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UPSC Mains 2015 GS I

Questions only

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Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1 · 12 marks

The ancient civilization in Indian sub continent differed from those of Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece in that its culture and traditions have been preserved without breakdown to the present day. Comment.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/the-ancient-civilization-in-indian-sub-continent-differed-from-those-of-egypt-mesopotamia-and-greece-in-that-its-culture-and-traditions-have-been-preserved-without-breakdown-to-the-present-day-comment/>

Q2 · 12 marks

Mesolithic rock cut architecture of India not only reflects the cultural life of the times but also a fine aesthetic sense comparable to modern painting. Critically evaluate this comment.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/mesolithic-rock-cut-architecture-of-india-not-only-reflects-the-cultural-life-of-the-times-but-also-a-fine-aesthetic-sense-comparable-to-modern-painting-critically-evaluate-this-comment/>

Q3 · 12 marks

How difficult would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi?

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/how-difficult-would-have-been-the-achievement-of-indian-independence-without-mahatma-gandhi/>

Q4 · 12 marks

Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

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Q5 · 12 marks

It would have been difficult for the Constituent Assembly to complete its historic task of drafting the Constitution for Independent India in just three years, but its experience gained with the Government of India Act, 1935 .Discuss.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/it-would-have-been-difficult-for-the-constituent-assembly-to-complete-its-historic-task-of-drafting-the-constitution-for-independent-india-in-just-three-years-but-its-experience-gained-with-the-government-of-india-act/>

Q6 · 12 marks

Why did the industrial revolution first occur in England? Discuss the quality of life of the people there during the industrialization. How does it compare with that in India at present times?

Topic · History of the World

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/why-did-the-industrial-revolution-first-occur-in-england-discuss-the-quality-of-life-of-the-people-there-during-the-industrialization-how-does-it-compare-with-that-in-india-at-present-times/>

Q7 · 12 marks

To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically.

Topic · History of the World

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/to-what-extend-can-germany-be-held-responsible-for-causing-the-two-world-wars-discuss-critically/>

Q8 · 12 marks

Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/describe-any-four-cultural-elements-of-diversity-in-india-and-rate-their-relative-significance-in-building-a-national-identity/>

Q9 · 12 marks

Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the mains cause of population increase in India.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/critically-examine-whether-growing-population-is-the-cause-of-poverty-or-poverty-is-the-mains-cause-of-population-increase-in-india/>

Q10 · 12 marks

How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in Tribes in India is more favourable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes?

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/how-do-you-explain-the-statistics-that-show-that-the-sex-ratio-in-tribes-in-india-is-more-favourable-to-women-than-the-sex-ratio-among-scheduled-castes/>

Q11 · 12 marks

Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/discuss-the-changes-in-the-trends-of-labour-migration-within-and-outside-india-in-the-last-four-decades/>

Q12 · 12 marks

Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India?

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/discuss-the-positive-and-negative-effects-of-globalization-on-women-in-india/>

Q13 · 12 marks

Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/debate-the-issue-whether-and-how-contemporary-movements-for-assertion-of-dalit-identity-work-towards-annihilation-of-caste/>

Q14 · 12 marks

Explain the factors responsible for the origin of ocean currents. How do they influence regional climates, fishing and navigation?

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

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Q15 · 12 marks

Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata are the three Mega cities of the country but the air pollution is much more serious problem in Delhi as compared to the other two. Why is this so?

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/mumbai-delhi-and-kolkata-are-the-three-mega-cities-of-the-country-but-the-air-pollution-is-much-more-serious-problem-in-delhi-as-compared-to-the-other-two-why-is-this-so/>

Q16 · 12 marks

India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/india-is-well-endowed-with-fresh-water-resources-critically-examine-why-it-still-suffers-from-water-scarcity/>

Q17 · 12 marks

The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are reaching the limits of ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/the-states-of-jammu-and-kashmir-himachal-pradesh-and-uttarakhand-are-reaching-the-limits-of-ecological-carrying-capacity-due-to-tourism-critically-evaluate/>

Q18 · 12 marks

How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/how-far-do-you-agree-that-the-behaviour-of-the-indian-monsoon-has-been-changing-due-to-humanizing-landscape-discuss/>

Q19 · 12 marks

Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/smart-cities-in-india-cannot-sustain-without-smart-villages-discuss-this-statement-in-the-backdrop-of-rural-urban-integration/>

Q20 · 12 marks

What are the economic significance of discovery of oil in Arctic Sea and its possible environmental consequences?

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2015/what-are-the-economic-significance-of-discovery-of-oil-in-arctic-sea-and-its-possible-environmental-consequences/>

Compiled answer key

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