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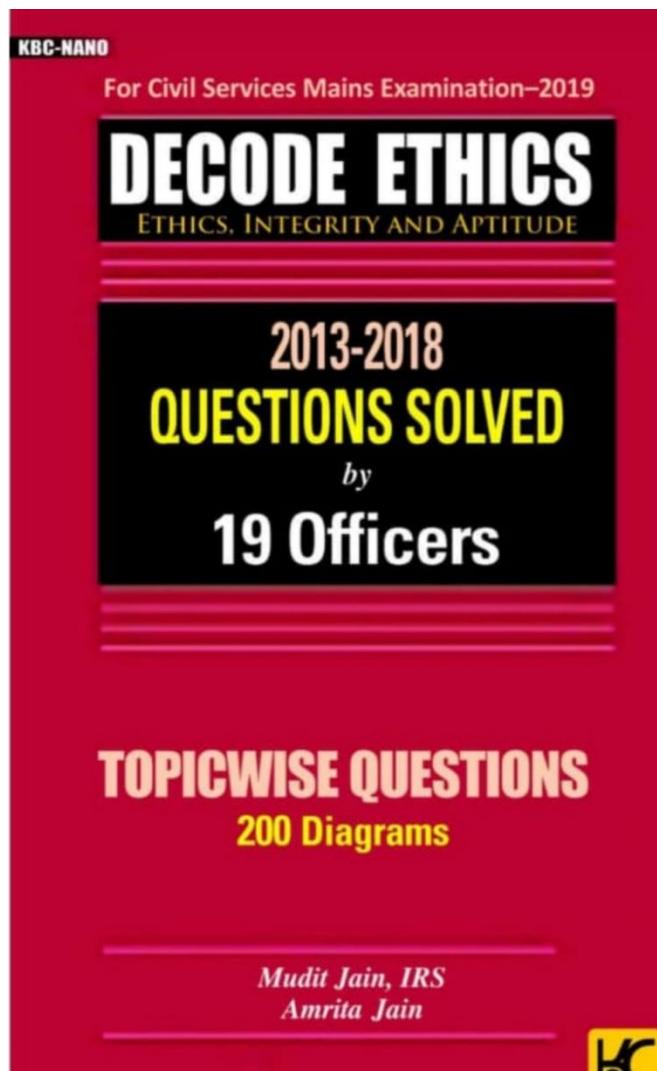
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Q 1. (a)	<p>What are the basic principles of public life? Illustrate any three with suitable examples.</p> <p>Decode Ethics Book Page No: Public life page 76, principles page 81.</p>
Q 1. (b)	<p>What do you understand by the term ‘public servant’? 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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IR Questions Mains 2013-2019 Analysis By Mudit Jain

These are 33 Questioned asked in IR so far. Static Questions are marked in red font.
Region/Country/Area/Body in Question is marked in green font.

CSM 2013:

- The proposed withdrawal of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) from **Afghanistan** in 2014 is fraught with major security implications for the countries of the region. Examine in light of the fact that India is faced with a plethora of challenges and needs to safeguard its own strategic interests.
- What do you understand by 'The String of Pearls'? How does it impact India? Briefly outline the steps taken by India to counter this. (**China**)
- Economic ties between India and **Japan** while growing in the recent years are still far below their potential. Elucidate the policy constraints which are inhibiting this growth.
- The protests in Shahbag Square in Dhaka in **Bangladesh** reveal a fundamental split in society between the nationalists and Islamic forces. What is its significance for India?
- Discuss the political developments in **Maldives** in the last two years. Should they be of any cause of concern to India?
- In respect of India — **Sri Lanka** relations, discuss how domestic factors influence foreign policy.
- **What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss.**
- The World Bank and the IMF, collectively known as the Bretton Woods Institutions, are the two inter-governmental pillars supporting the structure of the world's economic and financial order. Superficially, the World Bank and the IMF exhibit many common characteristics, yet their role, functions and mandate are distinctly different. Elucidate.

CSM 2014:

- With respect to the South **China** sea, maritime territorial disputes and rising tension affaire the need for safeguarding maritime security to ensure freedom of navigation and ever flight throughout the region. In this context, discuss the bilateral issues between India and China.
- **The aim of Information Technology Agreements (ITAs) is to lower all taxes and tariffs on Information technology products by signatories to zero. What impact would such agreements have on India's interests?**
- Some of the **International funding agencies** have special terms for economic participation stipulating a substantial component of the aid used for sourcing equipment from the leading countries. Discuss on merits of such terms and it, there exists a strong case not to accept such conditions in the Indian context. (**IMF**)
- India has recently signed to become founding member of **New Development Bank (NDB)** and also the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**. How will the role of the two Banks be different? Discuss the strategic significance of these two Banks for India. (**China and BRICS**)
- **WTO is an important international institution where decisions taken affect countries in a profound manner. What is the mandate of WTO and how binding are their decisions? Critically analyze India's stand on the latest round of talks on Food security.**

CSM 2015:

- Increasing interest of India in **Africa** has its pro and cons. Critically Examine.
- Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in **UNSC**.

- Project 'Mausam' is considered a unique foreign policy initiative of Indian government to improve relationship with its neighbours. Does the project have a strategic dimension? Discuss
- Terrorist activities and mutual distrust have clouded India – **Pakistan** relations. To what extent the use of soft power like sports and cultural exchange could help generate goodwill between the two countries. Discuss with suitable examples.

CSM 2016:

- "The broader aims and objectives of **WTO** are to manage and promote international trade in the era of globalization. But the Doha round of negotiations seem doomed due to differences between the developed and the developing countries." Discuss in the Indian perspective.
- Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's **Look East Policy** in the context of the post Cold War international scenario. (**South East Asia**)
- "Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of member-states by **Pakistan** are not conducive for the future of **SAARC** (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)." Explain with suitable examples.
- **What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India's position on these?**

CSM 2017:

- **China** is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia', In the light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbor.
- **What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.**
- The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with **West Asian Countries**.
- Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in **South-East Asian countries'** economy and society. Appraise the role of Indian Diaspora in South- East Asia in this context

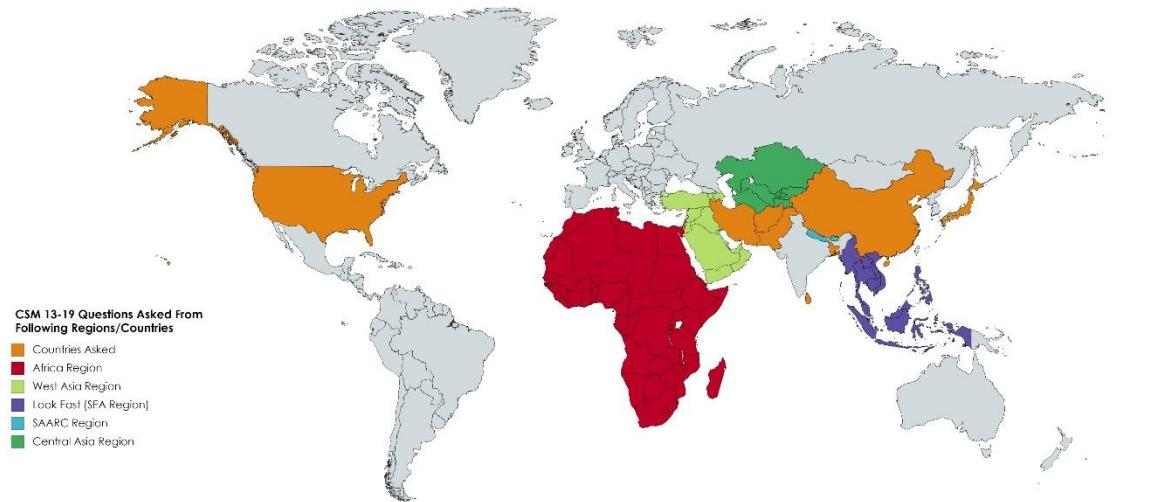
CSM 2018:

- India's relations with **Israel** have, of late, acquired a depth and diversity, which cannot be rolled back." Discuss.
- A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in **Central Asia**, which is a zone of interest to India. Discuss the implications, in this context, of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018.
- **What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive in the present context of 'Trade War', especially keeping in mind the interest of India?**
- **In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond to its situation?**

CSM 2019:

- "The long-sustained image of India as a leader of the oppressed and marginalized Nations has disappeared on account of its new found role in the **emerging global order**" Elaborate.
- "What introduces friction into the ties between India and the **United States** is that Washington is still unable to find for India a position in its global strategy, which would satisfy India's National self- esteem and ambitions" Explain with suitable examples.

- 'The time has come for India and [Japan](#) to build a strong contemporary relationship, one involving global and strategic partnership that will have a great significance for Asia and the world as a whole.' Comment.
- 'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves [UNESCO](#) fighting for life.' Discuss the statement in the light of US' withdrawal and its accusation of the cultural body as being 'anti-Israel bias'.



CSM 13-19 Questions Asked From Following Regions/Countries

This Map tells you 2 things:

- Major Areas Focused Till Now.
- Areas Not Covered That Can Be Asked Like Latin America, Russia, Europe, Australia etc.

Bodies Asked Include: IMF (Twice), WB, WTO (Thrice), UNSC, ECOSOC, UNESCO (Twice), NDB and AIIB.

Random Questions: McBride and ITA.

Doctrines Asked: Gujral, Look East and String of Pearls.