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Q7

We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** we can dodge a statute; we cannot dodge a river in flood or a body that needs air
- **One stand:** human law is a bargain; natural law here is the stubborn world - ecology, a climate, a biology
- Move through environment, body, economy, hubris. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a limit we cannot notify away

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a clearance and a slide. Stand:** statutes can be gamed; slopes cannot.
- **Headings:** ecology, body, economy, counter.

Peg EIA / a flood. Flag the ethics-homonym. Close on a limit.

Note

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

Anecdote

A builder gets a clearance. The hill still slides. The file was brave. The slope was not impressed. We may game a human law. We cannot resist a natural one for long. The topic is that mismatch.

One stand

- **Human laws:** IPC, an EIA, a tax. Brave: evade, a jugaad, a contempt. Natural laws: gravity, a carrying capacity, an epidemic. Write science, not a mystic Fate.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Human laws:** made, amended, broken.
- **Cannot resist:** consequence that does not take a bribe.
- **Natural:** physical and ecological - not 'natural justice' as a lawyer's cousin unless you flag it.

Ecology / climate

- A floodplain, a glacier, a city that sealed its drains.

Body / epidemic

- A virus that did not read the circular.

Economy

- A resource that ends. A soil that salinises.

The counter

'Natural law' in ethics (Aquinas) is another essay. Here, keep physics. And some 'natural' claims are social prejudice in a lab coat (a caste as biology). Resist those. Do not resist the monsoon.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** obey the slope; fix the file. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Gandhi

Earth provides enough - greed as a human law that fails the natural.

Art. 48A / 51A(g)

Environment as a constitutional ought.

EIA / NGT

Human law trying to host the slope.

IPCC / NDMA

Climate and disaster as stubborn files.

Epidemic Act / bio

A virus as a natural law.

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