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Q7

A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a people that loves its perks more than its rules will lose the perks and the rules
- **One stand:** privilege without principle is a short feast. Principle is the only long privilege
- Move through elite, caste, office, citizen. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a surrendered perk, not a sermon to the poor

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a red light and a queue. Stand:** perk without rule loses both.
- **Headings:** office, caste, citizen, counter.

Earn **Ambedkar** once. Peg **Art. 14**. Close on a surrendered ease.

Note

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

Anecdote

A car with a red light jumps a queue that a Constitution made equal. The light is a privilege. The queue was a principle. When the light is the only politics, both the queue and, later, the light, go. The topic is that bargain.

One stand

- **Privilege:** a quota of ease - a farm loan waived for the loud, a bungalow, a caste exemption from a rule. Principle: a rule that binds the loud too. Write from the top.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Privileges:** ease, a name, a vehicle, a 'contact'.
- **Principles:** equality, a merit that is fair, a tax that is paid.
- **Loses both:** legitimacy first; then the perk in a crash.

Elite / office

- A VIP culture. A regulator captured. A university seat as a family heirloom.

Caste / gender

- **A privilege of birth that calls itself culture. Principle:** **Art. 15-17.**

Citizen

- A subsidy I love more than a working bus. Principle as a public good I underfund.

The counter

The poor's 'privilege' of a ration is not the same as a red light. Do not preach principle to a hungry queue. **Ambedkar**: smash the unearned perk at the top. And some principles (a free press) look like privileges to a strongman.

Last paragraph

- **Close**: drop one perk that breaks a queue. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Ambedkar

Equality as a principle - privilege as a birthright is the enemy.

Lincoln / Acton

One nod: power and a lost soul - then the Indian queue.

Art. 14 / 18

Equality; titles - the republic's dislike of a red light.

RTI / Lokpal

Files that make a perk visible.

Model Code

Elections as a test of privilege vs a rule.

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