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## **Ethics and moral values: as core life skills for students and cadets**

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### **Abstract**

Education system is the second place where a child gets imposed to values after their home. Every day small actions makes them oriented and they are forced to follow and obey rules. Education is not just getting knowledge from book, studying subject getting degree and earning for family and making life good. Though everyone goes through this but while having education every moment student is learning some values like honesty, modesty, truthfulness, discipline, kindness, sympathy, tolerance. Students though learn many values but cadets who are in NCC have more distinct values it makes them physically, mentally more sharpen. Values like, hierarchy, obeying rules, following words and commands, decision making, focused, self-awareness, selfless serving which are there till the end of their life.

**Key words** Ethics, Cadets, Students, Moral Values, Education system

### **Introduction**

Every individual is subject to education system during which he or she is getting interacted with students, teachers and many activities. While this they are getting learned and imbibed values directly and indirectly. Morals refer to human behaviour where morality is the practical activity and, ethics describes the theoretical, systematic, and rational reflection upon that human behaviour (Churchill, 1982). The word ethics is derived from the Greek word 'ethos' (meaning a person's character, nature, or disposition) Values are linked to beliefs and attitudes and guide human behaviour (Rennie, 2007). Morals, values, and ethics are strongly attached to society, spirituality and culture (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, 1991). Education in its general sense is a form of learning in which knowledge, skills and habits of a group of people are transferred from one generation to next through teaching, training, research, or autodidacticism ([www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)). Keeping this in mind all the moral values are being carried from teachers to students from one to other year. Discipline one of the basic life skills which developed in education system. Self-discipline is "the ability to make yourself do things you know you should do even when you do not want to" (Cambridge Dictionaries Online, 2016), "the ability to control one's feelings and overcome one's weaknesses" (Oxford Dictionaries, 2016). It is emphasized that "self-discipline appears in various forms, such as perseverance, restraint, endurance, thinking before acting, finishing what you start doing, and as the ability to carry out one's decisions and plans, in spite of inconvenience, hardships or obstacles. Self-discipline also means a self-control, the ability to avoid unhealthy excess of anything that could lead to negative consequences" (Sasson, 2016). In student's and cadet's life, discipline is key role for attaining not just success but they can become good human being too.

Decision making is one of the key of life skill it makes students and cadets more focused for choosing right path. Decision making is a part of planning and the success of planning depends on sound decision making. Decision making involves choosing a course of action from alternative courses of action available to him in solving a problem. Decision making is a human process. decision making is a blend of thinking, deciding and acting. For a rational and sound decision, he has to collect facts and analyse the worth of all the alternatives available, and then chooses the best. Making decisions is like speaking prose people do it all the time, knowingly or unknowingly (Kahneman and Tversky, 1983). That's why—understanding of the decision-making processes could help us in preventing bad decisions and in stimulating the good ones (Polic, 2009). In school and college in many activities and situation they are subjected and are allowed to understand how good decision can make them right and vice versa. Honesty and integrity are one of the life skills which are learned and appreciated by all students and cadets by leaders of the country and teachers, family and friends. Intellectual honesty is honesty in the acquisition, analysis, and transmission of ideas. A person is being intellectually honest when he or she, knowing the truth, states that truth. This includes all forms of scholarship, consequential conversations such as dialogue, debate, negotiations, product and service descriptions, various forms of persuasion, and public communications such as announcements, speeches, lectures, instruction, presentations, publications, declarations, briefings, news releases, policy statements, reports, religious instructions, social media posts, and journalism including not only prose and speech, but graphs, photographs, and other means of expression. The Oxford English Dictionary defines the term "honest" as "free of deceit, truthful and sincere, morally correct and virtuous." In turn, the terms "dishonesty" or "deception" may be understood simply as the opposite of honesty. Self-awareness seems to have become the latest management buzzword — and for good reason. Research suggests that when we see ourselves clearly, we are more confident and more creative. We make sounder decisions, build stronger relationships, and communicate more effectively. We're less likely to lie, cheat, and steal. We are better workers who get more promotions. And we're more-effective

leaders with more satisfied employees and more profitable companies. Self-awareness refers to the capacity of becoming the object of one's own attention (Duval & Wicklund, 1972). In this state one actively identifies, processes, and stores information about the self. The important distinction here is as follows: One can perceive and process stimuli from the environment (e.g., a color, food) without explicitly knowing that one is doing so (consciousness). Everyone must respect fellow human beings. This is an essential requirement of living in a society. We certainly owe a basic level of respect to others. Furthermore, appropriate respect must be shown to people who impact our lives. This includes our parents, relatives, teachers, friends, fellow workers, authority figures, etc. One of the best ways of showing respect to others is listening. Listening to another person's point of view is an excellent way of Respect. Most noteworthy, we must allow a person to express his views even if we disagree with them. Another important aspect of respecting others is religious/political views. Religious and cultural beliefs of others should be given a lot of consideration. Respecting other people's Religions is certainly a sign of showing mature Respect. Every human being and nation, irrespective of their power or strength, has the right to be respected. "Respect is an unassuming resounding force, the stuff that equity and justice are made of." (William Aiken) It means being treated with consideration and esteem and to be willing to treat people similarly.. It means to have a regard for other peoples' feelings. (<http://dict.dic.net/respect/>) listening to people and hearing them, i.e. giving them one's full attention. While inculcating life skills, obeying rules and law is one of the tough part. It makes everyone obey what elders or teachers say, being obedient and understanding it is also essential. Obedience means 'to do ones duty' and 'to obey the command of elders or superiors or authorities whose authority is normally not questioned'. The word 'obedience comes' from the Old French word obeir. This word in its turn has a Latin root in the word 'obedere'. Both these words mean to do one's duty. And this is what the English word obedience means today. So, obedience is an ancient word of Latin origin, that came to English via Old French. There is the need and importance of obedience in human life, because those who do not know how to rule must obey. There is need for obedience in human life. Obedience is necessary in private life, social life and in every other sphere of life where one is expected to do his duty or earn his livelihood. A person must obey his elders or superiors. Children must obey their parents. Students must obey their teachers. We should remember that obedience is the rule of life and without it life is never complete. Self-awareness refers to the capacity of becoming the object of one's own attention

(Duval & Wicklund, 1972). In this state one actively identifies, processes, and stores information about the self. The important distinction here is as follows: One can perceive and process stimuli from the environment (e.g., a color, food) without explicitly knowing that one is doing so (consciousness). In the 21st century it is not surprising that many young students will face the ethical issues raised by science that are too often lacking in their science education (Reiss, 1999). Values, morality and ethics are part of our life and these cannot be separated from society (Corrigan, Dillon & Gunstone, 2007; Kang & Glassman, 2010). Morals, ethics and values are different branches of knowledge that have different theories and philosophies. Science teachers are generally educated in science, and not in moral or ethical philosophy. It is therefore unrealistic and unfair to expect them to teach ethics (Reiss, 1999) and morals as separate but essential elements of science teaching. For this, teachers need to takes more distinct steps for creating the values in students and cadets. Despite the myriad range of obstacles and opposition in teaching morals/ethics and implementing character education in the sciences, however, a majority of teachers and educators strongly support inclusion of these aspects in the science curriculum (Althof & Berkowitz, 2006; Anderson, 2000; Corrigan et al., 2007; Goldsmith-Conley, 1999; Kang & Glassman, 2010; Lickona, 1999; Reiss, 1999; Rosnow, 1990; Sanderse, 2012; Tan, 1997; Yap, 2014).

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## Conclusion

In conclusion, moral values and ethics are being created, learned, experienced during the school and college life by students, cadets and all pupils. Ethics and moral values are the most vital life skill which is required by every human for getting good conduction of life in society. Discipline teaches every individual to follow a proper directions without making any fuss. Decision making is one the life skill which helps every individual more powerful. Person with good mindset can only make proper decision. Honesty and integrity not just while perceiving education students and cadets can be good human and citizen if they are honest and show their part of integrities. Self-awareness is one the core life skill which makes an individual alert about what they doing, expressing, feeling and how they are putting their efforts in making their life more prosperous. Respect is a major aspect of human socialization. It is certainly a precious value that must be preserved. Respectful behaviour is vital for human survival.

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