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Q6

What do each of the following quotations mean to you in the present context? (a) "The true rule, in determining to embrace, or reject anything, is not whether it has any evil in it; but whether it has more evil than good. There are few things wholly evil or wholly good. Almost everything, especially of governmental policy, is an inseparable compound of the two; so that our best judgement of the preponderance between them is continually demanded. "Abraham Lincoln (b) "Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding." Mahatma Gandhi (c) "Falsehood takes the place of truth when it results in unblemished common good." _ Tirukkural.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS IV · 10 marks · Moral Thinkers and Philosophers

Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Abraham Lincoln on mixed policy

His argument that governmental measures are compounds of good and evil, so judgement of preponderance is continually required.

Gandhi on anger

A repeated teaching that passion, especially anger and intolerance, distorts satya (truth) and ahimsa in public life.

Tirukkural on truth

The Kural's chapters on truthfulness treat honesty as a high virtue; the exam line must be read against that grain, not as a blank licence to lie.

Right to Information Act, 2005

Makes falsehood in records harder to keep as a private craft of claimed public good.

Constitutional floor

Even a lesser-evil policy cannot cross fundamental rights; Lincoln's weighing sits inside that floor in Indian office.

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