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Q1 How do you view materialism and spiritualism from an ethical point of view? Substantiate with examples.

Q2 Do you think Education is an important determinant for ethical conduct in human beings? Critically discuss with examples.

Q3 A communal clash happened in a sensitive zone in the National Capital of India. The clash was probably a result of the vested interests of some people. The administrative handling of the situation also came into suspicion due to delayed response in handling the situation. A few days later, there was a solidarity march carried out by both the religious communities. However, some alleged that the people involved in the solidarity march were the primary suspects in instigating the communal tensions.

(a) Analyse the ethical issues involved in this situation.

(b) As the SP of the district, what medium and long term steps will you take to address the situation in the future.

Ans. 1

Ethics are the prescribed code of conduct that helps an individual to act in a right manner.

Materialism and spiritualism are the two ideologies prevailing in the modern-times guiding human conduct.

Materialism is an ideological view where the end goal of an individual is to reap the material benefits.

If a person is interested in materialistic wealth through right means, ~~then~~ his ethics cannot be questioned because there is no wrong in holding materialistic view.

In fact, the 'Muharasa' philosophy believed in materialistic benefits and deriving happiness from that.

If a factory owner is trying to maximise his profits through consumerism but follows business and environmental ethics, his conduct is not wrong.

However, if one tries to reap benefits by avoiding his Corporate Social Responsibility or he's trying to maximise his profits through hawala agents, etc, then his means to reap materialistic benefits can be ethically wrong.

Similarly, there's another ideological view of "spiritualism" which believes in God and resorting to spiritual means to gain moksha or nirvana or enlightenment.

The conduct of a person to meditate in order to reap spiritual benefits through right means are ethically correct.

The practice of "Sallelkhana" to repent by observing fast unto death is one of the debatable ~~conduct~~ issue which lies between the religious view and ethical conduct. Hence, if the conduct is justified, there's nothing ethically wrong in it.

Answer 2

Ethical conduct means how we act with respect to the righteousness or wrongness of that particular act. There have been many determinants to guide our ethical conduct like family, religion, personal intuition, education, etc.

Education is a necessary determinant for ethical conduct in human beings because it is one of the formal way of socialization among humans.

Education teaches us, from the very beginning, the idea of right and wrong, it helps in inculcation of values.

The values like companionship, honesty, adjustment, interactions are built within humans in educational institutions. For the values, to be applied at societal level, comes into play our ethics. So, the values of rationality, understanding, comprehension are inculcated through education.

Acting in an ethical manner is what we are taught while getting formal or informal education be it through teachers, content of the subject, or through schools.

Education teaches the human beings the ~~polite~~ values of honesty and rationality.

For a student, who is educated, he knows how to uphold the notion of honesty ~~by~~ not resorting to cheating in exams.

The books or its content that we read, if they're not ideologically colored, they help us in acting without any biases or prejudices.

Therefore, education from time and past, have guided the human conduct so as to help them in acting ethically and morally correct.

Ans. 3

(a)

A communal clash happening in a sensitive zone of the National Capital of India is a issue of concern.

The ethical issues involved in this situation are :-

- 1) communalism → promoting enmity between two religious groups
- 2) the delay in the administrative handling of the issue leading to the doubts in the minds of general public with respect to administrative failure.
- 3) vested interests vs communal harmony of the public at large.
- 4) curbing violence.

The above ethical issues of delay in administrative handling of the issue might leave indelible impacts on the human minds of the general public.

The issue of growing communalism leading to the division in the religious groups hampering the unity of the country, .

(b) As the SP of the district, there would be few steps I shall take :-

Medium term steps :-

- 1) Talk to the higher authorities and ~~con~~ pass them the message of the gravity of the situation.
- 2) Will ask the concerned investigative authorities to look for the prime suspects.
- 3) To curb violence for some time, I'd ask the police authorities to keep a check.
- 4) Monitoring the religious groups, their actions.

Long term steps

- 1) I'll try to bring an attitudinal or behavioural change in the minds of two different groups.
- 2) Persuade them through expanding and de-emphasizing on narrow social & religious identity.
- 3) I'd try to socially influence the people or would engage some experts in order to bring change within the minds of people.