## YK GIST – SEPTEMER 2020 I IASBABA

## **Connecting the Dots:**

- 1. How are accountability and ethical governance interrelated? Illustrate with the help of suitable examples.
- 2. What is meant by the term 'constitutional morality'? How does one uphold constitutional morality?
- 3. Explain the basic principles of citizens' charter movement and bring out its importance.
- 4. What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government.
- 5. What is the significance of ethics in public administration? Illustrate with the help of suitable examples.
- 6. In recent times, there has been an increasing concern in India to develop effective civil service ethics, code of conduct, transparency measures, ethics and integrity systems and anti-corruption agencies. In view of this, there is need being felt to focus on three specific areas, which are directly relevant to the problems of internalizing integrity and ethics in the civil services. These are as follows:
  - Anticipating specific threats to ethical standards and integrity in the civil services,
  - Strengthening the ethical competence of civil servant and
  - Developing administrative processes and practices which promote ethical values and integrity in civil services.

Suggest institutional measures to address the above three issues.

7. Honesty and uprightness are the hallmarks of a civil servants. Civil servants possessing these qualities are considered as a back bone of any strong organizations. In line of duty, they take various decisions, at times some become bonafide mistakes. As long as such decisions, are not taken intentionally and do not benefit personally, the officer cannot be said to be guilty. Though such decisions may, at times, lead to unforeseen adverse consequences in the long term. In the recent past, a few instances have surfaced where in civil servants has been implicated for bonafide mistakes. They have often been prosecuted and even imprisoned. These instances have greatly rattled the moral fiber of the civil servants. How does this trend affect the functioning of civil services? What measures can be taken to ensure that honest civil servants are not implicated for bonafide mistakes on their part? Justify your answer.

## D. POLITICIANS, ELECTIONS AND FUNDING