

**An Ideal Citizen**  
**Or**  
**Duties of an Ideal Citizen**  
**Or**  
**Citizenship—Rights, and Duties**  
**Or**  
**Rights and Duties go Together**

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**Essay No. 01**

A citizen is a person who lives in a state and is governed by its laws in all matters. An ideal citizen is an asset to a nation. Countries are not good or bad but their citizens make them so. Smugglers, lawbreakers, and people of bad character are also citizens of a country but they cannot be called ideal citizens.

An ideal citizen is every inch a patriot. Citizenship secures for the people a sense of security for their life and property. In a democratic country like India, a citizen enjoys the right of voting in elections to public bodies. He can himself stand as a candidate for election to the municipal committee of his town and legislative bodies of his country. HE can even stand for the office of the president of the country.

A citizen enjoys several other advantages. It is the duty of the state to provide him with employment as far as possible.

A citizen enjoys several facilities. The state provides him with essential services such as transport, right of voting, electricity, hospitals, and schools for the education of his children.

Modern states are welfare states. They are supposed to look after the welfare of the citizens. A citizen can stand up and fight for certain rights.

On the other hand, a citizen has to carry out certain duties and responsibilities. He is expected to obey the laws of his country. He must be loyal to the state. He or she must gladly offer his or her services to the state. In

times of war or a national emergency, a citizen should serve the country in any capacity he is called upon to serve.

Every citizen must support the police and the administration in general in the maintenance of peace. It is also the duty of all citizens to desist from creating disorder by communal riots.

An ideal citizen tries to protect national property. He makes the right use of the facilities provided to him. He tries to maintain communal harmony in the country. He has a secular outlook. He is tolerant towards all faiths. He believes in the principle of peaceful co-existence. 'Live and let live is the guiding principle of his life. He is honest and fair in his dealings. He has a helpful attitude towards his fellow human beings. He refuses to be tempted into corruption or dishonesty. His life is an open book in honesty, diligence, and amiability.

It is the duty of every citizen to be ready to offer his services for public duties. It is the fundamental duty of a citizen to record his vote. A citizen is also expected to take an active part in public affairs. Another duty of a citizen is to pay taxes honestly. If he evades these, the government has the right to realize the taxes by force. An ideal citizen is ideal in his speech, conduct, and writing. He is always ready to lay down his life for the sake of his country. His country is a motherland to him and he loves her from the core of his heart.

The greatness of a country depends not on its material resources, but on its men and women. A nation is great if its citizens are great. A poet has rightly said:

**“Not gold, but only men,  
Can make a nation strong and great;  
Men who for truth and honour’s sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.”**

Essay No. 02

An Ideal Citizen

An ideal citizen is one, who gives utmost importance to his country and countrymen. He thinks about them first and then about himself. He thinks more about his duties than his rights.

An ideal citizen always thinks about the progress of his country. He has full political awareness. He knows what is good for his country and what is bad. He observes all his duties devotedly.

He never forgets to cast his vote. He considers the qualities of her candidate before casting his vote. No greet can compel him to take a wrong decision.

An ideal citizen is above caste, creed, religion, and region. He works to help the poor and the downtrodden.

He is social and shares others' problems. He never considers his personal interests superior to others. He always tries to protect national properties.

He is law-abiding. He pays his taxes honestly. He never encourages nepotism, corruption, dishonesty, favoritism, etc. He never pays or takes bribes. He believes in the law and order of the country.

He is aware of national and international affairs. So, he does everything, he can do for his country.

Essay No. 03

An Ideal Citizen

An ideal citizen is he who understands well both, his rights and his duties. An ideal citizen is always loyal to the country. At the time of national crisis or danger, he is prepared to sacrifice everything for his country. He does his duty without any selfish motive. He is prepared to shed his blood for her sake

An ideal citizen will always respect the right of other citizens. He never forgets that he is but one of the members of the society. He lives not only for himself but for the good of the whole society. He is not guided by personal interests.

A good citizen has great respect for the laws of the society. He has no sympathy with the breakers of law and anti-social elements. He never thinks of taking the law into his own hands. He uses his powers of speaking and writing to get unjust laws reformed. But so long as a law is a law, he has nothing but obedience to it.

An ideal citizen is not an inactive member of the society. He takes a keen interest in national affairs. He realizes the value of his vote and uses it for the good of the country. He never loses hope. He believes that life has a definite purpose. He is not indifferent to what is happening around him. He co-operates with his fellow citizens in promoting the welfare of the society.

An ideal citizen has self-control, common sense, knowledge, and devotion to duty. He is able to understand the real interests of the society. He never tries to

force his will upon others, nor does he feel offended if others do not agree with him. He stands for the rights and welfare of all the citizens and resists injustice and cruelty with all his power.

In short, an ideal citizen contributes his best to establish a better and happier society for every member of it.

Essay No. 04

An Ideal Citizen

A person who discharges his duties towards his nation is called an ideal citizen. He casts his vote on time. He is free from bigotry. He is law-abiding. He is politically conscious and a patriot.

Duties form the most important part of an ideal citizen. A country confers upon its citizen's certain rights and duties. An ideal citizen while making legitimate use of his rights consciously does his duty towards the nation. He is aware that what may be his duty could be someone else's right and vice-versa. A person who insists upon his rights without paying due attention to his duties is not an ideal citizen.

The voting time comes every five years in India. This period may vary in other countries. An ideal citizen makes sure that he votes every time there is an election. He casts his vote according to the merits of the candidate. He makes sure that the candidate cares for the upliftment of the country and is honest, hard-working and free from self-interest.

Bigotry is a disease that does not afflict the ideal citizen. He is above the caste and creed consideration. To him the national interest is paramount. He usually spends most of the time in the national interest. He works for the betterment of the society.

He is a law-abiding citizen. He follows the rules and regulations of the country. He files his tax returns on time. He believes in standing in queues for various public services like ration, tickets, etc. He does not bribe or encourage corruption. He does not show undue favour to people for material gains.

Political consciousness is a part of his personality. He is aware of the affairs of the nation. He supports his country whenever required. He does not support the unlawful acts of the government.

He loves his country and is a patriot. While going about his business he does not ignore the larger national interests. He makes correct use of civic amenities like roads, parks, railway stations, etc. He does not make them dirty or damage them

To conclude an ideal citizen is the one who realizes that any harm done to the country would affect the people. He is aware that in the absence of the country there would not be any citizens.