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UPSC Mains 2018 GS I

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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

Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment.

Topic • Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/safeguarding-the-indian-art-heritage-is-the-need-of-the-moment-comment/>

Q2 • 10 marks

Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.

Topic • World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/assess-the-importance-of-the-accounts-of-the-chinese-and-arab-travellers-in-the-reconstruction-of-the-history-of-india/>

Q3 • 10 marks

Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.

Topic • The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/throw-light-on-the-significance-of-the-thoughts-of-mahatma-gandhi-in-the-present-times/>

Q4 • 10 marks

Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?

Topic • World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/why-is-indian-regional-navigational-satellite-system-irNSS-needed-how-does-it-help-in-navigation/>

Q5 · 10 marks

Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/why-is-india-taking-keen-interest-in-the-arctic-region/>

Q6 · 10 marks

Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/define-mantle-plume-and-explain-its-role-in-plate-tectonics/>

Q7 · 10 marks

What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem?

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/what-are-the-consequences-of-spreading-of-dead-zones-on-marine-ecosystem/>

Q8 · 10 marks

"Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/caste-system-is-assuming-new-identities-and-associational-forms-hence-caste-system-cannot-be-eradicated-in-india-comment/>

Q9 · 10 marks

'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/despite-implementation-of-various-programmes-for-eradication-of-poverty-by-the-government-in-india-poverty-is-still-existing-explain-by-giving-reasons/>

Q10 · 10 marks

How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/how-the-indian-concept-of-secularism-different-from-the-western-model-of-secularism-discuss/>

Q11 · 15 marks

The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/the-bhakti-movement-received-a-remarkable-re-orientation-with-the-advent-of-sri-chaitanya-mahaprabhu-discuss/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/discuss-whether-formation-of-new-states-in-recent-times-is-beneficial-or-not-for-the-economy-of-india/>

Q13 · 15 marks

Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?

Topic · Modern Indian History

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/why-indentured-labour-was-taken-by-the-british-from-india-to-their-colonies-have-they-been-able-to-preserve-their-cultural-identity-over-there/>

Q14 · 15 marks

"The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas?

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/the-ideal-solution-of-depleting-ground-water-resources-in-india-is-water-harvesting-system-how-can-it-be-made-effective-in-urban-areas/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/defining-blue-revolution-explain-the-problems-and-strategies-for-pisciculture-development-in-india/>

Q16 · 15 marks

What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/what-is-the-significance-of-industrial-corridors-in-india-identifying-industrial-corridors-explain-their-main-characteristics/>

Q17 · 15 marks

Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/mention-core-strategies-for-the-transformation-of-aspirational-districts-in-india-and-explain-the-nature-of-convergence-collaboration-and-competition-for-its-success/>

Q18 · 15 marks

'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/womens-movement-in-india-has-not-addressed-the-issues-of-women-of-lower-social-strata-substantiate-your-view/>

Q19 · 15 marks

'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.

Topic · Globalisation and Indian Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/globalisation-is-generally-said-to-promote-cultural-homogenisation-but-due-to-this-cultural-specificities-appear-to-be-strengthened-in-the-indian-society-elucidate/>

Q20 · 15 marks

'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2018/communalism-arises-either-due-to-power-struggle-or-relative-deprivation-argue-by-giving-suitable-illustrations/>

Compiled answer key

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