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UPSC Mains 2021 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

'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the Constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions.

Topic • Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/constitutional-morality-is-rooted-in-the-constitution-itself-and-is-founded-on-its-essential-facets-explain-the-doctrine-of-constitutional-morality-with-the-help-of-relevant-judicial-decisions/>

Q2 • 10 marks

Discuss the desirability of greater representation to women in the higher judiciary to ensure diversity, equity and inclusiveness.

Topic • Executive and Judiciary

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/discuss-the-desirability-of-greater-representation-to-women-in-the-higher-judiciary-to-ensure-diversity-equity-and-inclusiveness/>

Q3 • 10 marks

How have the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position?

Topic • Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/how-have-the-recommendations-of-the-14th-finance-commission-of-india-enabled-the-states-to-improve-their-fiscal-position/>

Q4 • 10 marks

To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India?

Topic • Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/to-what-extent-in-your-view-the-parliament-is-able-to-ensure-accountability-of-the-executive-in-india/>

Q5 • 10 marks

"Pressure groups play a vital role in influencing public policy making in India." Explain how the business associations contribute to public policies.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/pressure-groups-play-a-vital-role-in-influencing-public-policy-making-in-india-explain-how-the-business-associations-contribute-to-public-policies/>

Q6 • 10 marks

"Besides being a moral imperative of Welfare State, primary health structure is a necessary pre-condition for sustainable development." Analyze.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/besides-being-a-moral-imperative-of-welfare-state-primary-health-structure-is-a-necessary-pre-condition-for-sustainable-development-analyze/>

Q7 • 10 marks

"'Earn while you learn' scheme needs to be strengthened to make vocational education and skill training meaningful." Comment.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/earn-while-you-learn-scheme-needs-to-be-strengthened-to-make-vocational-education-and-skill-training-meaningful-comment/>

Q8 • 10 marks

Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples.

Topic · Poverty and Hunger

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Q9 • 10 marks

"If the last few decades were of Asia's growth story, the next few are expected to be of Africa's." In the light of this statement, examine India's influence in Africa in recent years.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

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Q10 • 10 marks

"The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union." Explain.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

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Q11 · 15 marks

The jurisdiction of the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) regarding lodging an FIR and conducting probe within a particular state is being questioned by various States. However, the power of States to withhold consent to the CBI is not absolute. Explain with special reference to the federal character of India.

Topic · Federal Structure and Devolution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/the-jurisdiction-of-the-central-bureau-of-investigation-cbi-regarding-lodging-an-fir-and-conducting-probe-within-a-particular-state-is-being-questioned-by-various-states-however-the-power-of-states-to-withhold-consent-to/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, yet they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analyzing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/though-the-human-rights-commissions-have-contributed-immensely-to-the-protection-of-human-rights-in-india-yet-they-have-failed-to-assert-themselves-against-the-mighty-and-powerful-analyzing-their-structural-and-practical/>

Q13 · 15 marks

Analyze the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/analyze-the-distinguishing-features-of-the-notion-of-equality-in-the-constitutions-of-the-usa-and-india/>

Q14 · 15 marks

Explain the constitutional provisions under which Legislative Councils are established. Review the working and current status of Legislative Councils with suitable illustrations.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/explain-the-constitutional-provisions-under-which-legislative-councils-are-established-review-the-working-and-current-status-of-legislative-councils-with-suitable-illustrations/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Do Department -related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administration on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees with suitable examples.

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

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Q16 · 15 marks

Has digital illiteracy, particularly in rural areas, couple with lack of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility hindered socio-economic development? Examine with justification.

Topic · Governance and Policy

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Q17 · 15 marks

"Though women in post-Independent India have excelled in various fields, the social attitude towards women and feminist movement has been patriarchal." Apart from women education and women empowerment schemes, what interventions can help change this milieu?

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/though-women-in-post-independent-india-have-excelled-in-various-fields-the-social-attitude-towards-women-and-feminist-movement-has-been-patriarchal-a-part-from-women-education-and-women-empowerment-schemes-what/>

Q18 · 15 marks

Can Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations present an alternative model of public service delivery to benefit the common citizen. Discuss the challenges of this alternative model.

Topic · Development Processes and NGOs

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2021/can-civil-society-and-non-governmental-organizations-present-an-alternative-model-of-public-service-delivery-to-benefit-the-common-citizen-discuss-the-challenges-of-this-alternative-model/>

Q19 · 15 marks

Critically examine the aims and objectives of SCO. what importance does it hold for India.

Topic · Bilateral and Regional Groupings

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Q20 · 15 marks

The newly tri-nation partnership AUKUS is aimed at countering China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific region. Is it going to supersede the existing partnerships in the region? Discuss the strength and impact of AUKUS in the present scenario.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

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