

Public Service Values : Important Terms

Let's have a quick look at the public service values. Of-course many values like Impartiality, Transparency, Courage of conviction, Probity, Accountability, Empathy towards weaker sections etc. are expected from a public servant, but let's focus more on a few which UPSC had asked in Mains 2013.

1. **Integrity** : The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. It is the quality of being perfect and undivided. A person of integrity shows steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code.
2. **Perseverance** : Perseverance corresponds to persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. It is the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult
3. **Spirit of service** : Quality of being committed to public service without any self motives.
4. **Commitment** : The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
5. **Courage of conviction** : The state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger or fear with self-possession, confidence and resolution. The term defines one form of courage or bravery, which makes one to take strong decisions without any fear of repercussions. Courage of conviction makes one to admit his mistakes and denounce other's false actions.

Questions in 2013 IAS Mains :

[A] What do you understand by the following terms in the context of public service? (5 terms x 3 marks each=15 marks |250 words)

1. Integrity
2. Perseverance
3. Spirit of service
4. Commitment
5. Courage of conviction



[B] Indicate two more attributes which you consider important for public service. Justify your answer. (10 marks |100 words)

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