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Smile is the chosen vehicle for all ambiguities.

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

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** a smile can carry several meanings - courtesy, fear, diplomacy, a lie
- **One stand:** ambiguity is sometimes mercy, sometimes a mask. Learn to read the mouth with the file
- Move through self, society, state, world. Keep one honest counter
- Close on clarity where rights are at stake

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a clerk's smile that means tomorrow. Stand:** tact vs mask.
- **Headings:** self, hierarchy, office, diplomacy, then one counter.

Earn one literary mention. Peg RTI or a **reasoned order**.

Close on ink where power sits.

Note

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

Anecdote

A clerk smiles when a widow is told to come tomorrow. The smile is not joy. It is the chosen vehicle for a refusal he will not put in a sentence. The line is that vehicle: useful in a drawing room, dangerous in a queue.

One stand

Ambiguity oils life - a joke, a peace talk, a family truce. It also hides a lathi. Write to praise tact and to demand a plain no where power sits.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Smile:** a social technology, not only a mood.
- **Ambiguities:** several truths, or a truth refused.
- Often a **literary line** - do not fake a footnote.

Self

- We smile to keep a room. Sometimes we should not. A false yes is a later flood.

Society

- **Hierarchy:** the weaker smile more. Read who must.
- Festival courtesy vs a communal 'smile' that papers a boycott.

State

- Diplomatic notes, a **Model Code** pause, a judge's reserved smile in court.
- A press briefing that smiles while a number dies. RTI is an unsmiling file.

World

- **A communique that 'notes with concern':** a smile between flags.
- **Trade talks:** ambiguity as a bridge until a tariff is real.

The counter

A child, a defendant, a disaster warning need a sentence, not a smile. Ambiguity is a tool of the strong if the weak cannot decode it. Plain language (a **reasoned order**) is the opposite vehicle - still kind, not blunt for sport.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** smile at the tea, write the refusal in ink. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Literary line

A smile as the vehicle of ambiguity - treat as a given prompt, not a fake citation.

Kautilya

Speech as an instrument - sama before the blow. Ambiguity as statecraft, not as a queue's fate.

RTI 2005

The file without a social smile.

Reasoned order

Administrative law: say the no in sentences the widow can take to a forum.

Model Code

A pause on certain smiles before a poll - ambiguity regulated.

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