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Q8

Reality does not conform to the ideal, but confirms it.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** the real world does not copy our poster - but a true ideal shows itself in what actually happens when we try
- **One stand:** ideals are not blueprints of heaven; they are tests. Reality confirms them when a practice works
- Move through constitution, science, personal vow. Keep one honest counter
- Close on an ideal that can survive a file

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a painted wall and two meal lines. Stand:** ideals are tests, not posters.
- **Headings:** republic, science, self, counter.

Peg a scheme that paid vs a slogan. Close on confirmation as practice.

Note

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

Anecdote

A school wall paints 'equality'. The mid-day meal still has two lines. Reality did not copy the paint. Yet a scholarship that actually arrives confirms the ideal in a passbook. The topic is that hard pair: not conformity, confirmation.

One stand

- **Not conform:** the world is stubborn. Confirm: when we act, the ideal either pays rent in a life or it was a poster. Write **Hegel** lightly; write a PHC.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Reality:** a drought, a caste, a budget.
- **Ideal:** fraternity, a net-zero, a vow of truth.
- **Confirms:** a working tap, a court that bites, a vaccine.

Republic

- **Preamble** vs a riot. Confirmation is a conviction, a rebuilt house, a list that includes the last name.

Science

- A hypothesis does not conform to nature; nature confirms or kills it.

Self

- A diet, a lie dropped. The body confirms.

The counter

'Confirmation' can become 'whatever happened was the ideal' - a theodicy of the winner. The line is not that might is right. It is that an ideal unused is unconfirmed. And some ideals (dignity) judge reality even when reality wins the week.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** try the ideal in a file, then read the passbook. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Gandhi

Means as the confirmation of the end.

Ambedkar

A constitution that must work in a village, not only in a book.

Preamble

The ideal - confirmation is a working right.

RCT / trial

Science as confirmation, not conformity.

DBT / tap

A rupee or a litre that arrived - the passbook test.

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