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### Fundamental Duties – Citizenship

The following are the Fundamental Duties prescribed by the "*Constitution of the nation*" under PART [IV-A] to its every citizen :

- 1) To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem.
- 2) To cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom.
- 3) To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.
- 4) To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so.
- 5) To promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women.
- 6) To value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.
- 7) To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures.
- 8) To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform.
- 9) To safeguard public property and to abjure violence.
- 10) To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavor and achievement.

### Criticism of Fundamental Duties

The Fundamental Duties mentioned in Part IVA of the Constitution have been criticized on the following grounds:

- They have been described by critics as a code of moral precepts due to their non-justiciable character. Their inclusion in the Constitution was described by the critics as superfluous. This is because the duties included in the Constitution as fundamental would be performed by the people even though they were not incorporated into the Constitution.
- Some of the duties are vague, ambiguous and difficult to be understood by the common man.
- The list of duties is not exhaustive as it does not cover other important duties like casting votes, paying taxes, family planning and so on. In fact, the duty to pay taxes was recommended by the [Swaran Singh Committee](#).
- The critics said that the inclusion of fundamental duties as an appendage to Part IV of the Constitution has reduced their value and significance. They should have been added after Part III so as to keep them on par with Fundamental Rights.
- Swaran Singh's Committee recommended more than 10 Fundamental Duties, however, not all were included in the Constitution. Those duties recommended by the committee which were not accepted were:
  1. Citizens to be penalized/punished by the parliament for any non-compliance with or refusal to observe any of the duties.
  2. The punishments/penalties decided by the Parliament shall not be called in question in any court on the ground of infringement of any of Fundamental Rights or on the ground of repugnancy to any other provision of the Constitution.



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3. Duty to pay taxes.

**Facts about Fundamental Duties for UPSC:**

- Fundamental Duties are categorized into two – Moral Duty & Civic Duty
  1. Moral Duty: cherishing noble ideals of freedom struggle
  2. Civic Duty: respecting the Constitution, National Flag and National Anthem
- They essentially contain just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian way of life.
- The Fundamental Duties are confined to Indian citizens only and do not extend to foreigners, unlike a few Fundamental Rights.
- They are also nonjusticiable similar to the [Directive Principles of State Policy](#).
- There is no legal sanction against their violation.

This Fundamental Duty article will be helpful for the aspirants for the upcoming [UPSC Prelims](#) examination. Download the fundamental duties' notes PDF from the link given below:

**Fundamental Duties-Indian Polity Notes**

Aspirants looking forward to appearing for the upcoming civil services exam must skip the wait for the [UPSC admit card](#) and kickstart their preparation now as the syllabus is comprehensive and not much can be left for last-minute preparations.

From the perspective of UPSC CSE, the latest events of importance focussing on the violation or fulfilment of fundamental rights are asked as a part of [current affairs](#) in the prelims or mains examination. Thus candidates must also be prepared accordingly.

Also, review the [UPSC Mains Syllabus](#) carefully and look for aspects of questions based on the given topic in the final exam. For any further d