



ON THE RULE OF THE ROAD  
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# Genre: Prose

- ❖ A.G. GARDINER: As an essayist
- ❖ English journalist, editor & author
- ❖ Born: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1865, Chelmsford, Essex, England
- ❖ Prominent Works: *Pillars of society* (1913), *Pebbles on the shore* (1916), *leaves in the wind* (1918), *Sir William Harcourt* (1922), *Certain people of importance* (1926).
- ❖ Under the Pseudonym, *Alpha of the Plough*, regular contribution to the *Daily News*, *The Manchester Evening News* and the *Star*
- ❖ Style: Forceful, Fluent & persuasive style
- ❖ Use of device- Rhetoric, Paradox & anti-climax
- ❖ Insight of the psychologist and the fervor of the moralist
- ❖ Words are the masterpiece of diction & craftsmanship

# ESSAY: ON THE RULE OF THE LAND (KEY POINTS)

## Meaning of liberty:

Relation between individual and social liberty points out a balance between the two—for decent and good living. It is the small matter of conduct, in the observance of the rule of the road that we pass judgment upon ourselves & declare that we are civilized or uncivilized.

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## Messages through examples

- ▶ A story about a stout lady and old lady with the basket down the middle of the street in Petrogard
- ▶ A person may like to practice on the trombone.....
- ▶ A person is free in choice of school to send his child for study
- ▶ A car driver blows his horn noisily

# Critical Appreciation

- ▶ Instructive social Essay
- ▶ Matters of social importance: Liberty, rights, and observance of others
- ▶ Deductive purpose: teach ordinary civilities and rules of conduct to human beings
- ▶ Simple, lucid, conversational style
- ▶ Narration, description and reflection are used
- ▶ Use of humor, metaphor and similes
- ▶ Exquisitely felicitous prose add to the charm of essay

# Important Questions

- ▶ Discuss the importance of rule of the road in the essay of A.G Gardiner
- ▶ A reasonable consideration for the rights and feelings of others is the foundation of the social conduct. Discuss
- ▶ Discuss liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract
- ▶ Critical appreciation of the essay “On the rule of the Land”

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