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UPSC Mains 2016 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

Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives, successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate.

Topic • Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/early-buddhist-stupa-art-while-depicting-folk-motifs-and-narratives-successfully-expounds-buddhist-ideals-elucidate/>

Q2 • 12 marks

Krishnadeva Raya, the king of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss.

Topic • Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/krishnadeva-raya-the-king-of-vijayanagar-was-not-only-an-accomplished-scholar-himself-but-was-a-great-patron-of-learning-and-literature-discuss/>

Q3 • 12 marks

Explain how the upraising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.

Topic • The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/explain-how-the-upraising-of-1857-constitutes-an-important-watershed-in-the-evolution-of-british-policies-towards-colonial-india/>

Q4 • 12 marks

Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.

Topic • The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/discuss-the-role-of-women-in-the-freedom-struggle-especially-during-the-gandhian-phase/>

Q5 • 12 marks

Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/highlight-the-differences-in-the-approach-of-subhash-chandra-bose-and-mahatma-gandhi-in-the-struggle-for-freedom/>

Q6 • 12 marks

Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity?

Topic · Post-independence Consolidation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/has-the-formation-of-linguistic-states-strengthened-the-cause-of-indian-unity/>

Q7 • 12 marks

The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine.

Topic · History of the World

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/the-anti-colonial-struggles-in-west-africa-were-led-by-the-new-elite-of-western-educated-africans-examine/>

Q8 • 12 marks

To what extent globalisation has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.

Topic · Globalisation and Indian Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/to-what-extent-globalisation-has-influenced-the-core-of-cultural-diversity-in-india-explain/>

Q9 • 12 marks

"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/an-essential-condition-to-eradicate-poverty-is-to-liberate-the-poor-from-the-process-of-deprivation-substantiate-this-statement-with-suitable-examples/>

Q10 • 12 marks

Why are the tribals in India referred to as 'the Scheduled Tribes'? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/why-are-the-tribals-in-india-referred-to-as-the-scheduled-tribes-indicate-the-major-provisions-enshrined-in-the-constitution-of-india-for-their-upliftment/>

Q11 · 12 marks

With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.'

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/with-a-brief-background-of-quality-of-urban-life-in-india-introduce-the-objectives-and-strategy-of-the-smart-city-programme/>

Q12 · 12 marks

What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/what-is-the-basis-of-regionalism-is-it-that-un-equal-distribution-of-benefits-of-development-on-regional-basis-eventually-promotes-regionalism-substantiate-your-answer/>

Q13 · 12 marks

Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/discuss-the-concept-of-air-mass-and-explain-its-role-in-macro-climatic-changes/>

Q14 · 12 marks

"The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/the-himalayas-are-highly-prone-to-landslides-discuss-the-causes-and-suggest-suitable-measures-of-mitigation/>

Q15 · 12 marks

The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/the-effective-management-of-land-and-water-resources-will-drastically-reduce-the-human-miseries-explain/>

Q16 · 12 marks

South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/south-china-sea-has-assumed-great-geopolitical-significance-in-the-present-context-comment/>

Q17 · 12 marks

Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/major-cities-of-india-are-becoming-vulnerable-to-flood-conditions-discuss/>

Q18 · 12 marks

Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/present-an-account-of-the-indus-water-treaty-and-examine-its-ecological-economic-and-political-implications-in-the-context-of-changing-bilateral-relations/>

Q19 · 12 marks

Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/enumerate-the-problems-and-prospects-of-inland-water-transport-in-india/>

Q20 · 12 marks

In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India?

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2016/in-what-way-micro-watershed-development-projects-help-in-water-conservation-in-drought-prone-and-semi-arid-regions-of-india/>

Compiled answer key

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