"UPSC Syllabus – Ethics GS4"

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

This paper will include questions to test the **candidates' attitude and approach** to issues relating to **integrity, probity in public life** and his **problem solving approach** to various issues and conflicts faced by him in **dealing with society**. Questions may utilise the **case study approach** to determine these aspects.

The following **broad areas** will be covered:

Ethics and Human Interface:

- **Essence, Determinants and Consequences** of Ethics in - Human Actions;
- **Dimensions** of Ethics;
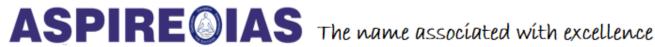- Ethics - in **Private and Public** Relationships.

Human Values

- Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of **Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators**;
- Role of **Family Society and Educational Institutions** in Inculcating Values.
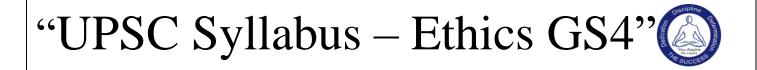
Attitude:

- Content, Structure, Function;
- its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour;
- **Moral and Political** Attitudes;
- **Social Influence and Persuasion**.

Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service,

- Integrity,
- Impartiality and Non-partisanship,
- Objectivity,
- Dedication to Public Service,
- Empathy,
- Tolerance and
- Compassion towards the weaker-sections.

Emotional Intelligence-

- Concepts, and their Utilities and
- Application in Administration and Governance.

Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.

Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration:

- Status and Problems;
- Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions;
- Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance;
- Accountability and Ethical Governance;
- Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance;
- Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding;
- Corporate Governance.

Probity in Governance:

- Concept of Public Service;
- Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity;
- Information Sharing and Transparency in Government,
- Right to Information,
- Codes of Ethics,
- Codes of Conduct,
- Citizen's Charters,
- Work Culture,
- Quality of Service Delivery,
- Utilization of Public Funds,
- Challenges of Corruption.

Case Studies on above issues.

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