# General Studies 4 Topic wise PYQ Brainstorming template.

**Unit: 1.** 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.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, each question carries 10 marks, word limit is 150 words

Question	Sub topic
1. What do you understand by 'values' and 'ethics'? In what ways it is important to be	Importance
ethical along with being professionally competent? (2013, 1)	of ethics
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2. Some people feel that values keep changing with time and situation, while others	Value
strongly believe that there are certain universal and eternal human values. Give your perception in this regard with due justification. (2013, 3)	Change with time
perception in this regard with due justification. (2013, 3)	with time

3. "The good of an individual is contained in the good of all." What do you understand by this statement? How can this principle be implemented in public life? (2013, 7)	
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you? Explain with examples. (2014, 1a)  values	4. All human beings aspire for happiness. Do you agree? What does happiness mean to	Human
	you? Explain with examples. (2014, 1a)	values

5. What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in public administration? (2014, 1b)	Importance of ethics

6. Which eminent personality has inspired you the most in the context of ethical conduct	Lessons
in life? Give the gist of his/her teachings. Giving specific examples, describe how you	from lives of
have been able to apply these teachings for your own ethical development. (2014, 4a)	great
	leaders

7. "Human beings should always be treated as 'ends' in themselves and never as merely	Human
'means'." Explain the meaning and significance of this statement, giving its implications	values
in the modern techno-economic society. (2014, 3b)	
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8. The current society is plagued with widespread trust-deficit. What are the consequences of this situation for personal well-being and for societal well-being? What can you do at the personal level to make yourself trustworthy? (2014, 5a)	Outcome lack of ethics	of

9. Explain how ethics contributes to social and human well-being. (2016, 1a)	Importance of ethics
	of ethics

10. The crisis of ethical values in modern times is traced to a narrow perception of the good life. Discuss. (2017, 7a)	Conception of good life

11. With regard to the morality of actions, one view is that means are of paramount	Ends	vs
importance and the other view is that the ends justify the means. Which view do you	Means	
think is more appropriate? Justify your answer. (2018, 4b)	debate	

12. Discuss the role of ethics and values in enhancing the following three major	Impact	of
components of Comprehensive National Power (CNP) viz. human capital, soft power	ethics	on
(culture and policies) and social harmony. (2020, 1a)	society	

13. "Education is not an injunction; it is an effective and pervasive tool for all round	Role of
development of an individual and social transformation". Examine the New Education	education in
Policy, 2020 (NEP, 2020) in light of the above statement. (2020,1b)	imparting
	human
	values

15. "The current internet expansion has instilled a different set of cultural values which	Cultural	1
are often in conflict with traditional values.' Discuss. (2020, 5b)	values	and
	change	in
	values	

16. It is believed that adherence to ethics in human actions would ensure in smooth functioning of an organization/system. If so, what does ethics seek to promote in human life? How do ethical values assist in the resolution of conflicts faced by him in his day-	Importance/ Objective of ethics.
to-day functioning? (2022, 2b)	etines.

17. Differentiate 'moral intuition' from 'moral reasoning' with suitable examples. (2023,	Basic morality	of
4b)	morality	

18. What were the major contemporary world. (2023	teachings	of (	Guru	Nanak?	Explain	their	relevance	in the	Lessons
contemporary world. (2023	8, 6a)								from religion

19. "Ethics encompasses several key dimensions that are crucial in guiding individuals	Impact	of
and organizations towards morally responsible behaviour." Explain the key dimensions	ethics	on
of ethics that influence human actions. Discuss how these dimensions shape ethical	human	
decision-making in the professional context. (2024, 1b)	action	

20. "The concept of Just and Unjust is contextual. What was just a year back, may turn	Moral
out to be unjust in today's context. Changing context should be constantly under	relativism
scrutiny to prevent miscarriage of justice." Examine the above statement with suitable	
examples. (2024, 4a)	

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