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Case Study 1:

“The experience of the past six decades in our country and elsewhere offers us valuable lessons in curbing corruption. It is generally recognised that monopoly and secretion increase the propensity to corruption while competition and transparency reduce corruption. This has been dramatically witnessed in India in the wake of economic liberalisation. As competition came in and choice expanded, corruption plummeted. Telephones, steel, cement, sugar and even two-wheelers are among the many sectors, which have enhanced supply and choice, reducing or even eliminating corruption. Similarly, wherever technology and transparency have been introduced, corruption has been significantly reduced. Competition and access to services have made many services from railway reservation to issuing of driving licenses increasingly free from corruption”. (Second Administrative Reforms Commission)

(a) How far do you agree with the above observation that e-Governance and LPG reforms have reduced corruption in India? Discuss with suitable examples.

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Q2.

Case Study 2:

Today data is the keystone of everything and it is as widespread as air. Corporates have unhindered access to it. They are usually profit minded and from the days of industrial revolution they have been in conflict with labour justice and environmental security. Now, for commercial interests, rights of all of us are affected by various data-related irregularities done by corporations. They decide what we do, even what we will think, huge manipulation of our choices happens, there are multiple ways of misusing our data. In general, corporate governance standards work to ensure the interests of customers also. Discuss the role of corporate governance standards in ensuring data rights are not violated.

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