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Q6

There can be no social justice without economic prosperity but economic prosperity without social justice is meaningless.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Two clauses:** no justice without a surplus; surplus without justice is empty
- **One stand:** grow, then share as design - not growth-first-forever, not justice as a slogan on an empty godown
- Move through economy, caste, welfare, ecology. Keep one honest counter
- Close on a full godown with a fair key

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with an empty godown and a locked full one. Stand:** surplus plus a fair key.
- **Headings:** growth, caste as production, welfare, ecology, then one counter.

Earn **Ambedkar** once. Peg NFSA or **1991**.

Close on both clauses every round.

Note

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

Anecdote

A godown with nothing cannot run a ration. A godown with grain and a lock that only one caste can open is a full emptiness. The line is both rooms: prosperity as a condition, justice as the meaning.

One stand

Social justice needs resources and power. Economic prosperity needs legitimacy or it rots. Write the order as a spiral, not as a one-way wait until 'we are rich'.

Heading map

What the line is asking

- **No SJ without prosperity:** schools, hospitals, a wage - someone must produce.
- **Prosperity without SJ meaningless:** a skyline beside a slum is a failure of meaning, not only of PR.
- DPSPs plus growth - the republic's old double brief.

Economy

- **1991** enlarged the godown. The key remains a politics.
- **Peg:** jobs, a Gini we should not fake; talk quality of the road (cousin of journey 2025).

Caste and gender

- Who is allowed to produce, to own, to enter a mill. Justice is also a production function.

Welfare

- **NFSA, a scholarship, a disability pension:** justice that spends the surplus.
- A subsidy captured by the wrong lock.

Ecology

- A prosperity that eats the forest is a desert (cousin of 2024). Justice to the unborn.

The counter

'Wait for growth' has been a farce for those outside the lock. Some justice (a right, a vote, **Art. 17**) cannot wait for a GDP date. And a purely redistributive politics on an empty godown is another cruelty. Hold both clauses in every paragraph.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** fill the godown, copy the key. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Ambedkar

Political democracy without social and economic democracy is incomplete.

Rawls

A surplus that does not improve the least advantaged fails the test - one line.

NFSA / MGNREGA

Justice that spends a godown - and still needs the godown.

1991

A larger godown; the key is still politics.

DPSPs / **Art. 38**

The constitutional double brief - welfare and a just order.