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Q1

Wisdom finds truth.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** wisdom is a way of looking that can find what is true - not a pile of cleverness
- **One stand:** truth is found by slowing the eye; information is not wisdom
- Move through self, society, state, science. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a habit of checking, not a halo

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a rumour and a register. Stand:** wisdom finds; it does not dye.
- **Headings:** self, society, state, science, then one counter.

Earn **Gandhi** once. Peg RTI or a court file.

Close on a check, not a quote dump.

Note

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

Anecdote

A rumour reaches a village before the FIR. Ten forwards, one 'source'. The man who walks to the thana and reads the register is not the cleverest in the WhatsApp group. He is the one who finds. Wisdom, here, is that walk.

One stand

Wisdom is the trained patience to find what survives a check. Truth is not a tribe's comfort. Write against both cynicism ('nothing is true') and the dump of quotations.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Wisdom:** judgment, a pause, the nerve to drop a favourite story.
- **Finds truth:** truth is already there - in a body, a river, a file. Wisdom is the finding, not the invention.

Self

- We keep the news that flatters. That is unwisdom.
- **A student who rereads a failed mock:** wisdom as correction.

Society

- Caste rumour, a riot count, a 'community truth'. Wisdom prefers the slower number.
- **Gandhi's experiments:** truth as a method, not a slogan.

State

- RTI, CAG, a court that reads the paper. Boring offices that find.
- A dyed official statistic is unwisdom in khaki.

Science

- A trial, a replication, a climate series. Wisdom as the willingness to be wrong.

The counter

If truth must be 'found', the margin often holds it first - a Dalit woman's FIR, a forest dweller's map. Wisdom is not only the expert. And some 'truths' are values (dignity) we choose to keep, not only facts we measure.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** walk to the register. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Gandhi

Experiments with truth - finding as a practice, not a trophy.

Buddha / Upanishad

Seeing clearly (one nod) - not a sermon.

RTI / CAG

The file as a finding-place when rumour is faster.

Art. 19 / 21

Speech and dignity - rooms in which truth may be spoken.

IPCC / trial

Science as organised finding - replication over a viral clip.