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Q1

Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a hand that teaches a skill beats a dole that buys a silence
- **One stand:** cash without a capability is a pause; a hand that stays is a path. Still keep a floor - the hungry cannot wait for a workshop
- Move through welfare, work, dignity, state. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a hand plus a floor, not a sermon against rations

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with grain and a ledger. Stand:** capability over a pause; keep a floor.
- **Headings:** work, dignity, state, counter.

Earn **Ambedkar** once. Peg **MGNREGA** / SHG. Do not insult PDS.

Note

This is a map, not the full 1,000-1,200 word essay.

Anecdote

A widow gets a packet of grain and a lecture. Next door a self-help group teaches a ledger. The packet is a dole. The ledger is a hand. The line prefers the hand - write why, without spitting on the packet.

One stand

- **Lending hands:** skill, a job, a care that walks with. Dole: a transfer that ends at the window. Better: capability. Counter: a dole is sometimes the only justice this week.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Lending hands:** time, a craft, a public that enables.
- **Better than a dole:** ranking two tools, not banning the second.
- **Someone:** the last person, not a mascot.

Welfare / work

- **MGNREGA** as a hand (a day of work) vs a leaky gift.
- SHG, an apprenticeship, a school.

Dignity

- **Ambedkar:** a right is not alms. A dole can still save a life.

State

- A PHC that teaches a mother; a cash DBT that arrives when the PHC is shut.

The counter

Calling food security a 'dole' is an elite sport. A floor (PDS, a pension) is a hand of the republic. The bad dole is a vote-packet that never builds a tap. Keep both: a floor, then a skill.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** packet this week; ledger and tap next. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Ambedkar

Rights, not alms - a hand as a structure.

Gandhi

Production by the masses - a hand, not a packet only.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Work as a public hand.

PDS / NSAP

A floor - do not rename it a sin.

NRLM / SHG

A ledger as a lent hand.

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