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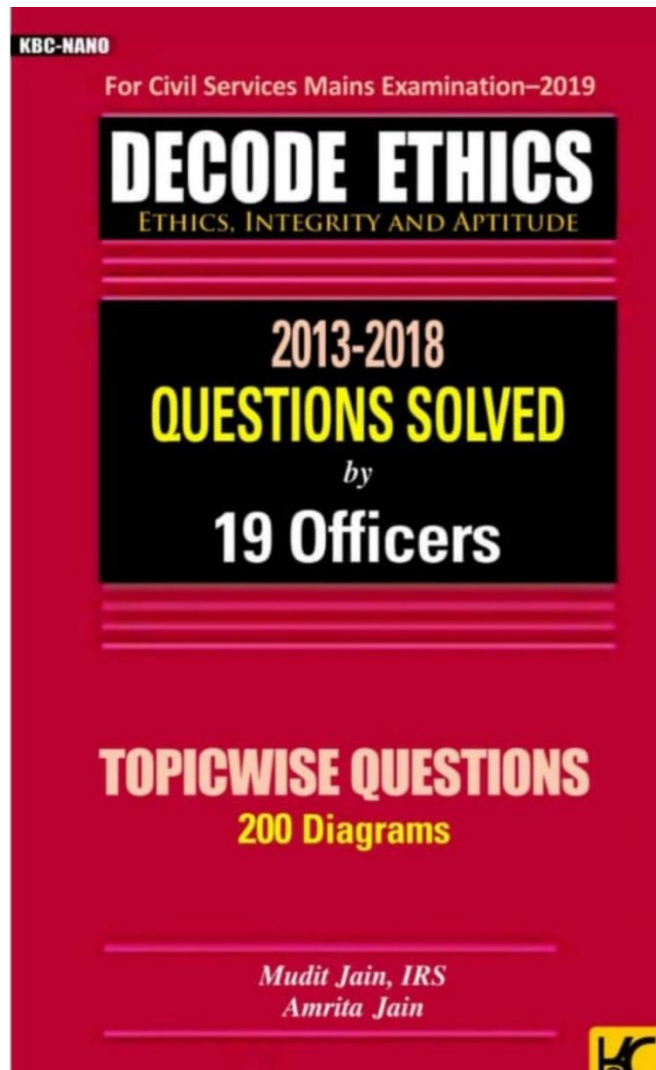
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**Ethics Paper 2019 – References From “Decode Ethics”
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| Q 1. (a) | <p>What are the basic principles of public life? Illustrate any three with suitable examples.</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: Public life page 76, principles page 81.</p> |
| Q 1. (b) | <p>What do you understand by the term ‘public servant’? Reflect on the expected role of public servant.</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: Public servant page 294, roles page 82, values from code page 195</p> |
| Q 2. (a) | <p>Effective utilization of public funds is crucial to meet development goals. Critically examine the reasons for under- utilization and mis-utilization of public funds and their implications.</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: 331-333, sample question 2 page 334</p> |
| Q 2. (b) | <p>“Non-performance of duty by a public servant is a form of corruption”. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: PoCA (forbearance) page 335, sample question 2 page 344</p> |
| Q 3. (a) | <p>What is meant by the term ‘constitutional morality’? How does one uphold constitutional morality?</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: 195</p> |
| Q 3. (b) | <p>What is meant by ‘crisis of conscience’? How does it manifest in the public domain?</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: 266-268</p> |
| Q 4. (a) | <p>Explain the basic principles of citizens’ charter movement and bring out its importance.</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: 315-318</p> |

Q 4. (b) **There is a view that the official secrets act is an obstacle to the implementation of Rights to Information act. Do you agree with the view? Discuss**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: Confidentiality page 182, administrative secrecy page 257, RTI rejections page 300

Q 5. (a) **What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government.**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: 291, 292, sample question 2 page 294

Q 5. (b) **“Emotional Intelligence is the ability to make your emotions work for you instead of against you.” Do. you agree with this view? Discuss.**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: Values-emotion page 96, definition page 200, quotes page 219, 220

Q 6. (a) **“An unexamined life is not worth living.” – Socrates**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: Socrates ideal life page 222, Kierkegaard life page 239

Q 6 (b) **“A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes.” – M.K.Gandhi**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: 109-111, 125-126, sample question 10 page 242

Q 6. (c) **“Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world.” – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**

Decode Ethics Book Page No: Kalam’s quote in reverse page 123

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New India in the pursuit of excellence

It has been 70 years since India became an Independent democratic country. Long ordeal with colonial rule left a poverty ridden, precocious cleaved India marred by challenges like feudal agrarian nature, casteism, communalism etc.

The India of old carries a monkey on its back in form of baggages like socio-economic-political-environmental and so on challenges. To turn the tide in its favour New India marked by paradigm shifts in various spheres is moving towards India of dreams and pursuit of excellence is important part of the process.

Excellence as per Dr. Kalam can lead to an India ahead of all other nations. What is needed is that all individuals preach and practice excellence. Let us see with various dimensions where in New India in

pursuit of excellence is moving to rectify its old baggages, starting with sociological.

Pursuit of excellence in sociological paradigms is seen in measures for emancipation of women where in women themselves are torch bearers of empowerment, gender equality, reducing crimes against women etc.

The youth today is excelling in fields of sports, business, societal transformation etc becoming champions of change to solve problems of farmers and challenges like casteism, communalism, corruption etc. This is reflected in improving rankings of India in corruption perception index, improving performance in areas not harnessed so far like football etc.

All this has led to focus on reducing inequalities (SDG-8) and excellence in economic sphere.

Excellence in economy will improve trickle down if it is inclusive and concerns with even the last man standing in the last row.

Reduction in hunger, poverty, economic inequalities etc require excellence in fields like skill India, digital India and make in India so that inclusive and productive jobs are created for one and all. Ease of doing business is another facet of new India's pursuit of excellence.

The sphere of economic excellence has taken upon itself to transform, clean and energize India by economic reforms like GST, demonetization, solving NPA crisis etc which will increase India's potential to harness demographic dividend.

This takes us to another sphere,
the political aspect of new India and its
pursuit of excellence.

Reduction or weeding out corruption, finding
solution for criminalization of politics, electoral
reforms, improving parliament's functioning,
erradicating the bug of terror and bad
bureaucracy are age old issues.

Pursuit of excellence in political sphere is
manifesting in competitive federalism, cooperative
federalism, minimum government and maximum
governance, centrality of citizens in governance
by e-governance, participative governance etc
so that solutions to age old issues are
found out sooner. This will create an
ethical framework embedded in fabrics of
transparency, rule of law and integrity to
improve overall environment of new India.

Let us now analyze new India and its pursuit of excellence with respect to environment.

Climate change, global warming, disturbances in life on land and life on water have affected mankind in general and marginalized in particular.

New India's efforts to excel in environment sustainability are seen in recognition of principle of stewardship and trusteeship by New India in form of INDCs, Paris deal, pledge to build sustainable cities and responsible consumption and production (SDG).

This is reflected in Swachh Bharat campaign which recently celebrated ODF week and Swachh Seva campaign including Indian Cricket team in its pursuit to excel by reaching out to youth. This reflects in improvement of sanitation to 62% of India from 38% in 2014.

New India's pursuit for excellence will remain incomplete if it does not address the psychological growth of its drivers.

The global happiness index ranked India at 122th rank. This marks the proof of increasing depression and suicides in society.

New India's pursuit to excellence here is seen in national health policy and mental health policy which focus on wellness, rehabilitation within families and societies alongwith decriminalization of suicide.

This is also reflected in utilitarian approach of inclusive growth taking together disables, transgenders and other vulnerable sections of society so that India excels as a whole and not just a part.

Other areas where India's excellence drive is evident are fields of education, Innovation, Industrialization, Infrastructure creation etc so that India sheds it's pecocious cleavaged society tag as discussed by economic survey.

This excellence pursuit reflects in India's global partnerships for enhancing development, peace and justice in other countries as well.

Example of this can be seen with respect to new India's positive role in Afghanistan and Africa on one hand and free-open-peaceful Indian-Pacific ocean on other.

New India's pursuit of excellence in diplomacy has earned it strategic prowess, global attention and external balances role in fast changing global order.

But ~~has~~ this pursuit of excellence still reflected in life of common man? Has it really been able to shed baggages of old India? Let us find answers.

New India's changed paradigms haven't been able to counter poverty or casteism. It has so far not found out sustainable solution to issue of declining jobs and increasing inequalities in society. This has also been a laggard as far as countering corruption and terror is concerned. Environmental challenges are no different.

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But this is not because failure of idea of new India's pursuit of excellence but because these are deep rooted problems. New India's drive towards maturity by solving these core issues is possible only by pursuit of excellence as it will make solution sustainable and long term.

San Kalp se Siddhi or new India is not just a pledge or a paradigm shift. It is idea or vision towards building an India of tomorrow. It is a revolution to make this century not only Asian century but also India's century.

Excellence forms core part of new India. Again, as Dr. Kalam said, a nation can excel only if its citizens excel individually and in society, New India's pursuit to excellence is a novel idea that needs to be nourished, nurtured and taken care of by one and all. Excellence is like a tiger that new India is destined to ride. Disembarking it is not a possibility and staying on it is worth the challenges.