, poverty and a deep culture of religious superstitions. Women submit

them voluntarily to genital mutilation, child marriages are rampant, widows are ostracized, witchcraft is legitimate, and illness is responded with irrational superstitious interventions, sometimes man-slaughtering also occurs in worships with hopes of getting supernatural powers. This affected every social indicator of the village including education, health, nutrition, sanitation, hygiene, equality. Political freedoms and safety of lives is endangered.

Deeply regretted by this sorry state of affairs, Lakshmi seeks some strategies from you to eradicate superstitions in this village. Enumerate your suggestions and advices. (250 words, 20 marks)

16. Worldwide, terrorism is on ascendance and puts the civilizational record at stake. Governments are attempting to de-radicalise the youth and promote inclusive development to leave no one behind. However, increasingly the terrorists have expanded their social base. Ranging from lone-wolf attacks to large-scale fatal bombings, terrorism is unleashing inhumane violence. Day-by-day it is also becoming difficult to abort terrorist plans. States feel that they very less power to inspect and monitor phone calls, people's movement, analyse personal data, investigate the suspects and bring some potential suspects into custody or detention. Of late, States have started to augment their powers by amending counter-terror laws lending them unprecedented powers. Civil society views them as draconian laws conducive for state-excess, political misuse and human rights violations.

Do you agree with government or civil society views? Make an argument by weighing the competing values in this case. (250 words, 20 marks)

17. In your state immigrants from neighboring country facing threats ranging from communal violence to genocide have settled. After decades, their numbers not only increased but it altered the demographic character of your state. The indigenous community successfully protested to ensure that immigrants are segregated and sent back to their home state. This involves, identifying immigrants by bureaucrats based on eligibility conditions which need one to submit multiple documents. In the process, despite being citizens actually, owing to bureaucratic inefficiency and negligence many were declared as immigrants. Now nearly 10 lakhs of such identified immigrants are about to be sent back, but the neighboring country condemned such act as arbitrary and unacceptable. In this context,

(a) How far it is justifiable to repatriate a community that faces threat to life at home? Is the neighbor justified in disregarding its past emigrants?

(b) What are the causes and ethical implications of erroneously identifying citizens as immigrants? (250 words, 20 marks)



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INDEX TABLE				INSTRUCTIONS	
Q. No.	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	<p>Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:</p> <p>Answers to Questions no. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to questions 11 to 20 should be in 250 words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ All questions are compulsory➤ The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.➤ Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.➤ Any page or portion of the page left blank in Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly stuck off.		
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2. Objectivity				
3. Pragmatism				
4. Conceptual clarity				
5. Usage of ethics keywords				
6. Application of ethics theories				
7. Examples and illustrations				
8. Presentation				
9. Structure				
10. Dimensions				
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Overall Observation by an examiner on candidate answers.

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