

**BA ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE  
FIFTH SEMESTER  
ETHICS & VALUES - II  
BAAG – 505**

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 2 Hours

Marks: 50

**( PART - A )**

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

1. Explain the difference between aptitude and attitude with examples. Which is more important, Aptitude or attitude? 10
2. Explain the significance of the following in the context of civil service: 2×5=10
  - a) Public trust
  - b) Objectivity
  - c) Strength of character
  - d) Empathy
  - e) Selflessness
3. 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
4. A responsive civil servant takes responsibility for their actions and decisions. They are willing to be held accountable for the outcomes of their work and are transparent about their decision-making processes. Elaborate 10
5. Certain ethical attributes are considered essential for civil servants to effectively carry out their duties and maintain public trust. Elaborate 10
6. The virtue of integrity serves as a guiding light that shapes decisions, actions, and interactions in ways that promote authenticity, trust, accountability, and a sense of shared values. Analyse 10
7. People with high emotional intelligence tend to excel in personal and professional settings because they can navigate interpersonal interactions with sensitivity and effectiveness. Discuss 10
8. Non-partisanship in public administration is a precondition for ensuring that, regardless of their political orientation, citizens are treated fairly and in an equitable manner. Elaborate 10



(PART – B: CASE STUDIES)

Time : 1 Hr.

Marks : 20

[ Answer any one ]

1. Dr. Manasa, a distinguished medical researcher with a profound commitment to ethical scientific advancements, finds herself at a crucial juncture in her illustrious career. With over two decades of dedicated research in the field of genetics, she is faced with an intricate web of professional opportunities and moral dilemmas. Manasa's expertise has caught the attention of a renowned medical institution in India. This institution is on the verge of commencing clinical trials for a revolutionary gene editing technology that holds the potential to treat a range of genetic disorders. Excitement about the prospects of this technology is palpable, but so are the profound ethical concerns it raises. Simultaneously, Manasa is dealing with her aging parents' health issues, which have intensified recently. Her parents have been her pillars of support throughout her journey, and their wellbeing is paramount in her considerations. Alongside her personal responsibilities, Manasa is also a loving mother to a young child. Her husband, a principled lawyer, echoes her concerns. He acknowledges the potential transformative impact of gene editing trials but also underlines the weight of the ethical implications associated with manipulating human DNA. Now, she is a major dilemma whether or not to go ahead with the research.
- a) What are the various ethical issues involved in the above case?  
b) Outline the ethical dilemmas in front of Dr Manasa.  
c) What path should Dr Manasa chose?  
d) As a neutral observer, what is your opinion on the above case?
2. You are a no-nonsense, honest officer. You have been transferred to a remote district to head a department that is notorious for its inefficiency and callousness. You find that the main cause of the poor state of affairs is the indiscipline of a section of employees. They do not work themselves and also disrupt the workings of others. You first warned the troublemakers to mend their ways or else face disciplinary action. When the warning had little effect, you issued a show cause notice to the ringleaders. As a retaliatory measure, these troublemakers instigated a woman employee amongst them to file a complaint of sexual harassment against you with the Women's Commission. The Commission promptly seeks your explanation. The matter is also publicized in the media to embarrass you further. Some of the options to handle this situation could be as follows:

- a) Give your explanation to the Commission and go soft on the disciplinary action.
  - b) Ignore the commission and proceed firmly with the disciplinary action.
  - c) Brief your higher-ups, seek directions from them and act accordingly. Suggest any other possible option(s).
- Evaluate all of them and suggest the best course of action, giving your reasons for it.

3. A young man from a scheduled caste community educated in Oxford University under state scholarship and currently working under Google wants to visit a temple in his locality as part of his marriage rituals. Historically, upper-caste leaders have prohibited their community from doing so. The groom has sought his District Collector's help. How can the District Collector help the groom in visiting the temple and doing rituals there? 20

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