

1. Define the term values. Explain any two values in each of the following categories:

- (a) Values in the self. (12.5 Marks)  
 (b) Values in human—human interaction.  
 (c) Values in interaction with the nature.

**Answer:**

- Values are set of principles or standards of behaviour that are regarded as desirable and are held in high esteem. Values are a part of our ethical conduct. They are the outcome of realization and understanding, which are always definite.

**a) Values in the self:**

- Fearlessness:** It is the capacity to act even while fear might be present. It's not the absence of the fear but the ability to overcome the paralyzing effects.
- Honesty:** It refers to a facet of moral character and connotes positive and virtuous attributes such as integrity, truthfulness, straightforwardness, including straightforwardness of conduct, along with the absence of lying, cheating, theft, etc. Furthermore, honesty means being trustworthy, loyal, fair, and sincere.

**b) Values in human-human interaction:**

- Respect:** Respect means continuous acceptance of talent and personality in other human being. Respect is most important universal human value. When we treat other people with respect, we help them gain confidence and reveal inner potential that otherwise might go untapped.
- Selflessness:** It is characterized by low levels of self-centeredness and a low degree of importance given to the self. Self seeking and exploitation of the weak should be discouraged.

**c) Values in interaction with nature:**

- Utility value:** The principle of utility states that an action is 'right if it produces as much or more of an increase in happiness of all affected by it than any alternative action, and wrong if it does not'. The natural resources should be utilized keeping this principle in mind so that sustainable development can be achieved.
- Aesthetic value:** Aesthetic value is a judgment of value based on the appearance of an object and the emotional responses it evokes. The inherent beauty nature should be maintained.

## **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

**Answer the following Questions**

**(12.5 Marks)**

- Can ethics solve the problem of poverty and hunger in India? Analyze.
- "When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property". Illustrate the essence of the statement.