

## **UPSC INTERVIEW QUESTIONS: COVERING PERSONALITY, DECISION MAKING & ETHICAL DILEMMA**

1. As a bureaucrat how would you stop a meeting with cabinet ministers taking an ugly turn leading to humiliation?
2. How would you react if your good work is not appreciated by the higher-ups, instead somebody else is rewarded?
3. If you know about corruption being practiced by senior officers in connivance with some lower level officers, would you like to act as a whistle blower?
4. If there is a situation wherein you feel that system in which you are working is rotten, which option you would like to select - 1, you would resign because you feel that system cannot be changed from within, 2. You would remain firm and honest in your job despite constraints, and still continue to try to do whatever is possible for change and improvement.
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a liberal and benevolent officer?
6. What do you understand by being a "tough officer"? Would you like to be a "tough officer" or a "liberal officer"?
7. How would you like or dislike being proximate to a political party or particular political leaders while delivering your official duties?
8. "Being too good is not good enough." Interpret this statement in the light of conflict between honest civil servants and ruling governments.
9. "Honesty with rigidity is problematic while honesty with adaptability is rewarding." What is your opinion?
10. Strong officers have the guts to enjoy official privileges; only the weak officers do not have the caliber to seek any privilege from office. Do you agree?
11. What should be ideally the driving force for a public servant?
12. What is OLQ (officers like quality)? How important is "carrying yourself"?
13. What do you understand by the phrase "unbecoming of an officer"? Cite some examples.
14. What do you understand by insubordination? Why does it happen? Is it good or bad?

15. What do you understand by " integrity"? There is an entry about "integrity" in the Annual Performance Reports of public servants. Don't you think it farcical because how can any senior can evaluate integrity of a subordinate as it is highly subjective?
16. What do you understand by "client-patron system of administration and governance? Is it good?
17. Without generating fear good administration is not possible. How do you react to the statement?
18. Do you agree that succeeding in career is different from topping the civil services examination? Why?
19. What are the traits of a good public servant? Give some examples?
20. What should be the professional ethics of civil servants? In which situations Civil Servants lose their morale?