

Semester: 2

PSC – 1st year

All Courses/ VAC

Name of the Paper: Ethics and Values in Ancient Indian Tradition

Question Bank

1. What is Ṛta? How does it establish the cosmic and moral order in Vedic tradition?
2. Discuss the concept of Dharma in ancient Indian ethics. How does it apply to different social roles (Varṇadharma, Āśramadharma)?
3. Examine the significance of Ahimsa in Shramanic traditions (Buddhism and Jainism).
4. Elaborate on Puruṣārtha Catuṣṭaya (Dharma, Artha, Kāma, Mokṣa). How does it provide a framework for ethical life?
5. What is Rajadharma? Discuss its key principles from Arthashastra and Manusmriti.
6. Analyze the ethical teachings of Bhagavad Gita, particularly the concept of Niṣkāmakarma.
7. Discuss the role of Saṃskāras in inculcating moral values in ancient Indian society.
8. Examine the concept of Karma and rebirth. How does it influence ethical conduct?