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Questions only**UPSC Mains 2026 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

Analyze the importance of Ashokan inscriptions for reconstructing Mauryan history.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

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Q2 · 10 marks

Discuss the impact of Macaulay's Minute on colonial administration and education in India.

Topic · Modern Indian History

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Q3 · 10 marks

The significance of the Gandhian movements lay in the masses they mobilized. Elucidate.

Topic · The Freedom Struggle

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Q4 · 10 marks

What is the Fujiwhara effect? Explain its impact on the movement and intensity of tropical cyclones.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

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Q5 · 10 marks

"Tundra regions are ecologically fragile but economically important." Examine this statement critically.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q6 · 10 marks

Discuss the role of aeolian processes in desertification and land degradation.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q7 · 10 marks

"Water resources are both an asset and a source of conflict in South Asia." Examine this statement giving examples.

Topic · Natural Resources and Industries

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Q8 · 10 marks

Unity in diversity remains the defining feature of Indian society despite the challenges from communalism and regionalism. Comment.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

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Q9 · 10 marks

How do you understand disability? Substantiate the need for inclusive policy framework in India in this regard.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

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Q10 · 10 marks

Do you think digital technology promotes social empowerment? Explain with examples.

Topic · Social Empowerment, Communalism and Secularism

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Q11 · 15 marks

Vijayanagara architecture exemplifies the amalgamation of past traditions with contemporary practices. Elucidate with examples.

Topic · Indian Heritage and Culture

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Q12 · 15 marks

Linguistic reorganization of Indian States was driven by popular pressure from below. Comment.

Topic · Post-independence Consolidation

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Q13 · 15 marks

The model of planned economy was adopted in India to address the regional imbalances left behind by colonial rule. Comment.

Topic · Modern Indian History

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Q14 · 15 marks

Compare the Loo, Chinook and Foehn winds with respect to their regions of prevalence, their nature and climatic impacts.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q15 · 15 marks

Analyze the role of satellite-based technologies in achieving climate-smart agriculture and food security in India.

Topic · Geophysical Phenomena

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Q16 · 15 marks

"The centre of global trade is gradually shifting from the Atlantic region to the Indo-Pacific region." Examine this statement.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q17 · 15 marks

Analyze the major drivers of human-induced land-use changes in India and their geographical consequences.

Topic · World's Physical Geography

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Q18 · 15 marks

Is caste disappearing in urban India? Illustrate your answer with examples.

Topic · Women, Population and Urbanisation

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Q19 · 15 marks

Critically examine the challenges of demographic transition in contemporary India.

Topic · Indian Society and Diversity

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Q20 · 15 marks

Evaluate the impact of globalization on Indian youths with reference to social, political, economic and cultural spheres.

Topic · Globalisation and Indian Society

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Compiled answer key

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Question-wise key

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