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Q4

Courage to accept and dedication to improve are two keys to success.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** success needs two keys used together - the nerve to admit a fault, and the work of repair
- **One stand:** courage without improvement is theatre; improvement without courage is a cover-up
- Move through self, exam, institution, republic. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a repaired roof, not a confession show

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a ration file. Stand:** both keys, or neither works.
- **Headings:** self, institution, republic, counter.

Peg CAG or a public inquiry. Close on repair.

Note

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

Anecdote

A collector's inquiry names a missing ration. The file can be buried. It can also be read aloud, and a new godown opened. Courage is the reading. Dedication is the godown. The topic is both keys on one ring.

One stand

- **Accept:** see the crack. Improve: mortar. Write against the TV apology and against the silent patch that pretends nothing happened.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Courage to accept:** failure, a caste slight you gave, a policy that did not work.
- **Dedication to improve:** hours, a redesign, a second attempt.
- Success as a repaired thing, not a first-time miracle.

Self

- A failed attempt, a lie caught. Accept; then change the hours.

Institution

- A hospital infection audit. A university that admits a paper mill.
- **ISRO's early failures:** accept telemetry; then fly again.

Republic

- **A truth commission tone without the name:** riots, a leaked exam, a collapsed bridge.
- **CAG, a PAC hearing:** courage in public; improvement in the next budget.

The counter

- **Endless confession without a brick is a career. And 'improve' can mean whitewash.**
- Also:** the powerless are often forced to 'accept' a wrong they did not make. Courage belongs first to the one who holds the file.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** name the crack, then lay one brick. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Gandhi

Error admitted in public - courage as cleanliness of means.

Tagore

Where the mind is without fear - including fear of a true file.

CAG / PAC

Accept in audit; improve in the next grant.

ISRO

Failure as data - dedication as the next window.

Art. 19

The room in which a republic can accept a fault.

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