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UPSC Mains 2015 GS II

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

Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting for its citizen a uniform civil code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy.

Topic · Transparency and e-Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/discuss-the-possible-factors-that-inhibit-india-from-enacting-for-its-citizen-a-uniform-civil-code-as-provided-for-in-the-directive-principles-of-state-policy/>

Q2 · 12 marks

The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasised in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings.

Topic · Federal Structure and Devolution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/the-concept-of-cooperative-federalism-has-been-increasingly-emphasised-in-recent-years-highlight-the-drawbacks-in-the-existing-structure-and-extent-to-which-cooperative-federalism-would-answer-the-shortcomings/>

Q3 · 12 marks

In the absence of well - educated and organised local level government system, Panchayats and Samitis have remained mainly political institutions and not effective instrument of governance. Critically Discuss.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/in-the-absence-of-well-educated-and-organised-local-level-government-system-panchayats-and-samitis-have-remained-mainly-political-institutions-and-not-effective-instrument-of-governance-critically-discuss/>

Q4 • 12 marks

Khap panchayats have been in the news for functioning as extra - constitutional authorities, often delivering pronouncements amounting to human right violations. Discuss critically the actions taken by the legislative, executive and judiciary to set the things right in this regard.

Topic · Federal Structure and Devolution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/khap-panchayats-have-been-in-the-news-for-functioning-as-extra-constitutional-authorities-often-delivering-pronouncements-amounting-to-human-right-violations-discuss-critically-the-actions-taken-by-the-legislative/>

Q5 • 12 marks

Resorting to ordinances has always raised concern on violation of the spirit of separation of power doctrine. While noting the rationales justifying the power to promulgate, analyse whether the decision of the Supreme Court on the issue have further facilitated to resorting to this power. Should the power to promulgate the ordinances be repealed?

Topic · Separation of Powers

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/resorting-to-ordinances-has-always-raised-concern-on-violation-of-the-spirit-of-separation-of-power-doctrine-while-noting-the-rationales-justifying-the-power-to-promulgate-analyse-whether-the-decision-of-the-supreme/>

Q6 • 12 marks

What are the major changes brought in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1966 through the recent ordinance promulgated by the President? How far will it improve India's dispute resolution mechanism? Discuss.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/what-are-the-major-changes-brought-in-the-arbitration-and-conciliation-act-1966-through-the-recent-ordinance-promulgated-by-the-president-how-far-will-it-improve-indias-dispute-resolution-mechanism-discuss/>

Q7 • 12 marks

Does the right to clean environment entail legal regulation on burning crackers during Diwali? Discuss in the light of Article 21 of Indian Constitution and judgements of the apex in this regard.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/does-the-right-to-clean-environment-entail-legal-regulation-on-burning-crackers-during-diwali-discuss-in-the-light-of-article-21-of-indian-constitution-and-judgements-of-the-apex-in-this-regard/>

Q8 • 12 marks

Examine critically the recent changes in the rule governing foreign funding of NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/examine-critically-the-recent-changes-in-the-rule-governing-foreign-funding-of-ngos-under-the-foreign-contribution-regulation-act-fcra-1976/>

Q9 · 12 marks

The Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Program (SBLP), which is India's own innovation, has proved to be one of the most effective poverty alleviation and women empowerment programme. Elucidate.

Topic · Development Processes and NGOs

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/the-self-help-group-shg-bank-linkage-program-sblp-which-is-indias-own-innovation-has-proved-to-be-one-of-the-most-effective-poverty-alleviation-and-women-empowerment-programme-elucidate/>

Q10 · 12 marks

How can be the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to protection of the Environment? Discuss throwing light on the major constraints.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/how-can-be-the-role-of-ngos-be-strengthened-in-india-for-development-works-relating-to-protection-of-the-environment-discuss-throwing-light-on-the-major-constraints/>

Q11 · 12 marks

The quality of higher education in India requires major improvement to make it internationally competitive. Do you think that the entry of foreign educational institutions would help improve the quality of technical and higher education in the country. Discuss.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/the-quality-of-higher-education-in-india-requires-major-improvement-to-make-it-internationally-competitive-do-you-think-that-the-entry-of-foreign-educational-institutions-would-help-improve-the-quality-of-technical-and-higher-education-in-the-country-discuss/>

Q12 · 12 marks

Public health system has limitation in providing universal health coverage. Do you think that private sector can help in bridging the gap? What other viable alternatives do you suggest?

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/public-health-system-has-limitation-in-providing-universal-health-coverage-do-you-think-that-private-sector-can-help-in-bridging-the-gap-what-other-viable-alternatives-do-you-suggest/>

Q13 · 12 marks

Though there have been several different estimates of poverty in India, all indicate reduction in poverty over time. Do you agree. Critically examine with reference to urban and rural poverty indicators.

Topic · Poverty and Hunger

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/though-there-have-been-several-different-estimates-of-poverty-in-india-all-indicate-reduction-in-poverty-over-time-do-you-agree-critically-examine-with-reference-to-urban-and-rural-poverty-indicators/>

Q14 · 12 marks

In the light of Satyam Scandal (2009), discuss the changes brought in the corporate governance to ensure transparency and accountability.

Topic · Transparency and e-Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/in-the-light-of-satyam-scandal-2009-discuss-the-changes-brought-in-the-corporate-governance-to-ensure-transparency-and-accountability/>

Q15 · 12 marks

If amendment bill to the Whistleblowers Protection Act 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there maybe no on left to protect. Critically Evaluate.

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/if-amendment-bill-to-the-whistleblowers-protection-act-2011-tabled-in-the-parliament-is-passed-there-maybe-no-on-left-to-protect-critically-evaluate/>

Q16 · 12 marks

For achieving the desired objectives, it is necessary to ensure that the regulatory institutions remain independent and autonomous. Discuss in the light of experiences in recent past.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/for-achieving-the-desired-objectives-it-is-necessary-to-ensure-that-the-regulatory-institutions-remain-independent-and-autonomous-discuss-in-the-light-of-experiences-in-recent-past/>

Q17 · 12 marks

Increasing interest of India in Africa has its pro and cons. Critically Examine.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/increasing-interest-of-india-in-africa-has-its-pro-and-cons-critically-examine/>

Q18 · 12 marks

Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UNSC.

Topic · International Institutions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/discuss-the-impediments-india-is-facing-in-its-pursuit-of-a-permanent-seat-in-unscl/>

Q19 · 12 marks

Project 'Mausam' is considered a unique foreign policy initiative of Indian government to improve relationship with its neighbours. Does the project have a strategic dimension? Discuss.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/project-mausam-is-considered-a-unique-foreign-policy-initiative-of-indian-government-to-improve-relationship-with-its-neighbours-does-the-project-have-a-strategic-dimension-discuss/>

Q20 · 12 marks

Terrorist activities and mutual distrust have clouded India - Pakistan relations. To what extent the use of soft power like sports and cultural exchange could help generate goodwill between the two countries. Discuss with suitable examples.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2015/terrorist-activities-and-mutual-distrust-have-clouded-india-pakistan-relations-to-what-extent-the-use-of-soft-power-like-sports-and-cultural-exchange-could-help-generate-goodwill-between-the-two-countries-discuss-with/>

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Compiled answer key

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