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UPSC Mains 2016 GS II

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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 essentials of the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act and anomalies, if any, that have led to recent reported conflicts between the elected representatives and the institution of the Lieutenant Governor in the administration of Delhi. Do you think that this will give rise to a new trend in the functioning of the Indian federal politics?

Topic • Federal Structure and Devolution

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Q2 • 12 marks

To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note "temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir", temporary? Discuss the future prospects of this provision in the context of Indian polity.

Topic • Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/to-what-extent-is-article-370-of-the-indian-constitution-bearing-marginal-note-temporary-provision-with-respect-to-the-state-of-jammu-and-kashmir-temporary-discuss-the-future-prospects-of-this-provision-in-the-context-of/>

Q3 • 12 marks

"The Indian party system is passing through a phase of transition which looks to be full of contradictions and paradoxes." Discuss.

Topic • Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/the-indian-party-system-is-passing-through-a-phase-of-transition-which-looks-to-be-full-of-contradictions-and-paradoxes-discuss/>

Q4 • 12 marks

Exercise of CAG's powers in relation to the accounts of the Union and the States is derived from Article 149 of the Indian Constitution. Discuss whether audit of the Government's policy implementation could amount to overstepping its own (CAG) jurisdiction.

Topic · Constitutional Bodies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/exercise-of-cags-powers-in-relation-to-the-accounts-of-the-union-and-the-states-is-derived-from-article-149-of-the-indian-constitution-discuss-whether-audit-of-the-governments-policy-implementation-could-amount-to/>

Q5 • 12 marks

Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the 'Preamble'. Are they defensible in the present circumstances?

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/discuss-each-adjective-attached-to-the-word-republic-in-the-preamble-are-they-defensible-in-the-present-circumstances/>

Q6 • 12 marks

What was held in the Coelho case? In this context, can you say that judicial review is of key importance amongst the basic features of the Constitution?

Topic · Indian Constitution

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Q7 • 12 marks

Did the Government of India Act, 1935 lay down a federal constitution? Discuss.

Topic · Federal Structure and Devolution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/did-the-government-of-india-act-1935-lay-down-a-federal-constitution-discuss/>

Q8 • 12 marks

What is quasi judicial body? Explain with the help of concrete examples.

Topic · Governance and Policy

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Q9 • 12 marks

Professor Amartya Sen has advocated important reforms in the realms of primary education and primary health care. What are your suggestions to improve their status and performance?

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

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Q10 · 12 marks

"In the Indian governance system, the role of non-state actors has been only marginal." Critically examine this statement.

Topic · Governance and Policy

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Q11 · 12 marks

"Effectiveness of the government system at various levels and people's participation in the governance system are inter-dependent" Discuss their relationship in the context of India.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/effectiveness-of-the-government-system-at-various-levels-and-peoples-participation-in-the-governance-system-are-inter-dependent-discuss-their-relationship-in-the-context-of-india/>

Q12 · 12 marks

In the integrity index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/in-the-integrity-index-of-transparency-international-india-stands-very-low-discuss-briefly-the-legal-political-social-and-cultural-factors-that-have-caused-the-decline-of-public-morality-in-india/>

Q13 · 12 marks

Has the Indian governmental system responded adequately to the demands of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization started in 1991? What can the government do to be responsive to this important change?

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/has-the-indian-governmental-system-responded-adequately-to-the-demands-of-liberalization-privatization-and-globalization-started-in-1991-what-can-the-government-do-to-be-responsive-to-this-important-change/>

Q14 · 12 marks

"Traditional bureaucratic structure and culture have hampered the process of socio-economic development in India." Comment.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/traditional-bureaucratic-structure-and-culture-have-hampered-the-process-of-socio-economic-development-in-india-comment/>

Q15 · 12 marks

Examine the main provisions of the National Child Policy and throw light on the status of its implementation.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/examine-the-main-provisions-of-the-national-child-policy-and-throw-light-on-the-status-of-its-implementation/>

Q16 · 12 marks

"Demographic Dividend in India will remain only theoretical unless our manpower becomes more educated, aware, skilled and creative." What measures have been taken by the government to enhance the capacity of our population to be more productive and employable?

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/demographic-dividend-in-india-will-remain-only-theoretical-unless-our-manpower-becomes-more-educated-aware-skilled-and-creative-what-measures-have-been-taken-by-the-government-to-enhance-the-capacity-of-our-population-to/>

Q17 · 12 marks

"The broader aims and objectives of WTO are to manage and promote international trade in the era of globalization. But the Doha round of negotiations seem doomed due to differences between the developed and the developing countries." Discuss in the Indian perspective.

Topic · International Institutions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/the-broader-aims-and-objectives-of-wto-are-to-manage-and-promote-international-trade-in-the-era-of-globalization-but-the-doha-round-of-negotiations-seem-doomed-due-to-differences-between-the-developed-and-the-developing/>

Q18 · 12 marks

Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post Cold War international scenario.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

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Q19 · 12 marks

"Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of member-states by Pakistan are not conducive for the future of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)." Explain with suitable examples.

Topic · Bilateral and Regional Groupings

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/increasing-cross-border-terrorist-attacks-in-india-and-growing-interference-in-the-internal-affairs-of-member-states-by-pakistan-are-not-conducive-for-the-future-of-saarc-south-asian-association-for-regional-cooperation/>

Q20 · 12 marks

What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India's position on these?

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2016/what-are-the-aims-and-objectives-of-the-mcbride-commission-of-the-unesco-what-is-indias-position-on-these/>

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