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Q3

Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a pocket of poverty can unmake prosperity next door - through disease, migration, a riot, a thin market
- **One stand:** prosperity is not a gated island; it is a public that includes the last person
- Move through city, nation, world. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a floor, not a charity gala

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a wall and a fever. Stand:** prosperity leaks without a floor.
- **Headings:** city, nation, world, counter.

Peg SDG / a **finance commission**. Close on a drain, not a gala.

Note

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

Anecdote

A gated colony hires a guard from a basti that has no drain. The fever comes over the wall anyway. Prosperity that refuses the basti is already leaking. The topic is that threat: poverty anywhere, prosperity everywhere.

One stand

- **Not a sermon that the rich must feel sad. A material claim:** labour, demand, epidemic, legitimacy. Write SDG and **Art. 38** without a brochure.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Poverty:** capability, a wage, a stigma - not only a rupee line.
- **Prosperity:** health, a street that works, a firm that can hire.
- **Anywhere / everywhere:** the spillover.

City

- A slum next to a mall. TB, a flood, a vote.

Nation

- A lagging district that sends labour and takes back a crisis.

- Tax, a GST compensation, a **finance commission** as the plumbing of 'everywhere'.

World

- A pandemic, a refugee, a cheap good made in a fire-trap.

The counter

'Everywhere' can become a moral licence to lecture the poor on grit. **Ambedkar**: a floor first. And some prosperity is extractive; sharing the loot is not the same as ending the loot.

Last paragraph

- **Close**: lower the wall, raise the drain. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

King / UN

Injustice anywhere - the cousin line; then India.

Ambedkar

Social democracy - prosperity as a structure.

Art. 38 / 41

Welfare as a constitutional ought.

SDG 1 / 3 / 10

Poverty, health, inequality - peg once.

Finance Commission

The file that moves money toward 'everywhere'.

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