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Q3(b)

"State does the greatest harm to mankind by destroying individuality, which lies at the root of all progress." - Mahatma Gandhi. Elucidate

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Hind Swaraj, 1909

Gandhi's critique of modern civilisation and the machinery of the Western state as spiritually impoverishing.

Enlightened anarchy

Gandhi's ideal in which each person rules himself so that the state withers in daily life, even if some government remains among imperfect people.

Satyagraha

Public self-suffering that asserts individuality against unjust law without destroying the opponent's humanity.

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