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UPSC Mains 2020 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

"There is a need for simplification of procedure for disqualification of persons found guilty of corrupt practices under the Representation of peoples Act" Comment.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/there-is-a-need-for-simplification-of-procedure-for-disqualification-of-persons-found-guilty-of-corrupt-practices-under-the-representation-of-peoples-act-comment/>

Q2 · 10 marks

"Recent amendments to the Right to information Act will have profound impact on the autonomy and independence of the Information Commission". Discuss.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/recent-amendments-to-the-right-to-information-act-will-have-profound-impact-on-the-autonomy-and-independence-of-the-information-commission-discuss/>

Q3 · 10 marks

How far do you think cooperation, competition and confrontation have shaped the nature of federation in India? Cite some recent examples to validate your answer.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/how-far-do-you-think-cooperation-competition-and-confrontation-have-shaped-the-nature-of-federation-in-india-cite-some-recent-examples-to-validate-your-answer/>

Q4 · 10 marks

The judicial systems in India and UK seem to be converging as well as diverging in the recent times. Highlight the key points of convergence and divergence between the two nations in terms of their judicial practices.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/the-judicial-systems-in-india-and-uk-seem-to-be-converging-as-well-as-diverging-in-the-recent-times-highlight-the-key-points-of-convergence-and-divergence-between-the-two-nations-in-terms-of-their-judicial-practices/>

Q5 • 10 marks

"Once a speaker, Always a speaker"! Do you think the practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha? What could be its implications for the robust functioning of parliamentary business in India.

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/once-a-speaker-always-a-speaker-do-you-think-the-practice-should-be-adopted-to-impart-objectivity-to-the-office-of-the-speaker-of-lok-sabha-what-could-be-its-implications-for-the-robust-functioning-of-parliamentary/>

Q6 • 10 marks

In order to enhance the prospects of social development, sound and adequate health care policies are needed particularly in the fields of geriatric and maternal health care. Discuss.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/in-order-to-enhance-the-prospects-of-social-development-sound-and-adequate-health-care-policies-are-needed-particularly-in-the-fields-of-geriatric-and-maternal-health-care-discuss/>

Q7 • 10 marks

"Institutional quality is a crucial driver of economic performance". In this context suggest reforms in Civil Service for strengthening democracy.

Topic · Civil Services in a Democracy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/institutional-quality-is-a-crucial-driver-of-economic-performance-in-this-context-suggest-reforms-in-civil-service-for-strengthening-democracy/>

Q8 • 10 marks

"The emergence of Fourth Industrial Revolution (Digital Revolution) has initiated e-Governance as an integral part of government". Discuss.

Topic · Transparency and e-Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/the-emergence-of-fourth-industrial-revolution-digital-revolution-has-initiated-e-governance-as-an-integral-part-of-government-discuss/>

Q9 • 10 marks

Critically examine the role of WHO in providing global health security during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/critically-examine-the-role-of-who-in-providing-global-health-security-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Q10 • 10 marks

'Indian diaspora has a decisive role to play in the politics and economy of America and European Countries'. Comment with examples.

Topic · Diaspora and Developed Countries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/indian-diaspora-has-a-decisive-role-to-play-in-the-politics-and-economy-of-america-and-european-countries-comment-with-examples/>

Q11 · 15 marks

Indian constitution exhibits centralising tendencies to maintain unity and integrity of the nation. Elucidate in the perspective of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and recently passed Farm Acts.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/indian-constitution-exhibits-centralising-tendencies-to-maintain-unity-and-integrity-of-the-nation-elucidate-in-the-perspective-of-the-epidemic-diseases-act-1897-the-disaster-management-act-2005-and-recently-passed-farm/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Judicial Legislation is antithetical to the doctrine of separation of powers as envisaged in the Indian Constitution. In this context justify the filing of large number of public interest petitions praying for issuing guidelines to executive authorities.

Topic · Separation of Powers

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/judicial-legislation-is-antithetical-to-the-doctrine-of-separation-of-powers-as-envisaged-in-the-indian-constitution-in-this-context-justify-the-filing-of-large-number-of-public-interest-petitions-praying-for-issuing/>

Q13 · 15 marks

The strength sustenance of local institutions in India has shifted from their formative phase of 'Functions, Functionaries and Funs' to the contemporary stage of 'Functionality'. Highlight the critical challenges faced by local institutions in terms of their functionality in recent times.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/the-strength-sustenance-of-local-institutions-in-india-has-shifted-from-their-formative-phase-of-functions-functionaries-and-funs-to-the-contemporary-stage-of-functionality-highlight-the-critical-challenges-faced-by/>

Q14 · 15 marks

Rajya Sabha has been transformed from a 'useless stepney tyre' to the most useful supporting organ in past few decades. Highlight the factors as well as the areas in which this transformation could be visible.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/rajya-sabha-has-been-transformed-from-a-useless-stepney-tyre-to-the-most-useful-supporting-organ-in-past-few-decades-highlight-the-factors-as-well-as-the-areas-in-which-this-transformation-could-be-visible/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Which steps are required for constitutionalization of a commission? Do you think imparting constitutionality to the National Commission for Women would ensure greater gender justice and empowerment in India? Give reasons.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/which-steps-are-required-for-constitutionalization-of-a-commission-do-you-think-imparting-constitutionality-to-the-national-commission-for-women-would-ensure-greater-gender-justice-and-empowerment-in-india-give-reasons/>

Q16 · 15 marks

"The incidence and intensity of poverty are more important in determining poverty based on income alone". In this context analyze the latest United Nations Multidimensional Poverty Index Report.

Topic · International Institutions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/the-incidence-and-intensity-of-poverty-are-more-important-in-determining-poverty-based-on-income-alone-in-this-context-analyze-the-latest-united-nations-multidimensional-poverty-index-report/>

Q17 · 15 marks

"Micro-Finance as an anti-poverty vaccine, is aimed at asset creation and income security of the rural poor in India". Evaluate the role of Self-Help Groups in achieving the twin objectives along with empowering women in rural India.

Topic · Development Processes and NGOs

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/micro-finance-as-an-anti-poverty-vaccine-is-aimed-at-asset-creation-and-income-security-of-the-rural-poor-in-india-evaluate-the-role-of-self-help-groups-in-achieving-the-twin-objectives-along-with-empowering-women-in/>

Q18 · 15 marks

National Education Policy 2020 is in conformity with the Sustainable Development Goal-4 (2030). It intends to restructure and reorient education system in India. Critically examine the statement.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/national-education-policy-2020-is-in-conformity-with-the-sustainable-development-goal-4-2030-it-intends-to-restructure-and-reorient-education-system-in-india-critically-examine-the-statement/>

Q19 · 15 marks

'Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD)' is the transforming itself into a trade bloc from a military alliance, in present times - Discuss.

Topic · Bilateral and Regional Groupings

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/quadrilateral-security-dialogue-quad-is-the-transforming-itself-into-a-trade-bloc-from-a-military-alliance-in-present-times-discuss/>

Q20 · 15 marks

What is the significance of Indo-US defence deals over Indo-Russian defence deals? Discuss with reference to stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2020/what-is-the-significance-of-indo-us-defence-deals-over-indo-russian-defence-deals-discuss-with-reference-to-stability-in-the-indo-pacific-region/>

Compiled answer key

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