

**Decoding the syllabus of General Studies Paper IV.**

As per the syllabus given by UPSC, the GS IV Syllabus can be divided into eight topics as below.

**Topic 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.

**Topic 2:** Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.

**Topic 3 :** Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service , integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.

**Topic 4 :** Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.

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

**Topic 6 :** Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.

**Topic 7 :** Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.

**Topic 8 :** Case Studies on above issues.

**However, for our preparation, we can divide the syllabus into 4 broad frameworks / categories.**

#1 Ethics Theoretical Framework - Derived from Moral Philosophy

#2 Behavioural Ethics - Derived from Psychology

#3 Administrative Ethics - Derived from Public Administration

#4 Applied Ethics - Case Studies

#5 Miscellaneous - Moral Thinkers, Quotes etc.

**CATEGORY WISE BREAKUP OF SYLLABUS****#1 Ethics Theoretical Framework : Topic 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. ( Topic 1 )

**#2 Psychology / Behavioural Ethics : Topic 2 & Topic 4 :**

**Attitude:** content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. ( Topic 2 )

**Emotional intelligence**-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. ( Topic 4 )

**#3 Administrative Ethics : Topic 3 , 6, 7**

**Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service**, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections. ( Topic 3 )

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**Probity in Governance:** Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption. ( Topic 7 )

**#4 Applied Ethics : Topic 8**

Case Studies on above issues.

**#5 Miscellaneous : Topic 5**

Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world ; quotation-based questions.