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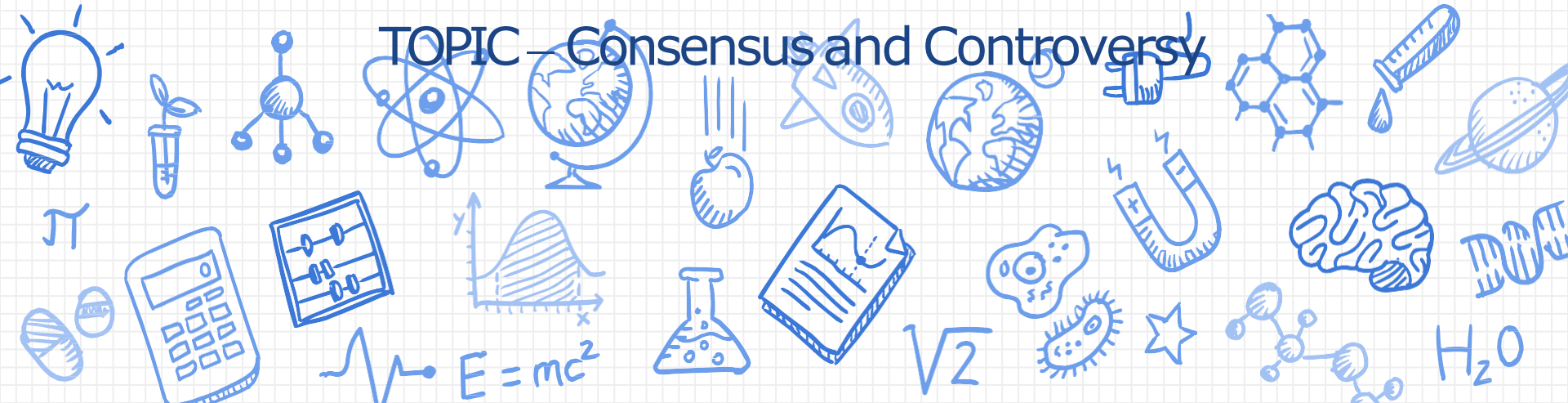
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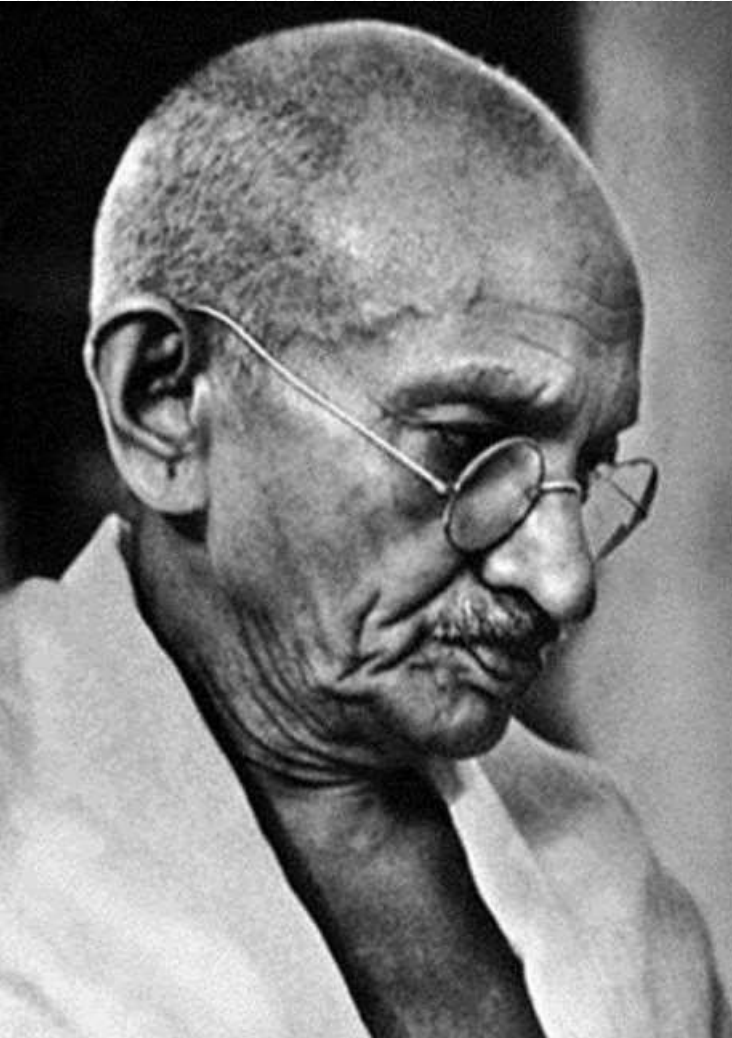
19GET201 – PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND HUMAN VALUES

IV YEAR VII SEM

UNIT 1 – Engineering Ethics

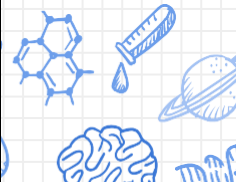
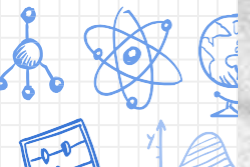
TOPIC – Consensus and Controversy





WHEN A LAW
IS UNJUST,
IT IS ONLY
RIGHT TO
DISOBEY.

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Review

X What is Morality?

X What is Moral Development?

X What is Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development?

X Name any two or three criticism about Kohlberg's Theory

X What is Gilligan's Theory of Moral Development?

X Gilligan Vs Kohlberg

X Care based morality Vs Justice based morality

Consensus & Controversy



Consensus and Controversy

- X Literally, consensus means “agreement” and
- X controversy means “disagreement”
- X When an individual exercise moral autonomy, he may not be able to attain the same results as other people obtain in practicing their moral autonomy
- X Here there might be some differences in the practical application of moral autonomy
- X This kind of controversies i.e., disagreements are inevitable

Consensus and Controversy



X Since exercising moral autonomy is not as precise and clear-cut as arithmetic, therefore the moral disagreements are natural and common

X So in order to allow scope for disagreement, the tolerance is required among individuals with autonomous, reasonable and responsible thinking



Consensus and Controversy

- X According to the principle of tolerance, the objective of teaching and studying engineering ethics is to discover ways of promoting tolerance in the exercise of moral autonomy by engineers
- X Thus the goal of teaching engineering ethics is not merely producing always a unanimous moral conformity
- X it is about finding the proper ways and means for promoting tolerance in the practical applications of moral autonomy by engineers
- X In a way, the goal of courses on engineering ethics and goals of responsible engineering have some similarities. Both situations require the need for some consensus regarding the role of authority

Relationship between autonomy and authority



Autonomy and Authority

- X Moral autonomy and respect for authority are compatible with each other
- X Exercising moral autonomy is based on the moral concern for other people and recognition of good moral reasons
- X Also moral autonomy emphasizes the capabilities and responsibilities of people
- X Authority provides the framework through which learning attitudes are encouraged
- X Sometimes, conflicts will arise between individuals' need for autonomy and the need for consensus about authority
- X This situation can be rescued by having open and frank discussion regarding a moral issue with the help of authority.

In the classroom



X Consider the relationship between autonomy and authority, with reference to a classroom

X In the classroom, the teachers have authority over students

X Authority of the teachers helps in maintaining the dignity and decorum of academic climate in a institution; also in restoring the confidence and respect between teachers and students.



Illustration



Teacher: you don't know basic addition

student: you don't know how to turn on the projector



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XAs per the first point, there should be the acceptance of authority by both the teachers and students, in order to conduct the classes in orderly ways

XWhen the authority is misused, conflicts may arise between autonomy and authority.

XAs per the second point, allowing open discussions between teachers and students can reduce the unhealthy academic atmosphere.

Moral Autonomy



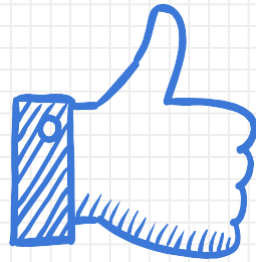
- X Moral Autonomy is the philosophy which is self-governing or self-determining, i.e., acting independently without the influence or distortion of others
- X The moral autonomy relates to the individual ideas whether right or wrong conduct which is independent of ethical issues
- X The concept of moral autonomy helps in improving self-determination
- X Moral Autonomy is concerned with independent attitude of a person related to moral/ethical issues



ASSESSMENT:

**What marks the boundary between practicing Moral
Autonomy and submission to Authority?**





THANKS!

Any questions?