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Day 27: What are Socrates' greatest achievements in the discipline of ethics and morality? Discuss. (150 words)

Approach

- Start the answer by briefly giving an introduction about Socrates.
- Discuss the major contributions of Socrates in the field of Ethics and Morality.
- Conclude Suitably.

Answer:

Socrates was an ancient Greek philosopher, who was considered as the father of ethics and inquiry. According to his beliefs, one develops ethics through maturity, wisdom and love.

He introduced the concept of teaching ethics and acceptable standards of conduct in 400 B.C. and has had a profound and lasting impact on the course of Western philosophy and history ever since.

Major Contributions of Socrates in the Field of Ethics and Morality:

- **Righteousness:** Socrates believed that people should strive for goodness rather than material interests such as wealth.
- **Better to Suffer an Injustice than to Commit One:** Socrates goes on to say that if you do commit a crime against another, it is better to seek punishment than evade it because punishment will cleanse or purify the spirit.
- **Socratic Debate and Basic Reasoning:** The craft of Socratic debate is associated with basic reasoning because the ability to debate a subject requires considered thought and reasoning.
 - His method of debate was based on long conversations, which were called “dialectic”.
- **Socratic Ethics:** Socrates’ emphasis on morality had a definite aim. He expected philosophy to prompt a change in the state of mind and critical activities of individuals, which would have a wider impact on the world
- **Virtue:** Socrates equated knowledge with virtue, which ultimately leads to ethical conduct.

Socrates observed that “the unexamined life is not worth living”. This quote condensed the essence of Socrates' teachings and its impact over the realm of political philosophy.

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$(document).ready(function(){ $('#accordion button').click(function(){ // $('#accordion
button').css("display","block").next().slideUp(500); $(this).text(function(i, text){ return text === "Show
Answer" ? "Hide Answer" : "Show Answer"; }); // $(this).css("display","none").next().slideToggle(500);
$(this).next().slideToggle(); }); }); $('#sendtoprogress').click(function(e){ var article=$('#article').val();
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g-practice/papers/2022/what-are-socrates-greatest-achievements-discipline-ethics-morality-discuss-gs-
paper-4-theoretical-question/about-us/about-us/general-introduction/print"; $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishtias.com/articles/progress", data:
'article='+article+'&type=2&articletitle='+title+'&url='+encodeURIComponent(url), success:
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').insertAfter( ".content .prog" ); } $('#articlemsg').html('Article has been added in your progress
section'); $('#fixbtn.progress').toggleClass('open'); } else if(data=='already') { $('#articlemsg').html('This
article is already exist in your progress section. '); } else if(data=='login') { $('#articlemsg').html('Please
login to send this article into progress. '); } else { $('#articlemsg').html('Oops! something went wrong,
Please try again'); } }, error: function(error, errortype, errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
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rates-greatest-achievements-discipline-ethics-morality-discuss-gs-paper-4-theoretical-question/about-
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').insertAfter( ".content .bookm" ); } $('#articlemsg').html('Article has been added in your bookmark
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$('#sendtobookmark').addClass('popup'); //$('#articlemsg').html('Please login to send this article into
progress. '); } else { $('#articlemsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error, errortype, errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); }); $(document).ready(function(){ //$('#.video-
slide').slick(); $('#.video-slide').slick({ autoplay: true, arrows: false, dots: false, autoplaySpeed:7000 }); });
function showMessage(){ $("".ui-state-default").on("mouseenter", function() { var dayprefix="";
if(parseInt($(this).text())
= 1) { clearInterval(fadeInInterval); } else { opacity += 0.1; form.style.opacity = opacity; } }, 20); //
Adjust the interval as needed for the desired speed // Add click event listener to document to close form
when clicking outside document.addEventListener("click", closeFormOnClickOutside); } function
closeForm() { var form = document.getElementById("myForm"); var opacity = 1; // Gradually decrease
opacity to 0 var fadeOutInterval = setInterval(function () { if (opacity

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screen_width_resize_before){ //Zoom out if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left =
(screen_width_resize_after-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } } else { //Zoom in

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if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left = (screen_width_resize_after-xx) + 'px'; } else {
box.style.left = x + 'px'; } } var screen_width_resize_before = screen_width_resize_after; });
document.addEventListener('scroll',(event) => { var box_top=parseInt(box.style.top, 10); var
window_height=parseInt(window.innerHeight, 10); if((box_top >= window_height) || (box_top
screen_middle){ box.style.left = (screen_width-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } box.style.top
= (window_height*0.5)+'px'; } }, { passive: true } ); $('float-plus').draggable(); $(".float-
plus").css("position", "fixed"); $(".float-plus").css("z-index", "999"); $(".float-plus").click(function(){
show_social_float_icons(); }); var box = document.getElementById('float-plus'); $(".float-
plus").mousedown(function(){ const body = document.body; box.style.transition = "all 0s ease 0s";
body.style.overflow = "hidden"; body.style.pointerEvents = "auto"; }); $(".float-plus").mouseup(function(){
const body = document.body; body.style.overflow = "auto"; body.style.pointerEvents = "auto";
box.style.transition = "all 1s ease 0s"; var screen_width = window.innerWidth; var screen_width =
parseInt(screen_width, 10) var current_location = box.style.left; var current_location =
parseInt(current_location, 10) var screen_middle = (screen_width/2); var xx = (screen_width*0.04); var x
= (screen_width*0.009); if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left = (screen_width-xx) + 'px'; }
else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } }); // For MOBILE TOUCH - DRAGGABLE
box.addEventListener('touchstart', function(e) { box.style.transition = "all 0s ease 0s"; });
box.addEventListener('touchmove', function(e) { e.preventDefault(); box.style.transform =
"translate(-50%, -50%)"; var touchLocation = e.targetTouches[0]; box.style.left = (touchLocation.pageX-
window.scrollX) + 'px'; box.style.top = (touchLocation.pageY-window.scrollY) + 'px'; });
box.addEventListener('touchend', function(e) { box.style.transition = "all 1s ease 0s"; var screen_width =
screen.width; var screen_width = parseInt(screen_width, 10) var current_location = box.style.left; var
current_location = parseInt(current_location, 10) var screen_middle = (screen_width/2); var xx =
(screen_width*0.05); var x = (screen_width*0.05); if(current_location > screen_middle){ box.style.left =
(screen_width-xx) + 'px'; } else { box.style.left = x + 'px'; } }); function remove_social_float_icons() {
$(".float-fb").animate({ top: "-=8%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-fb" ).hide("slow"); },500);
$(".float-tw").animate({ top: "-=16%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-tw" ).hide("slow"); },500);
$(".float-rs").animate({ top: "-=24%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-rs" ).hide("slow"); },500);
$(".float-ig").animate({ top: "-=32%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-ig" ).hide("slow"); },500);
$(".float-pn").animate({ top: "-=40%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-pn" ).hide("slow"); },500);
$(".float-wp").animate({ top: "-=48%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-wp" ).hide("slow");
},500); var width = (window.innerWidth > 0) ? window.innerWidth : screen.width; if(width >= 700){
$(".float-tg").animate({ top: "-=56%", }, 500 ); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-tg" ).hide("slow"); },500);
} setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-cross" ).hide("slow"); },500); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-plus"
).show("slow"); },500); sessionStorage.setItem("remove_social_icons", "1"); } function
show_social_float_icons(){ setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-plus" ).hide("slow"); },10);
setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-fb" ).show("slow"); },10); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-tw"
).show("slow"); },10); setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-rs" ).show("slow"); },10); setTimeout(function(){ $(".
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window.innerWidth : screen.width; if(width >= 700){ setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-tg" ).show("slow");
},10); } setTimeout(function(){ $(".float-cross" ).show("slow"); },10); $(".float-fb").animate({ top:
"+=8%", }, 500 ); $(".float-tw").animate({ top: "+=16%", }, 600 ); $(".float-rs").animate({ top: "+=24%",
}, 700 ); $(".float-ig").animate({ top: "+=32%", }, 800 ); $(".float-pn").animate({ top: "+=40%", }, 900 );
$(".float-wp").animate({ top: "+=48%", }, 1000 ); if(width >= 700){ $(".float-tg").animate({ top:
"+=56%", }, 1000 ); } sessionStorage.setItem("remove_social_icons", "0"); }
$(document).ready(function(){ var value = sessionStorage.getItem("remove_social_icons"); if(value ==
'1'){ remove_social_float_icons(); } }); // function to close the popup function closePopup() { var modal =
document.getElementById("myModal"); modal.style.display = "none"; } // function to open the popup
function openPopup() { var modal = document.getElementById("myModal"); modal.style.display =
"block"; } // Added the code - If user click on anywhere outside the popup $('body').click(function(e) {
$('#myModal').hide(); }); $('#popclose').on('click',function(e){ $('#myModal').css('display','none'); }); //
automatically open the popup on page load window.onload = openPopup; $(document).ready(function(){
if(screen.width { button.addEventListener('click', btnEvent => { // console.log(button.id); $.ajax({
method: "POST", url: "https://www.drishitias.com/search/", data:{ 'id': button.id, 'search': search },
headers: { 'X-CSRF-TOKEN': $(''[name = "_csrfToken"]').val() }, success: function(result) {
$('body').html(result); }, error: function(error){ console.log(error) } } } }) $(document).ready(function(){
//alert(getCookie('isLogin')); if(getCookie('isLogin')==1) { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','inline-block');
$('#loginLink').css('display','none'); $('#registerLink').css('display','none');
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$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','inline-block'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','none');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','inline-block'); } else { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','none');
$('#loginLink').css('display','inline-block'); $('#registerLink').css('display','inline-block');
$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','none'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','inline-block');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','none'); } }); function getCookie(name) { var match =
document.cookie.match(RegExp("(?:^|;|\\s*)" + name + "=(?:[^;]*)")); return match ? match[1] : null; } var
regex = /^[a-zA-Z0-9_+]+\@([a-zA-Z0-9-]+\.)+([a-zA-Z0-9]{2,4})+$/; var phonex = /^[0-9 ]+$/;
$('#newsletterfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true; var txtname=$('#txtname').val(); var
txtemail=$('#txtemail').val(); $('#nmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove(); if(txtname.trim()=="")
$('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#txtname').removeClass('input-error'); }
if(txtemail.trim()==""){ $('#txtemail').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!regex.test(txtemail)){ $('#txtemail').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtemail').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#newsletterfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({
type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtias.com/pages/newsletterfrm", data: form, success: function(data){
if(data=='already'){ $('#nmsg').html('Email address already in use'); }else if(data=='add'){
$('#nmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter.'); $('#txtname').val("");
$('#txtemail').val(""); }else{ $('#nmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
//$('#nloader').hide(); }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#smsalertfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
var txtmobile=$('#txtmobile').val(); $('#nmmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtmobile.trim()=="") $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtmobile').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#smsalertfrm').serialize();
//$('#nmloader').show(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtias.com/pages/smsalertfrm", data:
form, success: function(data){ if(data=='already'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Phone number already in use');
}else if(data=='add'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our SMS Alerts.');
$('#txtmobile').val(""); }else{ $('#nmmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
//$('#nmloader').hide(); }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype);
//$('#nmloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#subscriptionfrm').submit(function(e){ var
msg=true; var txtname=$('#name').val(); var txtemail=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
txtmobile=$('#phone').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtname.trim()==""){ $('#name').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#name').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtemail.trim()==""){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtmobile.trim()==""){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phone').removeClass('input-error'); }
if($('#dailyupdates').prop("checked") == false && $('#examnewsletter').prop("checked") == false &&
$('#fullnewsletter').prop("checked") == false && $('#sms').prop("checked") == false) {
$('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('No
option selected, please select at least one option.'); msg=false; } if(msg){ $('#loader').css('display','block');
var form=$('#subscriptionfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishtias.com/subscription", data: form, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our
subscription. You will hear from us soon.'); $('#name').val(""); $('#emailaddress').val(""); $('#phone').val("");
}else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error');
$('#contactmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#testseriesfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
var txtname=$('#firstname').val(); var txtemail=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
txtmobile=$('#phonenumber').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtname.trim()==""){ $('#firstname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#firstname').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtemail.trim()==""){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtmobile.trim()==""){
$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){
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$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txnmobile)){
$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phonenumber').removeClass('input-
error'); } if(msg){ $('#loader').css('display','block'); var form=$('#testseriesfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type:
"POST", url: "https://www.drishtiias.com/test-series-registration", data: form, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); //alert(data); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for choosing our test series. You
will get an email and message soon. '); $('#firstname').val(''); $('#lastname').val('');
$('#emailaddress').val(''); $('#phonenumber').val(''); }else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html(data); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#allnotes').click(function(){
$('#fixbtn.notes').removeClass('open'); $('#fixbtn.mynotes').toggleClass('open'); });
$('#mynotes,.notelist').on('click','readmore',function(){ var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid');
$('#note_id').val(noteid); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiias.com/articles/setnote", data:
'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){ if(data){ tinymce.get("mynote").setContent(data);
$('#mynotemsg').html(''); $('#fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went
wrong, Please try again'); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('#notelink').click(function(){ $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiias.com/articles/removenote",
success: function(data){ if(data=='removed'){ $('#note_id').val(''); tinymce.get("mynote").setContent('');
$('#mynotemsg').html(''); $('#fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); $('#fixbtn.mynotes').removeClass('open');
}else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('#mynotes,.notelist').on('click','removenote',function(e){ if(confirm('Are you sure want to remove
note?')) { $('#loader').css('display','block'); var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid'); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishtiias.com/articles/deletenote", data: 'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){
$('#loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='removed'){ $('#note-list #' +noteid+' ,.notelist
#' +noteid).css('display','none'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('#loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype); } }); }
e.preventDefault(); }); $('#commentfile').change(function(){ $('#file-name').text(this.files[0].name); });
$(document).ready(function(){ $('#list-toggle').click(function(){ $('#list-category').toggleClass('active');
$(this).toggleClass('active'); $('#value').text(function(i, text){ return text === "Hide Menu" ? "Show Menu"
: "Hide Menu"; }); }); $('#aside button.close').click(function(){ $('#list-category').toggleClass('active'); $('#list-
toggle').toggleClass('active'); }); $('#fixbtn .btn').click(function(){ $('#fixbtn
.btn').not(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); $(this).parents('.fixbtn').toggleClass('open'); });
$('#fixbtn a.close').click(function(){ $(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); }); $('#note-
btn').click(function(){ $('#fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); }); $('#viewmore a').click(function(){
$('#hide').slideToggle('active'); $(this).text(function(i, text){ return text === "View More" ? "View Less" :
"View More"; }); }); }); $('#learning-program .subheading').click(function(){ $(this).next().slideToggle();
$(this).toggleClass('open'); }); $(document).ready(function(){ $('#a.register-btn').colorbox(); });
$('#interview-slider').slick({ autoplay: true, arrows: false, dots: true });
$('#bookSession').on('click',function(e){ $.ajax({ type: "POST", data: { 'course':
$('#bookSession').data('course') }, url: "https://www.drishtiias.com/book-online-session", success:
function(json){ var obj = JSON.parse(json); if (obj.status==200) { alert(obj.message); } else {
alert(obj.message); window.location.reload(); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){
alert(errortype); } }); e.preventDefault(); }); $('#popup').colorbox({iframe: true, innerWidth: 790,
innerHeight: 530}); if(screen.width = 500) { $("#scroll-top").addClass("show"); } else { $("#scroll-
top").removeClass("show"); } }); function showarchive(year,month,day=null){ // alert('mains-marathon-
daily-answer-writing-practice'); return; var
url='https://www.drishtiias.com/archives+'/'+year+'-'+month+'-'+day; location=url;
//alert(url+'archives/'+year+'/'+month+'/'+dat); }

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