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Q6

Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** neglect of the first school and the first clinic is a cause of being left behind - not the only cause
- **One stand:** human capital at the bottom is the missing brick; growth without it is a storey on sand
- Move through health, school, gender, federal money. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a PHC and a classroom, not a GDP sermon

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a fever and missed letters. Stand:** first mile as the missing brick.
- **Headings:** health, school, gender, purse, counter.

Peg NFHS / **ASER** / a PHC. Close on capability.

Note

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

Anecdote

A child with a fever sits out another week of class. The fever was cheap to treat. The missed letters will cost a life. The topic names two neglects as reasons - primary health, primary school - for a country's remaining backwardness.

One stand

- **Backwardness here is capability:** years of life, a sentence read, a woman who can choose. Write **Amartya Sen** without a lecture. Keep the counter: elite hospitals and English-medium islands do not disprove the line.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Primary:** the first mile - ASHA, a government school, a mid-day meal that arrives.
- **Neglect:** money, teachers, a closed PHC, a private trap.
- **Reasons:** not the only ones (caste, gender, a colonial hangover) - but load-bearing.

Health

- Immunisation, anaemia, TB, a delivery. NFHS as a mirror.

- Ayushman at the top does not replace the sub-centre.

Education

- **ASER**: a class 5 child who cannot read class 2. That is backwardness with a rank in GDP.

Gender / caste

- The girl pulled out; the Dalit hamlet's school without a teacher. Neglect is not evenly spread.

Federal purse

- 15th Finance, a state that under-spends on health. The Union's flagship vs the last-mile wage.

The counter

East Asia also used land, factories, a trade shock. India is not only two departments. And 'backward' can be a slur. Still: without the first clinic and the first book, every other scheme is a poster.

Last paragraph

- **Close**: fund the boring mile. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Sen / capability

Development as lives people can actually lead.

Gandhi

The last person - a PHC is closer than a metro speech.

National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5)

Anaemia, stunting, a delivery in an institution - the health mirror.

ASER

Reading and arithmetic in government schools - the education mirror.

Art. 21 / 21A / 39

Life, school, health in the Directive Principles' neighbourhood.