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Q4

**The real is rational and the rational is real.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

**Core demand of the question**

- Name **Hegel's** line - then refuse a jargon paper
- **One stand:** what is actual must answer to reason; what is merely logical must still meet the street
- Move through knowledge, law, history, policy. Keep one honest counter
- Close on reason that can bleed

**Revision summary**

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a whiteboard scheme vs a closed shop. Stand:** facts must justify; ideas must land.
- **Headings:** knowledge, law, history, policy, then one counter.

Earn **Hegel** once (honestly); **Ambedkar** once.

Close on reason that can bleed.

**Note**

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

**Anecdote**

A perfect scheme on a whiteboard does not open a ration shop. A custom 'that has always been' does not become just by lasting. **Hegel's** sentence is a dare: make the real defend itself, and make the rational walk in dust.

**One stand**

- **Do not write a German philosophy paper. Translate:** a republic tests facts with reasons, and tests reasons with facts. Constitutional morality is that habit.

**Heading map****What the line is asking**

- **Real is rational:** the actual order can be understood - and must be justifiable, not only endured.
- **Rational is real:** a good idea wants institutions, a budget, a queue that exists.
- **Risk:** the line has been abused to bless whatever exists (the state as Reason). Name that abuse.

**Knowledge**

- A theory that cannot meet a trial is not yet real. A superstition that 'works' socially is not yet rational.

## Law

- A custom of exclusion is real; it is not therefore right. **Ambedkar** against that Hegelian temptation.
- A beautiful right that never funds a court is rational on paper only.

## History

- 1947's promise vs 2020s' files. The real must keep answering.

## Policy

- **UPI** became real because the rails were. A 'logical' farm law that missed the mandi was not yet real.

## The counter

Grief is real and not a syllogism. Power will call itself Reason (Emergency as logic of order). The scientific doubter and the last person's experience are the checks. Keep a stubborn pain that theory must serve, not absorb.

## Last paragraph

- **Close:** if it exists, make it answer; if it is right, make it exist in a queue. Expand - this is only the map.

## Facts & figures

### Hegel

The real is rational and the rational is real - as commonly given. Translate at once; do not lecture Jena.

### Ambedkar

Constitutional morality - reason against the 'real' of caste.

### Art. 14 / 21

The actual file must answer to equality and dignity.

### UPI

A rational design that became a real rail.

### Emergency warning

When power calls itself Reason - the abuse of the line.