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Just because you have a choice, it does not mean that any of them has to be right.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a menu of options is not a guarantee that one dish is good
- **One stand:** choice is a circumstance; rightness is a test - of harm, of truth, of the last person
- Move through market, democracy, tech, ethics. Keep one honest counter
- Close on judgment, not on the catalogue

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with two wards and no OT. Stand:** a menu is not a right.
- **Headings:** self, market, ballot, tech, office, then one counter.

Earn one line on consent. Peg PDS or DPDP.

Close on designing a good option.

Note

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

Anecdote

A patient is shown two private wards and a corridor. 'You have a choice,' the board says. None of them is a functioning public OT. The line is that corridor: choice without a right option is a kind of cruelty with a brochure.

One stand

Liberal language loves choice. A republic also needs a floor so that a choice is among goods, not among harms. Write against fake menus - and against a nanny that abolishes all menus.

Heading map

What the line is asking

- **Choice:** plurality, consent, a market, a ballot.
- **Right:** true, just, safe, reversible if wrong.
- **Stake:** do not confuse a dropdown with a duty discharged.

Self

- A career menu; a marriage market. More options, same cage (cousin of restrictions/demands).

Markets

- Twenty soaps, one polluted river. Consumer choice as a veil.
- **Peg:** junk food vs a PDS plate - the 'free' choice of the hungry.

Democracy

- Many parties, one money-tree. NOTA as a small honesty.
- A referendum that offers two hatreds.

Tech

- **Privacy settings no one can parse:** a choice designed to fail.
- **DPDP:** consent that must be real.

Ethics of office

- A tender with three related firms. The file says competitive.

The counter

Some choice is itself the right (**Art. 19**, a woman's reproductive autonomy within the law). The line does not restore a single official truth. It asks: is there a good among the goods? If not, design a new option - a public OT - rather than praise the brochure.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** multiply good options; do not advertise a corridor as a menu. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Ambedkar

Political democracy without social democracy is a menu the last person cannot eat.

Sen

Development as freedom - real options, not formal ones.

Art. 19 / 21

Choice that the republic must actually resource - speech, life, a hospital.

DPDP 2023

Consent as a real choice, not a pre-ticked mask.

PDS / public goods

A plate that exists - so the hungry are not 'free' to choose junk or nothing.