Ethics & Morality · GS - IV

You are aspiring to become an IAS officer and you have cleared various stages and now you have been selected for the personal interview. On the day of the interview, on the way to the venue you saw an accident where a mother and child who happen to be your relatives were badly injured. They needed immediate help.

What would you have done in such a situation?

Justify your action.

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20	~250 words

Answer Hint

Human life; compassion; duty; emergency response; ethical prioritisation; responsibility; practical judgement; communication; public service values; justification

Model Answer

Introduction

The situation presents a conflict between an important career opportunity and the immediate need to protect human life. Compassion and responsibility require prioritising the injured persons' urgent medical needs.

Course of Action

1. Ensure Immediate Assistance

I would stop at a safe location, assess the emergency without endangering myself or others, and call emergency services on **112**. I would request an ambulance and alert nearby people for assistance.

2. Arrange Medical Care

I would help ensure prompt transportation to the nearest appropriate medical facility. I would avoid unnecessary movement of seriously injured persons unless there is immediate danger and follow emergency responders' instructions.

3. Inform the Interview Authorities

Once emergency assistance was underway, I would contact the interview authorities, explain the genuine emergency and request consideration of the circumstances. I would provide supporting information if required.

4. Maintain Responsibility

I would ensure that a responsible person accompanied the injured relatives and that medical assistance had been secured before leaving, if attending the interview remained feasible.

Justification

Human life and compassion take priority over personal advancement. An interview can potentially be rescheduled or the circumstances considered, whereas delays in emergency care may cause irreversible harm. This response reflects empathy, presence of mind and accountability.

Conclusion

A future civil servant must demonstrate values through action, not merely words. Protecting life while communicating honestly with the authorities is the most ethical and responsible response.

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