

## Professional Ethics and Human Values

### UNIT I : Human Values:

Morals, Values and Ethics – Integrity – Work Ethics – Service Learning – Civic Virtue – Respect for others – Living Peacefully – Caring – Sharing – Honesty –Courage – Value time – Co-operation – Commitment – Empathy – Self-confidence – Spirituality- Character.

### UNIT II : Engineering Ethics:

The History of Ethics-Purposes for Engineering Ethics-Engineering Ethics-Consensus and Controversy –Professional and Professionalism –Professional Roles to be played by an Engineer –Self Interest, Customs and Religion-Uses of Ethical Theories-Professional Ethics-Types of Inquiry – Engineering and Ethics-Kohlberg’s Theory – Gilligan’s Argument –Heinz’s Dilemma.

### UNIT III : Engineering as Social Experimentation:

Comparison with Standard Experiments – Knowledge gained – Conscientiousness – Relevant Information – Learning from the Past – Engineers as Managers, Consultants, and Leaders – Accountability – Role of Codes – Codes and Experimental Nature of Engineering.

### UNIT IV : Engineers’ Responsibility for Safety and Risk:

Safety and Risk, Concept of Safety – Types of Risks – Voluntary v/s Involuntary Risk- Short term v/s Long term Consequences- Expected Probability- Reversible Effects- Threshold Levels for Risk- Delayed v/s Immediate Risk- Safety and the Engineer – Designing for Safety – Risk-Benefit Analysis-Accidents.

### UNIT V : Engineers’ Responsibilities and Rights:

Collegiality-Techniques for Achieving Collegiality –Two Senses of Loyalty-obligations of Loyalty-misguided Loyalty – professionalism and Loyalty- Professional Rights –Professional Responsibilities – confidential and proprietary information-Conflict of Interest-solving conflict problems – Self-interest, Customs and Religion- Ethical egoism-Collective bargaining-Confidentiality-Acceptance of Bribes/Gifts-when is a Gift and a Bribe-examples of Gifts v/s Bribes-problem solving-interests in other companies-Occupational Crimes-industrial espionage-price fixing-endangering lives- Whistle Blowing-types of whistle blowing-when should it be attempted-preventing whistle blowing.

### UNIT VI : Global Issues:

Globalization- Cross-culture Issues-Environmental Ethics-Computer Ethics-computers as the instrument of Unethical behaviour-computers as the object of Unethical Acts-autonomous computers-computer codes of Ethics-Weapons Development-Ethics and Research-Analysing Ethical Problems in Research-Intellectual Property Rights.

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### Text Books:

1. “Engineering Ethics and Human Values” by M.Govindarajan, S.Natarajan and V.S.SenthilKumar- PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd-2009
2. “Professional Ethics and Morals” by Prof.A.R.Aryasri, Dharanikota Suyodhana-Maruthi Publications
3. “Professional Ethics and Human Values” by A.Alavudeen, R.Kalil Rahman and M.Jayakumaran- Laxmi Publications
4. “Professional Ethics and Human Values” by Prof.D.R.Kiran-
5. “Indian Culture, Values and Professional Ethics” by PSR Murthy-BS Publication
6. “Ethics in Engineering” by Mike W. Martin and Roland Schinzinger – Tata McGraw-Hill – 2003.
7. “Engineering Ethics” by Harris, Pritchard and Rabins, CENGAGE Learning, India Edition, 2009.