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UPSC Mains 2017 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 · 10 marks

"The local self government system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance". Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/the-local-self-government-system-in-india-has-not-proved-to-be-effective-instrument-of-governance-critically-examine-the-statement-and-give-your-views-to-improve-the-situation/>

Q2 · 10 marks

Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges of higher judiciary in India.

Topic · Executive and Judiciary

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/critically-examine-the-supreme-courts-judgement-on-national-judicial-appointments-commission-act-2014-with-reference-to-appointment-of-judges-of-higher-judiciary-in-india/>

Q3 · 10 marks

'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people' Discuss.

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/simultaneous-election-to-the-lok-sabha-and-the-state-assemblies-will-limit-the-amount-of-time-and-money-spent-in-electioneering-but-it-will-reduce-the-governments-accountability-to-the-people-discuss/>

Q4 · 10 marks

How do pressure groups influence Indian political process? Do you agree with this view that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful than formal pressure groups in recent years?

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/how-do-pressure-groups-influence-indian-political-process-do-you-agree-with-this-view-that-informal-pressure-groups-have-emerged-as-powerful-than-formal-pressure-groups-in-recent-years/>

Q5 · 10 marks

Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.

Topic · Transparency and e-Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/discuss-the-role-of-public-accounts-committee-in-establishing-accountability-of-the-government-to-the-people/>

Q6 · 10 marks

'To ensure effective implementation of policies addressing water, sanitation and hygiene needs, the identification of beneficiary segments is to be synchronized with the anticipated outcomes' Examine the statement in the context of the WASH scheme.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/to-ensure-effective-implementation-of-policies-addressing-water-sanitation-and-hygiene-needs-the-identification-of-beneficiary-segments-is-to-be-synchronized-with-the-anticipated-outcomes-examine-the-statement-in-the/>

Q7 · 10 marks

Does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ensure effective mechanism for empowerment and inclusion of the intended beneficiaries in the society? Discuss.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/does-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-act-2016-ensure-effective-mechanism-for-empowerment-and-inclusion-of-the-intended-beneficiaries-in-the-society-discuss/>

Q8 · 10 marks

Hunger and Poverty are the biggest challenges for good governance in India still today. Evaluate how far successive governments have progressed in dealing with these humongous problems. Suggest measures for improvement.

Topic · Poverty and Hunger

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/hunger-and-poverty-are-the-biggest-challenges-for-good-governance-in-india-still-today-evaluate-how-far-successive-governments-have-progressed-in-dealing-with-these-humongous-problems-suggest-measures-for-improvement/>

Q9 · 10 marks

'China is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia', In the light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbor.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/china-is-using-its-economic-relations-and-positive-trade-surplus-as-tools-to-develop-potential-military-power-status-in-asia-in-the-light-of-this-statement-discuss-its-impact-on-india-as-her-neighbor/>

Q10 · 10 marks

What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.

Topic · International Institutions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/what-are-the-main-functions-of-the-united-nations-economic-and-social-council-ecosoc-explain-different-functional-commissions-attached-to-it/>

Q11 · 15 marks

Explain the salient features of the constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough 'to remove cascading effect of taxes and provide for common national market for goods and services'? (250 words).

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/explain-the-salient-features-of-the-constitution-one-hundred-and-first-amendment-act-2016-do-you-think-it-is-efficacious-enough-to-remove-cascading-effect-of-taxes-and-provide-for-common-national-market-for-goods-and-services-250-words/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy. (250 words).

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/examine-the-scope-of-fundamental-rights-in-the-light-of-the-latest-judgement-of-the-supreme-court-on-right-to-privacy-250-words/>

Q13 · 15 marks

The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and also the occasions when it cannot, with reasons thereof. (250 words).

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/the-indian-constitution-has-provisions-for-holding-joint-session-of-the-two-houses-of-the-parliament-enumerate-the-occasions-when-this-would-normally-happen-and-also-the-occasions-when-it-cannot-with-reasons-thereof-250-words/>

Q14 · 15 marks

To enhance the quality of democracy in India the Election Commission of India has proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms and how far are they significant to make democracy successful? (250 words).

Topic · Constitutional Bodies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/to-enhance-the-quality-of-democracy-in-india-the-election-commission-of-india-has-proposed-electoral-reforms-in-2016-what-are-the-suggested-reforms-and-how-far-are-they-significant-to-make-democracy-successful-250-words/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres? Give reasons in support of your answer. (250 words).

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/is-the-national-commission-for-women-able-to-strategize-and-tackle-the-problems-that-women-face-at-both-public-and-private-spheres-give-reasons-in-support-of-your-answer-250-words/>

Q16 · 15 marks

'The emergence of Self Help Groups(SHGs) in contemporary times points to the slow but steady withdrawal of the state from developmental activities'. Examine the role of the SHGs in developmental activities and the measures taken by the Government of India to promote the SHGs. (250 words).

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/the-emergence-of-self-help-groups-shgs-in-contemporary-times-points-to-the-slow-but-steady-withdrawal-of-the-state-from-developmental-activities-examine-the-role-of-the-shgs-in-developmental-activities-and-the-measures/>

Q17 · 15 marks

'Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India remain mere show pieces until and unless they are backed by political will'. Discuss with reference to the performance of the major poverty alleviation programmes in India. (250 words).

Topic · Poverty and Hunger

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/poverty-alleviation-programmes-in-india-remain-mere-show-pieces-until-and-unless-they-are-backed-by-political-will-discuss-with-reference-to-the-performance-of-the-major-poverty-alleviation-programmes-in-india-250-words/>

Q18 · 15 marks

Initially Civil Services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and effectiveness, which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in Civil Services. Comment (250 words).

Topic · Civil Services in a Democracy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/initially-civil-services-in-india-were-designed-to-achieve-the-goals-of-neutrality-and-effectiveness-which-seems-to-be-lacking-in-the-present-context-do-you-agree-with-the-view-that-drastic-reforms-are-required-in-civil/>

Q19 · 15 marks

The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries. (250 words).

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/the-question-of-indias-energy-security-constitutes-the-most-important-part-of-indias-economic-progress-analyze-indias-energy-policy-cooperation-with-west-asian-countries-250-words/>

Q20 · 15 marks

Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in South-East Asian countries' economy and society. Appraise the role of Indian Diaspora in South- East Asia in this context (250 words).

Topic · Diaspora and Developed Countries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2017/indian-diaspora-has-an-important-role-to-play-in-south-east-asian-countries-economy-and-society-appraise-the-role-of-indian-diaspora-in-south-east-asia-in-this-context-250-words/>

Compiled answer key

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