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### FULL TEST GS IV

#### Question Paper Specific Instructions

1. There are **TWENTY** Questions printed in **ENGLISH**.
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- 1) What do you understand by "job satisfaction"? Identify any five indicators for quantifying the level of job satisfaction of a public servant in India. How will the job satisfaction of a public servant manifest at the systemic level?

(10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Job satisfaction refers to a person's contentment and realisation of their productive role and commitment towards the profession. *eg*

Indicators for quantifying job satisfaction of public servants.

- ① Productivity and active role of the official.  
*eg* more satisfaction  $\rightarrow$  more productive.
- ② Incubation of innovation and research.  
*eg* A satisfied official would go for better policy measures.
- ③ Accommodative approach of the official in dealing with criticism and feedback.



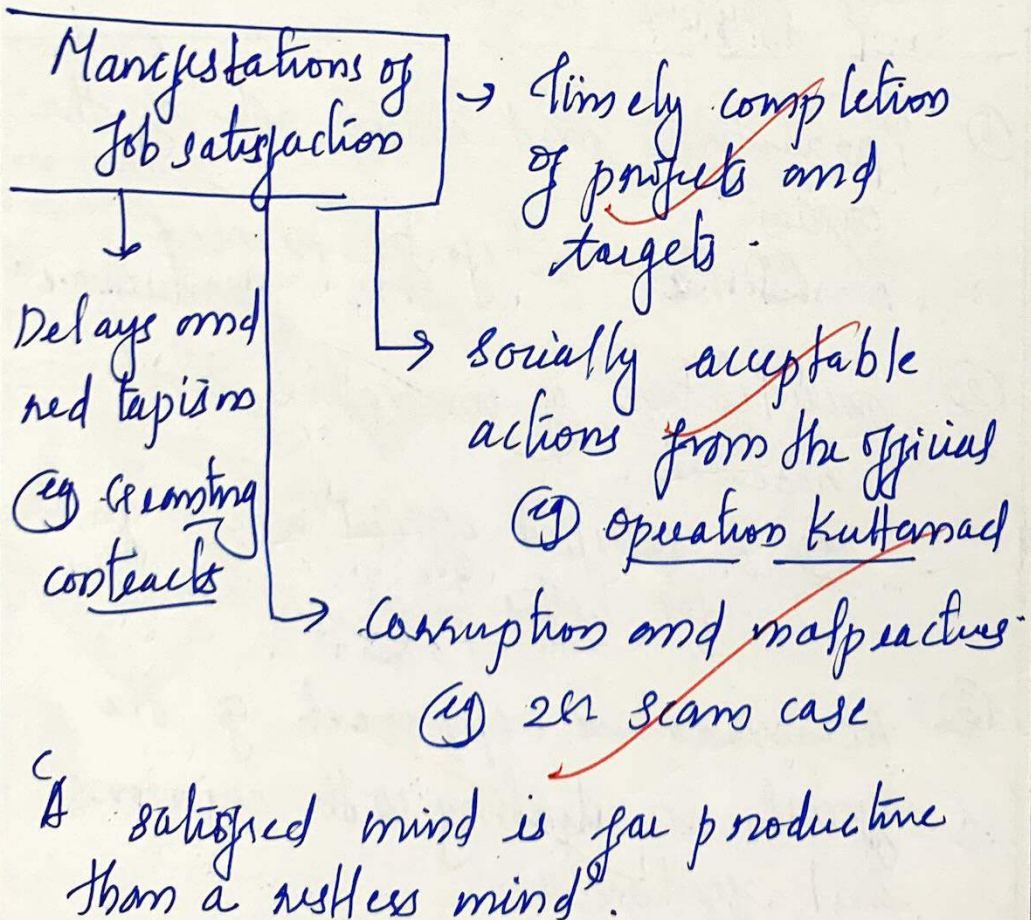


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- (4) Satisfied official could treat them as corrective option
- (4) chances of corruption and waste of bribery in an official conduct.
- (4) taking bribe if meagre salary
- (5) Level of enthusiasm and reaching out for service of others.

(Don't write anything in this area)



A satisfied mind is far productive than a restless mind.





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- 2) When it comes to prominent approaches in ethics, means based and ends based approaches assume the most important role. Apparently, they may seem contradictory in their respective approaches, yet both of them are equally significant. In this context, analyse which of these approaches is more pragmatic in comparison with the other. (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

ends based approach to ethics is upheld by Deontological thinkers such as Kundhi, Kant etc whereas means based is considered by Mill, Bentham etc

Contradictions

ends based

Means based

① Prominence to welfare of each individual

① emphasizes upon welfare of all larger group.

② Commitment toward ethical principles.

② Commitment toward social morality.

③ End never justifies means thus means should be just.

③ Ends justifies means.





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## Significance

### Ends based

- ① Kantian principle of every life as precious.

- ② Ensuring justice - every man is an end in himself.

- ③ Ensures constitutional ethos.

### Means based

- ① Enabling the greatest happiness of greatest number.

- ② Enables affirmative actions to the weaker sections.

- ③ Enabling social progress.

Can choose  
Though both approaches have significance, end based approach is more pragmatic as it ensures -

- Right to life of every being.
- Values - means should be just - Gita
- upholds no harm done to none
- Thus duty should be just irrespective of outcome.

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Can work on making points more relevant





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(Don't write anything in this area)

- 3) Discuss the major values a responsible media person is supposed to uphold in a democracy like India. (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Media as a ~~faith~~ pillar of democracy should adhere to ethical values in realising democratic functioning in a proper manner.

Major values a person supposed to uphold

- ① Impartiality - that is no bias in reporting and publishing information
  - ① Accurate data on death during disaster.
- ② Non partisanship - not showing linearity towards any political groups, ideologies etc
- ③ True reporting of the incidents.
  - ① Inceder to avoid future conflicts.





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(Don't write anything in this area)

① Adherence to integrity and transparency -

② For exposing frauds -  
Kerala Gold smuggling case

③ Harmony and tolerance towards diverse perspectives and opinions -

④ While reporting on communal issues.

⑤ Courage of conviction - to ensure informed and active citizenship.

If media ethics is not upheld, then it leads to hate speeches, intolerance, violence etc.

Press freedom India shows India's commitment toward safeguarding media ethics.

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Can add example





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- 4) How can a good educational system create responsible citizens who voluntarily uphold the constitutional morality? (10 Marks)

'Education is not ~~just~~ academic but also ~~value~~ based'.

A good educational system always ensures that the outgoing students are intellectually and ~~morally~~ capable of leading a social life.

Role of educational systems to ensure adherence to constitutional morality.

- ① Intellectual nourishment - to better contribute to innovation and scientific temper promotion.

④ New innovations

- ② Encouraging team spirit and level playing field.

④ Extra-curricular activities.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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- ③ Socialisation and information sharing.
    - ④ Growth of informed citizenry.
  - ④ Teachers as role models.
    - ④ Inculcating values of justice equality.
  - ⑤ Cooperation and collectivism -
    - ④ collecting waste across the school compound - NCC.
  - ⑥ Enables the creation of service minded people in future.
    - ④ old age home visits.
  - ⑦ Upholding environmental ethics
    - ④ Environmental classes and nature clubs
- School as the second arena of Individual life helps in building better character.





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5) Analyse how emotional intelligence can lead to better mental health.

(10 Marks)

Emotional intelligence is the ability of a person to understand and manage the feelings of oneself as well as that of others.

(Don't write anything in this area)

Core components

- self-awareness
- self-regulation
- self-management
- ethical and moral principles such as integrity

How EI leads to better mental health

① It enables better self-inspection and awareness.

④ Adrenaline rush

② Helps in evaluating the impact of our actions on others and enables corrections.





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## ④ Management of anger

- ③ Helps one to free from pressures and outside influences thus providing peace of mind.

## ④ Gandhi during NCM

- ④ enables job satisfaction and better work culture.
- ⑤ Helps in solving ethical dilemmas
- ④ Prescribing punishment for stealing food.
- ⑥ Helps to navigate crisis of conscience and conflict of interest
- ④ Through honesty.
- ⑦ enables better relations ④ In family
- Thus emotional intelligence is the difference which makes the difference.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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- 6) "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." What do you understand from this quote of JS Mill?

(10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Those who remain silent in claiming the things that they deserve would go to the deepest pits of hell' — Dante Alighieri.

Freedom of speech & expression

The above quote reflects the words of Dante Alighieri.

Relevance of the above quote

- ① : Importance of being heard — that is accepting the words of another person and giving them voice.  
(eg) being to poor and downtrodden
- ② : Against the principle of might is right — thus mankind





should react if the ruler is  
oppressing.

eg Nelson Mandela against  
apartheid regime

③ It also emphasizes Kantian  
chain principle - considering  
the weakest link while framing  
policies.

④ The quote indicate the need  
for active participation of citizens  
in law making and in  
functioning of the democracy.  
eg voting.

⑤ It also emphasizes the need to  
fight injustice eg Martin Luther  
Inaction and silence toward wrong  
is also adharma - Bhagavat Gita





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7) Discuss the significance of Gandhian Satyagraha in the contemporary world.

(10 Marks)

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Gandhian satyagraha was a peaceful and non-violent movement upholding the principle of hate the wrong, not the wrong doer.

Significance of Gandhian Satyagraha

① Ensuring harmony and tolerance in the society.

(eg) communal clashes elimination

② Enabling effective public participation against unjust laws and rules through peaceful non-cooperation.

(eg) Recent farmers protest





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③ Helps in ensuring that the people's ~~inaction~~ silence is not their ~~acceptance~~.

④ Jan Vishwas bill

① Gandhian satyagraha also ensures that no harm is done to any life while exercising the right to dissent.

⑤ It also promotes sustainable and inclusive social structure and voice of everyone is heard.

Only the brave but not the weak could practice satyagraha - Gandhi

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- 8) "While I am prepared to bear with the imperfections and shortcomings of the society in which I may be destined to labour. I feel I should not consent to live in a society which cherishes wrong ideals, or a society which, having right ideals, will not consent to bring its social life into conformity with those ideals." – Analyse the meaning of this view of Dr. BR Ambedkar.

(10 Marks)

Dr. BR Ambedkar through the above quote highlights the need to make a just society which ensuring Justice and right of every soul.

*Pragmatism  
inclination  
↓*

Meaning and relevance of the above quote

*Act against  
ends &  
not be made*

- ① - Emphasises upon the importance to fight social evils promoting social conformity.

② untouchability

- ② Progress commitment to act against superstitions and age-old rigid traditions

③ caste system rigid norms.





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③ Proposes the need to evolve according to change in social values.

④ Equality and social mobility

④ It indicates the necessity of enabling reasonable restrictions for proper social order.

④ Restrictions on speech

⑤ Also proposes the social acceptance of affirmative actions.

④ Reservation policy.

Through this SDG-16 — sustainable and inclusive societies could be insured.





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- 9) Differentiate between the following
- (a) Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics
  - (b) Tolerance and Acceptance
  - (c) Intelligence and Wisdom
  - (d) Positive punishment and negative punishment

(10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

(a) Code of conduct is the minimum standards enforced against rule and laws.

- enabling better work culture.

(eg) Govt service conduct rules 1961

Code of ethics - consideration of ethical principles such as empathy, compassion in conduct.

- Gives peace of mind.

(eg) Compassion toward poor.

(b) Tolerance - is the ability to respect and appreciate diversities around us - religious, ethnic etc.

- Promotes harmony.

(eg) Celebrations - Diwali

Acceptance - refers to accommodation





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of diverging interest and perspectives  
- enables balanced relations

(eg) Secularism

⑥ Intelligence - refers to the cognitive ability to deal with matters through reason and objectivity.  
- enables innovation (eg) Edison's lamp

Wisdom - is the virtue of realisation of truth and adherence to strong moral foundations in learning.  
- leads to prudence in actions.

(eg) Buddha's reactions to anyaktaris

⑦ Positive punishment - is a kind of reformatory measure that ensures right to life (eg) Time for burning  
case waste public

Negative punishment - refers to deterrence measure causing harm and no opportunities for reformation (eg) Rigorous imprisonment for petty offences





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10) "Markets are useful instruments for organizing productive activity. But unless we want to let the market rewrite the norms that govern social institutions, we need a public debate about the moral limits of markets." What is the meaning and significance of this quote? (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

On the basis of Deontological ethics held by Gandhi, Kant etc., the market governing the society norms could be held within the limits to ensure its compliance and adequacy.

Meaning of the above quote.

① It indicates the role of public in determining the limit of markets in society.

Merit based

② It also indicates the providential role of market forces in ensuring fairness and justice in the society.

③ Merit based selections

③ The quote also signifies the need to formulate just order in the





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society by recognizing each and every stakeholder — markets, people etc.

(Don't write anything in this area)

Significance of this quote.

① Implied need for regulated market economy for growth and stability

② Adds up to GDP

② Emphasizes upon the need for balancing merit and unsustainable competitiveness

③ Liberty and choice of individual

③ Need for ensuring scope for affirmative actions and consideration of weakest link in society.

④ Role of markets should be according to public morality for ensuring rights.

Ethical market system is imperative for social progress.

Reduce inequality





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11) What do you understand by social influence? Discuss the different types of social influence with illustrations. (10 Marks)

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Social influence is a kind of persuasive method aimed at ethical and moral conditioning of the people.

→ It aims at founding fine socially acceptable behaviors and also to discourage unethical practices in the society.

Types of social influence and illustrations

① Persuasion - here the person's behaviour and attitude is subjected to influences from through various media

eg Advertisements - #share the load see equal campaigns of ariel - Gender equality.





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② Social approval and ~~saction~~ of good practices.

eg Marks for attendance in schools

③ Social disapproval and ~~sactions~~ against wrong doing.

eg social boycotting

④ Use of cultural tools such as movies and documentaries - to influence mainly youth.

eg Movie Thappaad against domestic violence

⑤ Through rules and laws.

eg Fine for open burning of waste

⑥ Through perception management on media # me too movement

Sometimes social influence can achieve what hard power can't,

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Can better  
organise the  
week





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12) Discuss the basic philosophy behind CSR. Also analyse how this concept has evolved over the years. (10 Marks)

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Corporate social responsibility (CSR) refers to the commitment of an organisation to ensure responsibility toward the nature by dedicating 2% of their profits for social wellbeing.

Basic philosophy behind CSR

- ① Ensuring business ethics - that is practicing responsible business ~~pro~~ commitments.
- ② Entailing compassionate capitalism  
eg Narayan Murty's social activities.
- ③ Upholding the principles of re-distributive justice.  
eg 2% funding.

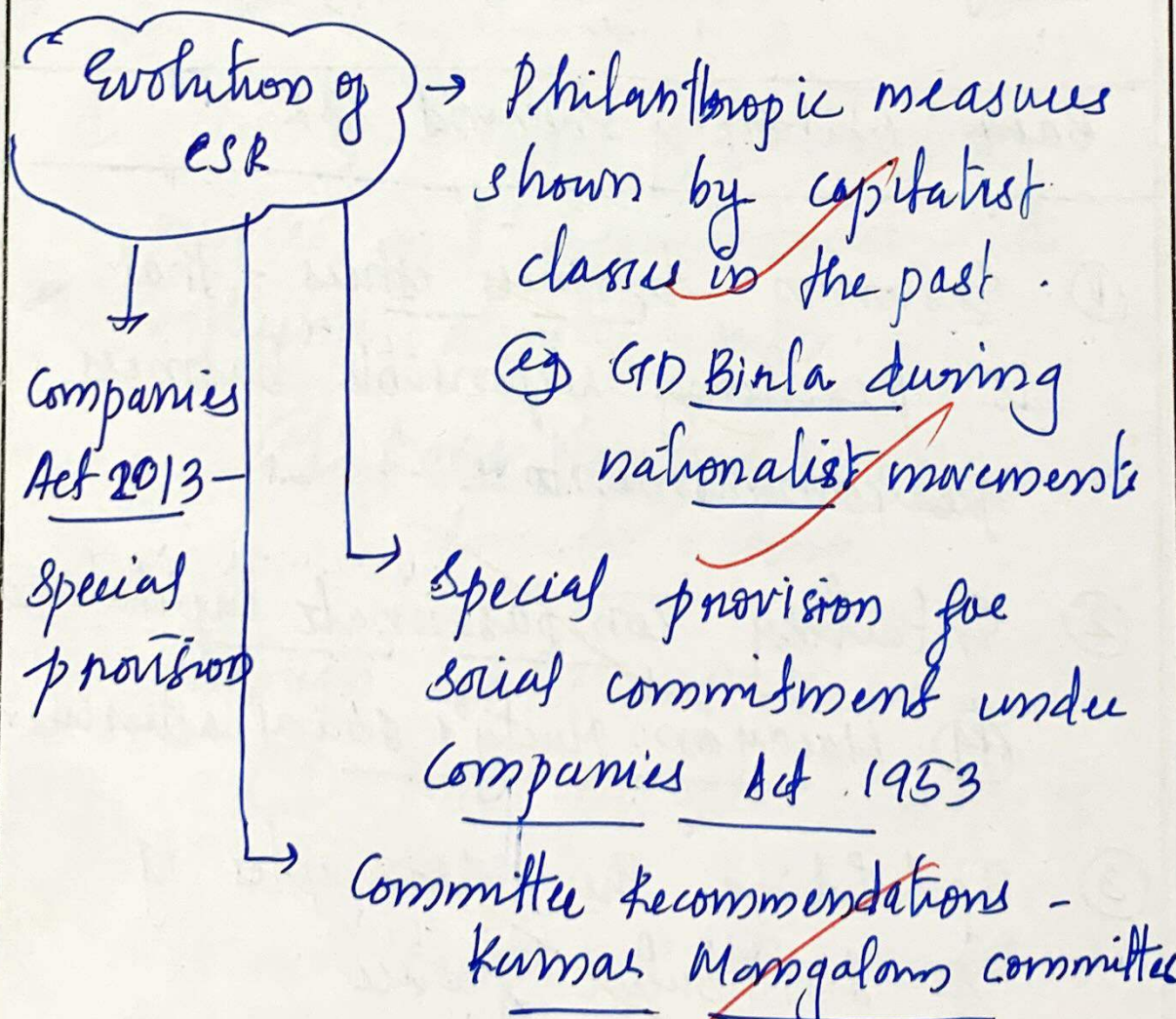




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- ④ Ensuring ethical base for corporate governance.  
- noted by Vday Kotak Committee
- ⑤ Commitment toward transparency and accountability.  
eg Public disclosure of profit



Business without ethics is one among the seven sins of Gandhi.





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- 13) "Where do the evils like corruption arise from? It comes from the never-ending greed. The fight for corruption-free ethical society will have to be fought against this greed and replace it with 'what can I give' spirit" – Explain the significance of this quote of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

(10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's above quote indicates Joe Biden's statement that 'corruption is cancer'.

The quote is relevant to today's socio-political scenario due to increase in corrupt practices around.

Significance of the above quote

- ① It portrays corruption as a result of elitism, comparative luxe style etc of the officials is charge of public resources.
- ② It also emphasizes upon the reluctance from part of public officials and incapacities of the





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institutional frameworks in  
perpetuating the corrupt practices.

③ The quote calls for the inculcation  
of ethical principles such as  
integrity, honesty, transparency in  
dealing with public resources and  
money.

④ The quote suggests the role of  
family, community etc in ~~not~~  
developing culture of integrity in an  
individuals.

⑤ Children brought to abstain  
from stealing would not involve  
in corrupt practices in  
future.

As Kautilya says corruption is the  
result of absolute power thus corrupts absolutely.





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14) Social media have transformed the way people communicate, connect, and share information. While social media has created immense opportunities for engagement and expression, it has also raised a myriad of legal challenges, particularly concerning intellectual property (IP) rights. Sarah is a senior cyber security expert working for CERT-In, an agency working for upholding the safety of cyberspace. Recently, her team came across increasing instances of social media platforms been misused like sharing of government exam question paper. Sarah received a call from senior ministry officials explaining government's plan to ban various social media platforms due to security concerns and wanted her team to prepare a detailed note analysing whether there exists a need for such action. The team members were not unanimous whether the term misuse can be generally be used in above scenario as challenges happen in every sector. Sarah felt that benefits far outweigh the cost and a total ban can be very detrimental for the society considering government's push for greater digital penetration. The team members prepared a note emphasising that anonymity of social media platforms was both an opportunity and challenge. They wanted a comprehensive analysis of the issue before an outright ban.

- In the light of the above case, bring out the ethical issues that may arise out of social media.
- What points should Sarah and her team members raise in the official note?
- What do you understand by cyber hygiene and how can it be ingrained into personal and organizational cultures?
- In the above scenario, to avoid a total ban what policy measures would you suggest to address the challenges of social media.

(20 Marks)

The above ~~above~~ case shows the threat posed by social media platforms in the merit-based selection processes across the country.

As per ~~per~~ ER's cyber security India India faces one cyber ~~as~~ threat and crime in every five minutes through

(Don't write anything in this area)





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## social media platforms .

(Don't write anything in this area)

### (a) Ethical issues arising from social media

① Threat to maintaining balance between public morality and constitutional principles

eg Cyber policing by people

② Harms reputation of the individuals as well as govt.

eg Indians army virtue issue

③ Online bullying and cyber crimes.

eg child pornography

④ Leak of sensitive information and public outrage on the issue.

⑤ Threat to credibility of the country.

⑥ Issues of privacy - Pattuswamy case

\* IPR  
\* Security issues.

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\* Socio economic factors.





(b) Points raised by Sachar and members.

① Total ban as a harm to freedom of speech and expression

② Maintaining balance between right to dissent as well as free expression and social morality.

③ List of possible causalities.

④ Previous data analysed report and previous actions and their efficacy.

⑤ Providential role of media as the fourth pillar of democracy.

(c) Cyber hygiene refers to transmission of information in a clear and transparent manner through cyber platforms.

Ways to improve → Effluent checks on media entities by the govt

→ Ensuring good governance practices

(Don't write anything in this area)





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and adhering to norms by intermediaries under Sec 70 of IT Act.

- Informed and active citizenry as well as employees of the organisation.
- Enables reformative approach by use of technology and trainings.

## (d) Suggestions

- ① Fact checker units - similar to that in firms such as Infosis to check accuracy.
- ② Dedicated media cell - to report frauds through social media.
- ③ Sensitivity training to the employees and officers of the firms.
- ④ Mobile applications - for enabling people to report social media frauds.
- ⑤ Strengthening intermediary compliance.  
The arc of justice should always bend towards representative Justice.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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15) India has a serious problem of potholes. In 2022, there were 4,446 accidents due to these craters, which led to the deaths of 1,856 people. Roads in India are mostly synonymous with potholes. Maya is a student of journalism and recently she had been researching about road accidents and it came to her notice that apart from rash driving another important reason for death was potholes. Also few months back she was witness to a road accident in her hometown. It was rainy season and most of the roads were filled with water. A family on a two wheeler lost balance after misjudging the depth of a pothole. The pothole was filled with water and the family of four fell on road leading to death of two and serious injury to the others. This issue attracted the attention of media and local people even protested blockading the road. The issue was resolved at that time by collector's assurance of immediate resolution. Maya while researching for the article came a news of an accident in her hometown in the same locality that happened few weeks after the previous one she had been witness to. In the second accident the hand of a promising table tennis player had to be amputated. It comes to her notice that collector's assurance just remained on papers. Maya felt that even though mechanisms are in place to address and rectify inefficiencies of the system, it was lack of accountability on part of individual which resulted in no action been taken in above instance. Maya starts a social media campaign highlighting the above issue to ensure justice to those affected.

- (a) Analysing the case bring out the issues involved.
- (b) If you happen to be the collector and see Maya's social media campaign how will you react.
- (c) Bring out the difference between responsibility and accountability, citing an example from your personal experience.

(20 Marks)

The above case shows the ever increasing rather neglected area of road accidents in India.

According to WVF report on road accidents India faces many road accidents within every minute.

① Ethical issues involved in the case

(Don't write anything in this area)





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- ① Public duty vs right to life .
  - loss of life and duty of the state to construct public roads and its maintenance .
- ② Inaction and reluctance shown by the authorities regarding previous incidents .
- ③ Questions upon the legitimacy of state's action for ensuring public safety and welfare .
- ④ Loss of talent - death of the promising tennis player .
- ⑤ Inefficiency of the existing mechanisms due to corruption, political nexus etc . ⑥ Recent Marbi Bridge collapse
- ⑥ If I am the collector of the district and happen to see the social media campaign, my reaction should

(Don't write anything in this area)





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- be based on the core principles of -
- ① Principle of natural justice.
  - ② Aristotelian principle of treating man as a social being and have the right to dissent and speech.

(Don't write anything in this area)

My reaction would be -

- ① It will ensure that very transparent and responsive campaign is taking place.
- ② If these campaigns proceed on a peaceful manner, then I will ensure the forces will not obstruct it.
- ③ If the campaign imposes more data and stories of similar incidents, then I will ensure the public work department taking necessary actions.
- ④ I will also ensure that there is no scope for communalisation of the issue and negatives/hate speeches.





(Don't write anything in this area)

② Responsibility and Accountability as value holds important stand in personal and professional life.

Accountability - refers to the answerability ensured against a set of standards.

eg confession about breaking window glass while playing.

Responsibility - refers to showing accountability in functioning and actions.

eg taking responsibility of breaking neighbour's window due to irresponsible playing and confessing to them and making arrangements for mending it as soon as possible.

Art 19 of the constitution guarantees freedom of speech and expression through media.





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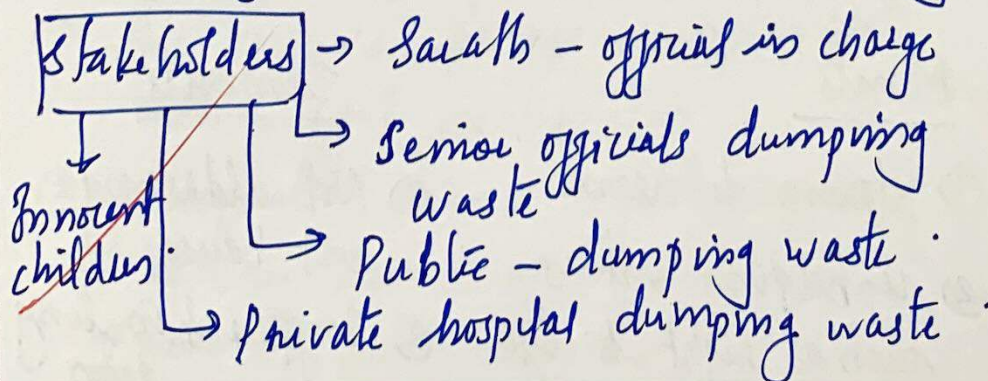
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16) Sarath is a senior official in the local self-government department with vast experience in solid waste management. The department to make people aware of the need for proper waste disposal started a campaign highlighting the need for disposing waste at proper designated spots and segregation of waste at source. Sarath was entrusted with running the campaign and during the course of campaign he saw that changing the attitude of people for proper waste disposal was needed. His campaign tagline was: 'fairness, justice, and responsibility towards both current and future generations'. The campaign was a success but people's reluctance was very evident as more instances of dumping of waste at undesigned spots was detected by his team. Sarath even caught few senior level bureaucrats dumping their household waste. Few days after the end of campaign Sarath faced the most challenging case in his entire career. A leading private hospital contractor was caught dumping hospital waste including human parts near a primary school. During this time few students fell severely ill after consuming the mid-day meal prepared at school. After investigation it was found that the drinking water in the locality was contaminated due to hospital waste.

- What are the options available with Sarath to cope up with the situation?
- Critically evaluate/examine each of the options identified by Sarath.
- Bring out the various ethical issues in the above case.
- Which of the options, do you think, would be the most appropriate for Sarath to adopt and why?
- In the above scenario, how can we ensure attitudinal change in people so that such instances do not get repeated?

(20 Marks)

The case shows the irresponsible behaviour shown by people across various strata of the society in waste generation as well as dumping.



(Don't write anything in this area)





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## ① Ethical issue involved in the case

- ① Right to life is business ethics  
- irresponsible dumping leading to death of children.
- ② Irresponsibility and wrong model shown by departmental staff -
- ③ Irresponsible behaviour of public despite proper dumping facilities available.
- ④ Right to safe drinking water and sanitation - PBKMS is state of W.B case

## b) Options available to Swasth

④ Case 1 → taking immediate action against the hospital authorities.

### Merits

- ① strong deterrence
- ② upholding values such as right to life.

### Demerits

- ① Not addressing root cause
- ② Inefficient in long run





Case 2 → Changing case against the authorities and ordering for special investigation team and ensuring the safety of school children.

(Don't write anything in this area)

## Merits

- ① Due process of law.
- ② Upholding fair justice to the victims.
- ③ Due diligence and right course of conduct.

## Demerits

- ① ~~Due~~ Public backlash and pressure.
- ② May not yield desirable outcome.

Sacath would go for the second option as it has the above merits as well as —

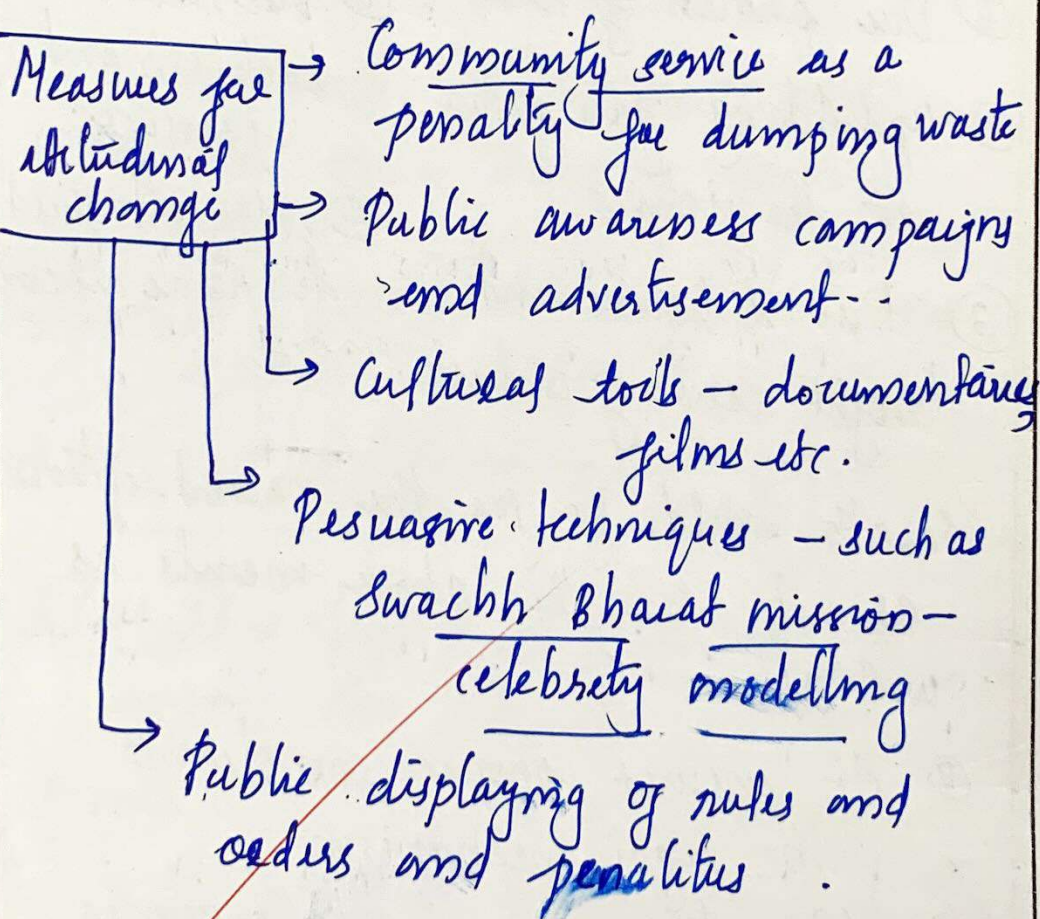
- ① It ensures proper compliance with legal mechanism.
- ② Adequate time and resources at the hands of officials to prevent such menace.





- ③ enables field study and evidence collection.
- ④ Further he can give recommendations for necessary amendments to the waste disposal and management rules.

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The laws and rules are not needed if people are abiding - Aristotle.





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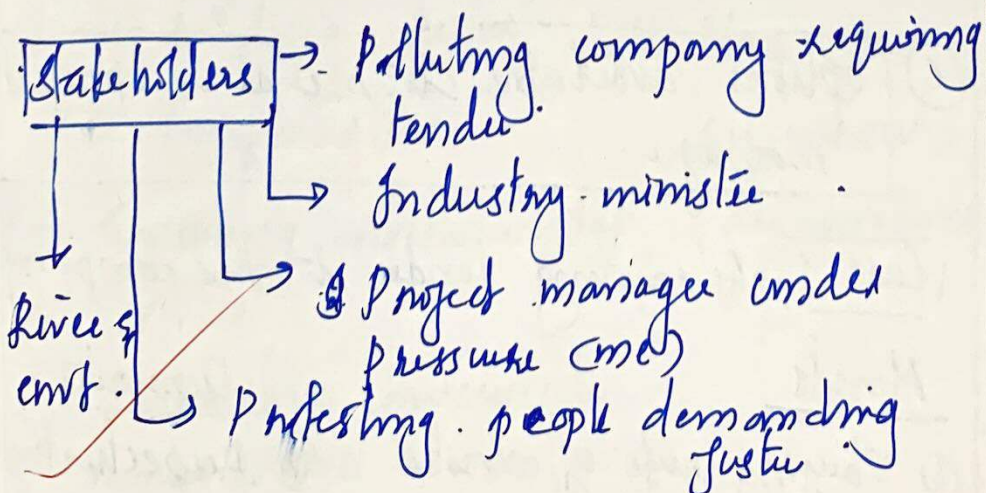
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17) You are the project manager involved in procurement of raw materials for a leading public sector undertaking (PSU). The PSU is profitable since its inception and is the main source of livelihood for many directly and indirectly. Recently while placing a newspaper advertisement calling for companies interested in supplying the raw materials, you received a call from Industry minister mentioning about the upcoming elections and the need for funds and is asked indirectly to give the tender to a particular company. The company has promised a very heavy donation to the ruling party on successful receive of tender. You are in a dilemma not just because of possible misuse of public funds but also due to company's negative environmental reputation. The company's image is tarnished due to repeated fines by the pollution control board for dumping untreated waste into the river. The local people are also protesting about the company's action of dumping untreated waste and this has brought unwanted attention on the company.

- (a) Analysing the case bring out the ethical issues involved.
- (b) Under the given conditions, what are the options available to you as a project manager?
- (c) What are the challenges likely to be faced by you in addressing the above issue ?

(20 Marks)

The above case shows the example of Gandhian sins — Business without ethics as well as no profit without commitments :



(Don't write anything in this area)





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(a) Ethical issues involved in the case

- ① Ecological integrity of the region/water under threat.
- ② Political - corporate nexus and adverse impacts.
- ③ Both consequences of actions and inactions having potential to change the discourse.
- ④ Environmental justice demanded by public vs. free and fair election being harmed.
- ⑤ Political power play and threat to democratic values.

(c) Options available to me as a project manager.

Case 1 → Granting tender to the company.

Merits

① Obeying rule of minister

Demerits

② Perpetuating





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② Possibility of future gains

Corrupt election practices.

② Desensitising environmental concerns.

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Case-2 → Denying contract to the company and reporting it to the senior official by producing previous data showing their mal practices.

Merits

Demerits

① Evidence based rule and procedures.

① Threat to life.

② Upholding justice to the protesters.

② May face suspensions, depositions

③ Ensuring environmental ethics.

④ Preventing bureaucratic nexus as well as corruption.

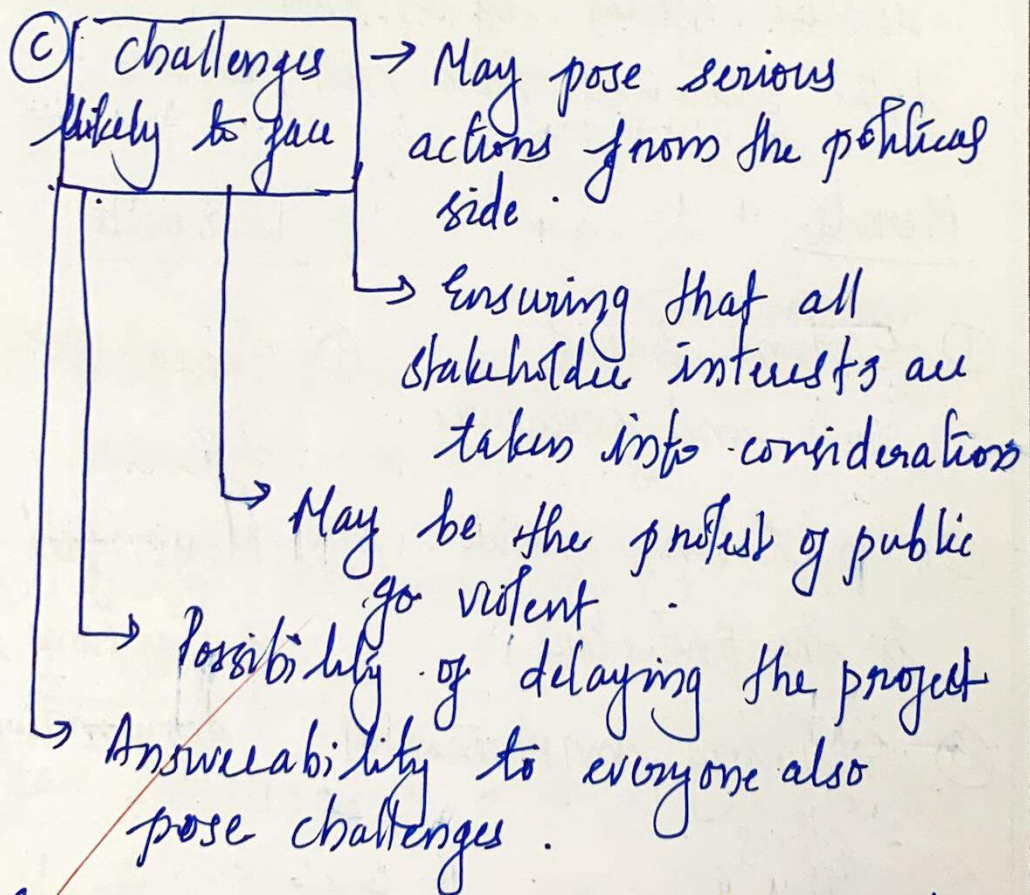




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Me as a project manager would be going for the second option, that is improving the superiors as it has the following merits as well as it upholds rule of law and ethical principles of impartiality and non-partisanship.



Supreme Court - public morality should be held at higher pedestal as it involves public trust.





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18) Tom is the head of the expenditure committee of Election Commission of India entrusted with addressing the menace of money power which disturb the level playing field in elections. The ECI has taken several steps to monitor the election expenses of the contesting candidates and issued comprehensive guidelines. The main job of Tom is to keep vigil over unaccounted money and also to keep vigil over money and other illicit items which may vitiate level playing field in his state. Recently during the general election to Lok Sabha, Tom and his team confiscated 10 lakh rupees from a person. The person says the money is for paying bill for a surgery and ask for some time to prove his point. As per election rules if clear evidence is not immediately provided the money has to be confiscated and released later only after proper verification by senior ECI officials. The person ask for leniency from Tom as the surgery need to done immediately. Tom's team members want him to follow rule of law to avoid any issues in future.

- (a) Analysing the case, bring out the ethical issues involved.
- (b) What are the options available to you in this situation? Explain your selected course of action.
- (c) In your opinion, what are the possible issues if Tom disregards his team members advice and shows leniency? (20 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Election Commission of India has been entrusted to ensure free and fair elections in the country as per article 324.

The above case shows the issue of money and muscle power in electoral politics.

a. Ethical issues involved in the case

① Issue of money election funding and lack of transparency.





- ② Right to life of the person ~~to be~~ going for surgery vs <sup>possibilities</sup> corruption.
- ③ Dilemma faced by IAS to ensure accountability to colleagues and to the person in question.
- ④ Duty bound vs ethical considerations such as compassion, empathy etc.
- ⑤ Difficulties faced by IAS in ensuring proper conduct of elections.

## ⑥ Options available and analysis

[Case 1] → Accepting the claims of the person and returning him 10 Lakhs.

### Merits

- ① Ensuring right to life of the patient.
- ② May give peace of mind.

### Demerits

- ① Likelihood of false claims.
- ② Against rule of law.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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Case 2 → keeping the amount with ECI and asking for the person to submit necessary documents supporting his claims as soon as possible.

(Don't write anything in this area)

## Merits

- ① Due process of law upheld
- ② Satisfaction of the team members.
- ③ Evidence based decision making.

## Demerits

- ① May pose threat to right to life of patient.
- ② May fall into ethical dilemma.

Tom will be going for the second option - keeping the amount with ECI and asking for documents as it has the following merits.

→ It ensures the transparency and accountability shown by ECI.





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→ Helps in fighting corruption and electoral malpractices.

→ NCRB - ~900 crore electoral expenditure from unknown sources.

→ It also enables public perception management and team work.

③ If tom disregards -

① It may affect the healthy work culture of the organisation.

② If the case was not genuine, then affects the credibility of organisation.

③ Goes against due process of law thus leads to crisis of conscience.

④ Possibility for non-supportive attitude from members in future.

Dinsh Goswami Committee - Transparency in electoral funding is necessary.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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19) Human Enhancement is about the use of science and technologies to upgrade, enhance and/or change human capabilities and functions. The prospect of human enhancement has attracted considerable attention from scholars, the media and policymakers alike, each of whom have debated the ethical and moral desirability of such circumstances and the practical social and legal implications arising from a culture of human enhancement. The use of robotic arms and bionic eyes in medical sector has created a lot of challenges for policy makers. Rani is a senior neurosurgeon who is very enthusiastic about the use of modern methods in surgery. Recently in a very sad incident she lost one of her patients while performing a very demanding brain surgery. She was using robotic arms that was externally attached to her hands. She was very adept in using the robotic arm and has undertaken advanced training. The malfunction in the robotic arm was the reason for death of patient. This incident brought back the debate that machines will never replace humans in healthcare industry. However machines will indeed go the distance to help save time.

- Analysing the case bring out the ethical issues.
- In your opinion who is responsible for the death of patient: the medical professional, the manufacturer of the robotic arm, or both?
- To what extent should reliance on technology, such as robotic arms, be balanced with the need for human skill and judgment in high-stakes medical procedures?

(20 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

The above case shows a crucial example of ~~case~~ the need to ensure Biomseality and medical ethics while dealing with advanced technologies and human life.

(a) Ethical issues in the case

① Right to life of the patient is  
use of modern technology to save time





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- ② Use of substandard devices in crucial healthcare systems and their malfunctioning problems.
- ③ Answerability toward the medical board as well as the dependents also puts Rani in dilemma.
- ④ Difficulty in balancing the right to use advanced technological aids while ensuring their compliance.
- ⑤ Issues of business ethics and adequate standards should be kept by the device manufacturers.
- ⑥ Quality of medical devices plays the most important <sup>role</sup> aspect ~~of~~ in medical systems and proper checks





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by the medical practitioners is also important.

Thus in the above case, the responsibility of death of patient equally falls on both sides - that on the medical professional and manufacturer.

Responsibilities and Non-compliance of professional and manufacturer.

Professional

- ① Ensuring that procurement from standard firms.
- ② Proper compliance and code of procedures to deal with sensitive surgeries

Manufactures

- ① Ensuring use of standard components.
- ② Upholding bio ethics in manufacturing process.

(Don't write anything in this area)





Thus due to their ~~in~~ reluctance of these responsibilities both are committing ~~sin~~.

(Don't write anything in this area)

③ Extent to which technology could be used in medical field.

① For the disease diagnostics —  
(a) RT-PCR.

② Should undergo clinical trials and standard checks before use.

③ Use of technology only when & adequate training given to the staff.

④ Using in various treatment options but not in serious surgeries such as brain surgery.

Technology as a dual edged sword should always be used with caution.