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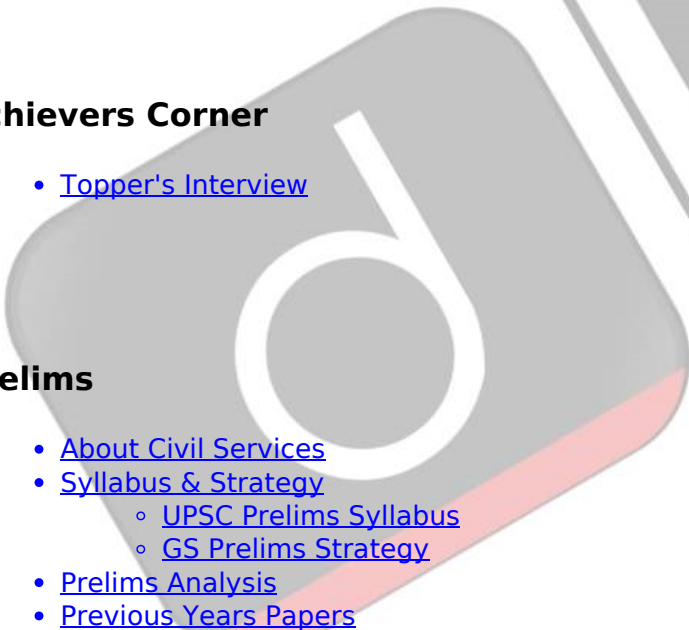
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**Q.** What do you understand by Probity? Explain its importance in governance with relevant examples. (150 Words)

### Approach

- Define the term Probity
- With relevant examples, state its importance in governance
- Briefly conclude while mentioning some challenges associated with it in governance

### Answer

Probity means integrity, uprightness, and honesty. It means ethical behaviour that upholds public values and ensures impartiality, accountability, and transparency. In public service, It is the presence of procedural integrity with high standards of ethical behaviour. It balances service to the community against the self-interest of individuals.

The principle of probity in public life is the cornerstone of good governance. It is at the center-



stage of Sustainable Development Goals. Probity in governance is the antithesis of corruption in public life. It is emphasised by the UN Convention against corruption.

There are several accepted probity principles which are -:

1. Accountability
2. Transparency
3. Confidentiality
4. Management of Conflicts of Interest

#### **Importance of probity in governance -:**

- To prevent unethical practices like misconduct, fraud, and corruption in governance. It also helps in regaining the lost public trust. E.g.- When 'Coal Scam' was brought to light by CAG it was nothing but the probity of this institution which enabled it to do so.
- To ensure public interest and cooperation in governance which is the essence of participatory governance.
- To cater to the needs of all sections of society, so that inclusive growth is achieved.
- To ensure the equitable distribution of resources.
- To bring a strong image of the country around the globe. E.g.- Scandinavian countries like Sweden and Norway, in general, perform very well in public administration which shows the probity of their governments and it makes their image very strong globally.
- To bring in good governance (Accountability, transparency, integrity, Confidentiality, etc.)

#### **Challenges associated with probity in governance -**

Though good governance requires probity by public officials however its application is not devoid of various challenges which are -

- Absence of transparency and accountability
- General disintegration of ethics in the society
- Unrealistic code of conduct
- Toothless laws and institutional arrangements
- Unholy nexus of politicians bureaucrats and businessmen
- Growth of materialism as a result of globalization
- Slow and tardy case disposals and justice delivery
- Evils of a coalition government
- Corruption

Probity is a crucial feature of governance which endows government to act ethically and perform its duties as per the norms only. It also ensures an efficient and effective system of governance and brings socio-economic development. Hence, probity and its principles must be adhered to for the creation of a new India.

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progress. '); } else { $('#articlemsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
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function showMessage() { $(".ui-state-default").on("mouseenter", function() { var dayprefix="";
if(parseInt($(this).text())
= 1) { clearInterval(fadeInInterval); } else { opacity += 0.1; form.style.opacity = opacity; } }, 20); //
Adjust the interval as needed for the desired speed // Add click event listener to document to close form
when clicking outside document.addEventListener("click", closeFormOnClickOutside); } function
closeForm() { var form = document.getElementById("myForm"); var opacity = 1; // Gradually decrease
opacity to 0 var fadeOutInterval = setInterval(function () { if (opacity

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screen_width_resize_before){ //Zoom out if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left =
(screen_width_resize_after-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } } else { //Zoom in
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box.style.left = x + 'px'; } } var screen_width_resize_before = screen_width_resize_after; });
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screen_middle){ box.style.left = (screen_width-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } box.style.top
= (window_height*0.5)+'px'; } }, { passive: true } ); $('#float-plus').draggable(); $('#float-
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plus').mousedown(function(){ const body = document.body; box.style.transition = "all 0s ease 0s";
body.style.overflow = "hidden"; body.style.pointerEvents = "auto"; }); $('#float-plus').mouseup(function(){
const body = document.body; body.style.overflow = "auto"; body.style.pointerEvents = "auto";
box.style.transition = "all 1s ease 0s"; var screen_width = window.innerWidth; var screen_width =
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else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } }); // For MOBILE TOUCH - DRAGGABLE
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window.scrollX) + 'px'; box.style.top = (touchLocation.pageY-window.scrollY) + 'px'; });
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(screen_width*0.05); var x = (screen_width*0.05); if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left =
(screen_width-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } }); function remove_social_float_icons() {
$(".float-fb").animate({ top: "-=8%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-fb").hide("slow"); },500);
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},500); var width = (window.innerWidth > 0) ? window.innerWidth : screen.width; if(width >= 700){
$(".float-tg").animate({ top: "-=56%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-tg" ).hide("slow"); },500);
} setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-cross" ).hide("slow"); },500); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-plus"
).show("slow"); },500); sessionStorage.setItem("remove_social_icons", "1"); } function
show_social_float_icons(){ setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-plus" ).hide("slow"); },10);
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$(".float-wp").animate({ top: "+=48%", }, 1000 ); if(width >= 700){ $(".float-tg").animate({ top:
"+=56%", }, 1000 ); } sessionStorage.setItem("remove_social_icons", "0"); }
$(document).ready(function(){ var value = sessionStorage.getItem("remove_social_icons"); if(value ==
'1'){ remove_social_float_icons(); } }); // function to close the popup function closePopup() { var modal =
document.getElementById("myModal"); modal.style.display = "none"; } // function to open the popup
function openPopup() { var modal = document.getElementById("myModal"); modal.style.display =
"block"; } // Added the code - If user click on anywhere outside the popup $('body').click(function(e) {
$('#myModal').hide(); }); $('#popclose').on('click',function(e){ $('#myModal').css('display','none'); }); //
automatically open the popup on page load window.onload = openPopup; $(document).ready(function(){
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method: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/search/", data:{ 'id': button.id, 'search': search },
headers: { 'X-CSRF-TOKEN': $('[name = "_csrfToken"]').val() }, success: function(result){
$('body').html(result); }, error: function(error){ console.log(error) } }) }) $(document).ready(function(){
//alert(getCookie('isLogin')); if(getCookie('isLogin')==1) { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','inline-block');
$('#loginLink').css('display','none'); $('#registerLink').css('display','none');
$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','inline-block'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','none');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','inline-block'); } else { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','none');
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$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','none'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','inline-block');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','none'); } }); function getCookie(name) { var match =
document.cookie.match(RegExp("(?:^|\\s*)" + name + "(=[^;]*)")); return match ? match[1] : null; } var
regex = /^(([a-zA-Z0-9_+])+\@((([a-zA-Z0-9-])+\.)+([a-zA-Z0-9]{2,4})+)$/; var phonex = /^[0-9 ]+$/;
$('#newsletterfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true; var txtname=$('#txtname').val(); var
txtname=$('#txtname').val(); $('#nmsg').html(""); //$('#input-error').remove(); if(txtname.trim()=="")
$('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#txtname').removeClass('input-error'); }
if(txtname.trim()==""){ $('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!regex.test(txtname)){ $('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtname').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#newsletterfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({
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$('#txtname').val(""); }else{ $('#nmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
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//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#smsalertfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
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if(txtmobile.trim()=="") { $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtmobile').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#smsalertfrm').serialize();
//$('#nmloader').show(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/pages/smsalertfrm", data:
form, success: function(data){ if(data=='already'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Phone number already in use');
}else if(data=='add'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our SMS Alerts. ');
$('#txtmobile').val(""); }else{ $('#nmmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
//$('#nmloader').hide(); }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype);
//$('#nmloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#subscriptionfrm').submit(function(e){ var
msg=true; var txtname=$('#name').val(); var txtname=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
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txtnmobile=$('#phone').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtnname.trim()=="){ $('#name').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#name').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtnemail.trim()=="){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtnemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtnmobile.trim()=="){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtnmobile.trim().length!=10){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txtnmobile)){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phone').removeClass('input-error'); }
if($('#dailyupdates').prop("checked") == false && $('#examnewsletter').prop("checked") == false &&
$('#fullnewsletter').prop("checked") == false && $('#sms').prop("checked") == false) {
$('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('No
option selected, please select at least one option. '); msg=false; } if(msg){ $('#loader').css('display','block');
var form=$('#subscriptionfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishtiiias.com/subscription", data: form, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our
subscription. You will hear from us soon. '); $('#name').val(""); $('#emailaddress').val(""); $('#phone').val("");
}else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error');
$('#contactmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#testseriesfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
var txtnname=$('#firstname').val(); var txtnemail=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
txtnmobile=$('#phonenummer').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtnname.trim()=="){ $('#firstname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#firstname').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtnemail.trim()=="){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtnemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtnmobile.trim()=="){
$('#phonenummer').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtnmobile.trim().length!=10){
$('#phonenummer').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txtnmobile)){
$('#phonenummer').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phonenummer').removeClass('input-
error'); } if(msg){ $('#loader').css('display','block'); var form=$('#testseriesfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type:
"POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/test-series-registration", data: form, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); //alert(data); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for choosing our test series. You
will get an email and message soon. '); $('#firstname').val(""); $('#lastname').val("");
$('#emailaddress').val(""); $('#phonenummer').val(""); }else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html(data); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#allnotes').click(function(){
$('#fixbtn.notes').removeClass('open'); $('#fixbtn.mynotes').toggleClass('open'); });
$('#mynotes,.notelist').on('click', '.readmore',function(){ var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid');
$('#note_id').val(noteid); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/articles/setnote", data:
'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){ if(data){ tinymce.get("mynote").setContent(data);
$('#mynotemsg').html(""); $('#fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went
wrong, Please try again'); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('#notelink').click(function(){ $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/articles/removenote",
success: function(data){ if(data=='removed'){ $('#note_id').val(""); tinymce.get("mynote").setContent("");
$('#mynotemsg').html(""); $('#fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); $('#fixbtn.mynotes').removeClass('open');
}else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('#mynotes,.notelist').on('click', '.removenote',function(e){ if(confirm('Are you sure want to remove
note?')) { $('#loader').css('display','block'); var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid'); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishtiiias.com/articles/deletenote", data: 'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='removed'){ $('#note-list #' +noteid+',.notelist
#' +noteid).css('display','none'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype); } }); }
e.preventDefault(); }); $('#commentfile').change(function(){ $('#file-name').text(this.files[0].name); });
$(document).ready(function(){ $('#list-toggle').click(function(){ $('#list-category').toggleClass('active');
$(this).toggleClass('active'); $('#value').text(function(i, text){ return text === "Hide Menu" ? "Show Menu"
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: "Hide Menu"; }); }); $('aside button.close').click(function(){ $('.list-category').toggleClass('active'); $('.list-toggle').toggleClass('active'); }); $('.fixbtn .btn').click(function(){ $('.fixbtn .btn').not(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); $(this).parents('.fixbtn').toggleClass('open'); }); $('.fixbtn a.close').click(function(){ $(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); }); $('.note-btn').click(function(){ $('.fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); }); $('.viewmore a').click(function(){ $('.hide').slideToggle('active'); $(this).text(function(i, text){ return text === "View More" ? "View Less" : "View More"; }); }); }); $('.learning-program .subheading').click(function(){ $(this).next().slideToggle(); $(this).toggleClass('open'); }); $(document).ready(function(){ $('a.register-btn').colorbox(); }); $('.interview-slider').slick({ autoplay: true, arrows: false, dots: true }); $('#bookSession').on('click',function(e){ $.ajax({ type: "POST", data: { 'course': $('#bookSession').data('course') }, url: "https://www.drishtias.com/book-online-session", success: function(json){ var obj = JSON.parse(json); if (obj.status==200) { alert(obj.message); } else { alert(obj.message); window.location.reload(); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); e.preventDefault(); }); $('#popup').colorbox({iframe: true, innerWidth: 790, innerHeight: 530}); if(screen.width = 500) { $("#scroll-top").addClass("show"); } else { $("#scroll-top").removeClass("show"); } }); function showarchive(year,month,day=null){ // alert('be-mains-ready-daily-answer-writing-practice-question'); return; var url='https://www.drishtias.com/archives/'+year+'-'+month+'-'+day; location=url; //alert(url+'/archives/'+year+'/'+month+'/'+dat); }
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