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Question:

The crisis of ethical values in modern times is traced to a narrow perception of the good life. Discuss.

Answer:

Introduction – Explain with examples narrow perception of the good life

Body – How it is linked to narrow perception of the good life and to other reasons too

Conclusion – How crisis of ethical values is unsustainable

- Ethical values are the ones we make ethical choices based on them. There are many ethical values. Like justice, honesty, empathy, compassion, respect and responsibility. In modern world good life is often equated with achievement of materialistic luxuries. Ends are given more importance than means.
- People think that possession of immense wealth; modern luxuries, etc are the signs of a good life. The sole aim of life has become attainment of personal success, defined in terms as acquisition of money, power and prestige.
- As means are not given importance and ethical values are ignored, corruption, crony capitalism, scams, inequalities, crimes, etc are rising in the society.
- Various values like happiness, peace, contentment, mutual respect, etc. are seen as roadblocks and unnecessary diversions from the high road to material success. Many see good life as one which is risk free, secure, and luxurious and not one which is rich in values.
- Hence a narrow way of good life cannot sustain in the long-run. There is need for the society in general to focus more on the broader aspects of values to lead a better quality life.