

**General Studies 4**  
**Topic wise PYQ Brainstorming template.**

**Unit 5: Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.**

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

Question	Sub topic
1. Given below are three quotations of great moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these quotations, bring out what it means to you in the present context: (2013, 6a) (a) "There is enough on this earth for every one's need but for no one's greed." -Mahatma Gandhi.	Human values /greed

2. "Nearly all men can withstand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."—Abraham Lincoln. (2013, 6b)	Character
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3. "I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who overcomes his enemies."—Aristotle. (2013, 6c)	Human value: Overcome -ing desire
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<p>4. Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these bring out what it means to you in the present context. (2015, 2a)</p> <p>(a) "The weak can never forgive; forgiveness is the attribute of strong."</p>	<p>HV Forgive -ness</p>
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5. "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light" (2015, 2b)	Ignorance
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6. Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of seven sins. (2016, 2b)	Moral theory
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7. Analyse John Rawls's concept of social justice in the Indian Context. (2016, 3a)	Rawls: Theory of Justice
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<p>8. "Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principles which direct them." – Napoleon Bonaparte.</p> <p>Stating examples mention the rulers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) who have harmed society and country,</li><li>(ii) (ii) who worked for the development of society and country. (2017, 5a)</li></ul>	<p>Leaders/ Leader -ship</p>
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9. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. they are father, the mother and the teacher." – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Analyse. (2017, 5b)	Role of family
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<p>10. "In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they do not have the first, the other two will kill you." – Warren Buffett What do you understand by this statement in the present-day scenario? Explain. (2018, 3b)</p>	<p>Integrity</p>
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<p>11. What do each of the following quotations mean to you in the present context? (2018, 6a)</p> <p>(a) "The true rule, in determining to embrace, or reject anything, is not whether it has any evil in it; but whether it has more evil than good. There are few things wholly evil or wholly good. Almost everything, especially of governmental policy, is an inseparable compound of the two; so that our best judgement of the preponderance between them is continually demanded. -Abraham Lincoln (150 words)</p>	<p>Moral relativism</p>
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12. "Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding." - Mahatma Gandhi (150 words) (2018, 6b)	Emotions
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13. "Falsehood takes the place of truth when it results in unblemished common good." - Tirukkural (150 words) (2018, 6c)	Moral Relativism /abstract
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14. What do each of the following quotations mean to you? (2019, 6a) (a) "An unexamined life is not worth living". - Socrates	Purpose of life
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15. "A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes." -M.K. Gandhi (2019, 6b)	Moral teachings of leaders
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16. "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 (2019, 6c)	Lessons from life of leaders
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17. What teachings of Buddha are most relevant today and why? Discuss. (2020,3a)	Philosophy of Buddha
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18. What are the main factors responsible for gender inequality in India? Discuss the contribution of Savitribai Phule in this regard. (2020, 5a)

Feminist  
theory/  
Gender  
Empower-  
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Spirit of  
service

19. What do each of the following quotations mean to you? (2020, 6 a)  
(a) "Condemn none: if you can stretch out a helping hand, do so. If not, fold your hands, bless your brothers, and let them go their own way." – Swami Vivekanand (150 words)10

20. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi (150 words) (2020, 6 b)	Spirit of service
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21. "A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, a thoroughly vulgar conception which has nothing sound in it and nothing true." – Socrates (150 words) (2020, 6c)	Theories of Morality/ethics
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<p>22. What does each of the following quotations mean to you? (2021, 3a)</p> <p>(a) "Every work has got to pass through hundreds of difficulties before succeeding. Those that persevere will see the light, sooner or later. -Swami Vivekananda (Answer in 150 words)</p>	<p>HV: Persevera -nce</p>
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23. "We can never obtain peace in the outer world until and unless we obtain peace within ourselves." – Dalai Lama (Answer in 150 words) (2021, 3b)	HV : Peace
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24. Life doesn't make any sense without interdependence. We need each other, and the sooner we learn that, it is better for us all." -Erik Erikson (Answer in 150 word) (2021, 3c)	HV: Interde- pendence
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25. What does each of the following quotations mean to you? (2022, 3a)  (a) "Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do" -Potter Stewart	Ethics
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26. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds. I strongly feel that there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are father, mother and teacher". – APJ Abdul Kalam. (2022, 3b)	Probity
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27. "Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it". -Dalai Lama (2022, 3c)	Success
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<p>28. Given below are three quotations of great thinkers. What do each of these quotations convey to you in the present context ? (2023, 3 a)</p> <p>a. "The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer." — Mahatma Gandhi</p>	<p>Kindness</p>
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29. "To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves." — Jawaharlal Nehru (2023, 3b)	Gender/ Women
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30. "Do not hate anybody, because that hatred that comes out from you must, in the long run, come back to you. If you love, that love will come back to you, completing the circle." — Swami Vivekananda (2023, 3c)	Emotion
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<p>31. Given below are three quotations of great thinkers. What do each of these quotations convey to you in the present context ? (2024, 3 a)</p> <p>a. "Learn everything that is good from others, but bring it in, and in your own way absorb it, do not become others." — Swami Vivekananda</p>	<p>HV: Originality</p>
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32. "Faith is of no avail in the absence of strength. Faith and strength, both are essential to accomplish any great work." — Sardar Patel (2024, 3b)	HV: Faith and Strength
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33. "In law, a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics, he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so." — Immanuel Kant (2024, 3c)	Moral Philo: Kant, CI
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