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UPSC Mains 2017 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 · 10 marks

How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times?

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/how-do-you-justify-the-view-that-the-level-of-excellence-of-the-gupta-numismatic-art-is-not-at-all-noticeable-in-later-times/>

Q2 · 10 marks

Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/clarify-how-mid-eighteenth-century-india-wa-s-beset-with-the-spectre-of-a-fragmented-polity/>

Q3 · 10 marks

Why did the 'Moderates' failed to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century?

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/why-did-the-moderates-failed-to-carry-conviction-with-the-nation-about-their-proclaimed-ideology-and-political-goals-by-the-end-of-the-nineteenth-century/>

Q4 · 10 marks

What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula?

Topic · History of the World

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/what-problems-are-germane-to-the-decolonization-process-in-the-malay-peninsula/>

Q5 • 10 marks

How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth?

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/how-does-the-juno-mission-of-nasa-help-to-understand-the-origin-and-evolution-of-the-earth/>

Q6 • 10 marks

"In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/in-spite-of-adverse-environmental-impact-coal-mining-is-still-inevitable-for-development-discuss/>

Q7 • 10 marks

Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/mention-the-advantages-of-the-cultivation-of-pulses-because-of-which-the-year-2016-was-declared-as-the-international-year-of-pulses-by-united-nations/>

Q8 • 10 marks

How does the cryosphere affect global climate?

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/how-does-the-cryosphere-affect-global-climate/>

Q9 • 10 marks

In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/in-the-context-of-the-diversity-of-india-can-it-be-said-that-the-regions-form-cultural-units-rather-than-the-states-give-reasons-with-examples-for-your-view-point/>

Q10 • 10 marks

What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (250 words).

Topic · Post-independence Consolidation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/what-are-the-two-major-legal-initiatives-by-the-state-since-independence-addressing-discrimination-against-scheduled-tribes-sts-250-words/>

Q11 · 15 marks

The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present.

Elaborate. (250 words).

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/the-spirit-of-tolerance-and-love-is-not-only-a-n-interesting-feature-of-indian-society-from-very-early-times-but-it-is-also-playing-an-important-part-at-the-present-elaborate-250-words/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words).

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/examine-how-the-decline-of-traditional-artisanal-industry-in-colonial-india-crippled-the-rural-economy-250-words/>

Q13 · 15 marks

Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century. (250 words).

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/highlight-the-importance-of-the-new-objectives-that-got-added-to-the-vision-of-indian-independence-since-the-twenties-of-the-last-century-250-words/>

Q14 · 15 marks

Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects. (250 words).

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/account-for-variations-in-oceanic-salinity-and-discuss-its-multi-dimensional-effects-250-words/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words).

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/petroleum-refineries-are-not-necessarily-located-nearer-to-crude-oil-producing-areas-particularly-in-many-of-the-developing-countries-explain-its-implications-250-words/>

Q16 · 15 marks

In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India? (250 words).

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/in-what-way-can-floods-be-converted-into-a-sustainable-source-of-irrigation-and-all-weather-inland-navigation-in-india-250-words/>

Q17 · 15 marks

What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia? (250 words).

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/what-characteristics-can-be-assigned-to-monsoon-climate-that-succeeds-in-feeding-more-than-50-percent-of-the-world-population-residing-in-monsoon-asia-250-words/>

Q18 · 15 marks

The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period? (250 words).

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/the-womens-questions-arose-in-modern-india-as-a-part-of-the-19th-century-social-reform-movement-what-are-the-major-issues-and-debates-concerning-women-in-that-period-250-words/>

Q19 · 15 marks

Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words).

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/distinguish-between-religiousness-religiosity-and-communalism-giving-one-example-of-how-the-former-has-got-transformed-into-the-latter-in-independent-india-250-words/>

Q20 · 15 marks

"The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems". Substantiate this statement with examples (250 words).

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2017/the-growth-of-cities-as-i-t-hubs-has-opened-up-new-avenues-of-employment-but-has-also-created-new-problems-substantiate-this-statement-with-examples-250-words/>

Compiled answer key

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Q9 10 marks	Q10 10 marks	Q11 15 marks	Q12 15 marks
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Question-wise key

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