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Q3

Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a nation's future is poured in rooms where a child learns to think, to wait, to refuse a lie
- **One stand:** classrooms shape destiny when they are equal and alive - not when they are a rank factory
- Move through access, quality, values, republic. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a teacher who is present, not a slogan on a wall

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with 62 children and a register. Stand:** equal, alive rooms - not a rank factory.
- **Headings:** access, quality, values, counter.

Peg **Art. 21A** / ASER. Close on a present teacher.

Note

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

Anecdote

A classroom in a government school has 62 children and one teacher who also fills a midday-meal register. Destiny is being shaped there anyway - just not the destiny on the Independence Day speech. The topic is that room.

One stand

- **Classroom:** pedagogy, a peer, a hidden curriculum of caste. Destiny: skills, a civic temper, who gets to leave the village. Write 21A without a brochure.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Destiny:** economy, a constitution in the bone, a science.
- **Classrooms:** not only CBSE English-medium.
- **Shaped:** slowly, unequally.

Access

- Who is in the room. A girl pulled out. A child with a disability at the gate.

Quality

- **ASER:** in school, not learning. Destiny as a worksheet.

Values / republic

- A textbook war. A morning prayer that excludes. Civics as a drill or a practice.

The counter

Nations are also shaped in a factory, a barracks, a temple, a phone. The classroom is necessary, not sufficient. And a bad classroom can shape a cruel destiny - a clever devil, a 2015 cousin.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** one present teacher, one equal room. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Tagore

A school as a place of the living mind - not a drill.

Ambedkar

Educate - the classroom as a weapon against a birth-rank.

Art. 21A / RTE

The legal room.

ASER / NEP

Learning vs enrolment; a policy cousin.

Kothari

Common school - destiny as a shared room.

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