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Q2

Quick but steady wins the race.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** speed without a base snaps; a crawl that never starts also loses
- **One stand:** quick-but-steady is a tempo - decide fast, build so it lasts
- Move through reform, exam/self, infrastructure, politics. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a pace that can be lived tomorrow

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a cracked flyover. Stand:** tempo - fast decision, lasting build.
- **Headings:** state, self, infra, counter.

Peg one shock-reform and one delay. Close on a livable pace.

Note

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

Anecdote

A flyover opens before an election and cracks before the next. Quick won the photo. Steady was not invited. The cousin of the tortoise is not slowness as a virtue. It is a speed that does not lie.

One stand

- **Quick:** a decision, a first mile. Steady: maintenance, a consent, a file that survives a CM. Wins the race: development that is still there. Write against both inertia and a stunt.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Quick but steady:** a compound, not two essays.
- **Wins the race:** a public good that lasts; a self that does not burn out.

State

- A reform with a sequence (GST needed a compensation). Shock without a rail is only quick.

Self / exam

- A timetable that is ambitious and sleepable.

Infra / ecology

- A dam, a coastal road - speed that skipped a slope.

The counter

'Steady' can be a career of delay (a clearance that never comes). The poor cannot wait a generation for a tap. Quick is owed to them; steady is owed to the tap's tomorrow.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** open the tap this year; build it so it still runs. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Aesop cousin

Tortoise - then the flyover; do not retell the fable.

Gandhi

Means - a speed that cheats the slope is already a loss.

GST / 2016 shock

Quick vs a rail that was missing.

PMGSY / JJM

A road and a tap - steady as maintenance.

EIA

Steady as a check on a stunt.

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