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UPSC Mains 2020 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

The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss.

Topic • Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/the-rock-cut-architecture-represents-one-of-the-most-important-sources-of-our-knowledge-of-early-indian-art-and-history-discuss/>

Q2 • 10 marks

Pala period is the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India. Enumerate.

Topic • Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/pala-period-is-the-most-significant-phase-in-the-history-of-buddhism-in-india-enumerate/>

Q3 • 10 marks

Evaluate the policies of Lord Curzon and their long term implications on the national movements.

Topic • The Freedom Struggle

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/evaluate-the-policies-of-lord-curzon-and-their-long-term-implications-on-the-national-movements/>

Q4 • 10 marks

Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum- Pacific Zone.

Topic • World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/discuss-the-geophysical-characteristics-of-circum-pacific-zone/>

Q5 • 10 marks

The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/the-process-of-desertification-does-not-have-climate-boundaries-justify-with-examples/>

Q6 • 10 marks

How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far- reaching impact on the water resources of India?

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/how-will-the-melting-of-himalayan-glaciers-have-a-far-reaching-impact-on-the-water-resources-of-india/>

Q7 • 10 marks

Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/account-for-the-present-location-of-iron-and-steel-industries-away-from-the-source-of-raw-material-by-giving-examples/>

Q8 • 10 marks

Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi- cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/has-caste-lost-its-relevance-in-understanding-the-multi-cultural-indian-society-elaborate-your-answer-with-illustrations/>

Q9 • 10 marks

COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/covid-19-pandemic-accelerated-class-inequalities-and-poverty-in-india-comment/>

Q10 • 10 marks

Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/do-you-agree-that-regionalism-in-india-appears-to-be-a-consequence-of-rising-cultural-assertiveness-argue/>

Q11 · 15 marks

Indian Philosophy and tradition played a significant role in conceiving and shaping the monuments and their art in India. Discuss.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/indian-philosophy-and-tradition-played-a-significant-role-in-conceiving-and-shaping-the-monuments-and-their-art-in-india-discuss/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Persian literary sources of medieval India reflect the spirit of the age. Comment.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/persian-literary-sources-of-medieval-india-reflect-the-spirit-of-the-age-comment/>

Q13 · 15 marks

Since the decade of the 1920s, the national movement acquired various ideological strands and thereby expanded its social base. Discuss.

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

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Q14 · 15 marks

The interlinking of revivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional inter-related problems of droughts, floods and interrupted navigation. Critically examine.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

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Q15 · 15 marks

Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

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Q16 · 15 marks

India has immense potential of solar energy though there are regional variations in its developments. Elaborate.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q17 · 15 marks

Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/examine-the-status-of-forest-resources-of-india-and-its-resultant-impact-on-climate-change/>

Q18 · 15 marks

Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.

Topic · Globalisation and Indian Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/is-diversity-and-pluralism-in-india-under-threat-due-to-globalisation-justify-your-answer/>

Q19 · 15 marks

Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?

Topic · World's Physical Geography

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-1/2020/customs-and-traditions-suppress-reason-leading-to-obscurantism-do-you-agree/>

Q20 · 15 marks

How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Compiled answer key

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