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UPSC Mains 2023 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

"Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy". Comment.

Topic • Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/constitutionally-guaranteed-judicial-independence-is-a-prerequisite-of-democracy-comment/>

Q2 • 10 marks

Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.

Topic • Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/who-are-entitled-to-receive-free-legal-aid-assess-the-role-of-the-national-legal-services-authority-nalsa-in-rendering-free-legal-aid-in-india/>

Q3 • 10 marks

"The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment.

Topic • Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/the-states-in-india-seem-reluctant-to-empower-urban-local-bodies-both-functionally-as-well-as-financially-comment/>

Q4 • 10 marks

Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty.

Topic • Parliament and State Legislatures

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/compare-and-contrast-the-british-and-indian-approaches-to-parliamentary-sovereignty/>

Q5 • 10 marks

Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work and in facilitating best democratic practices.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/discuss-the-role-of-presiding-officers-of-state-legislatures-in-maintaining-order-and-impartiality-in-conducting-legislative-work-and-in-facilitating-best-democratic-practices/>

Q6 • 10 marks

The crucial aspect of development process has been the inadequate attention paid to Human Resource Development in India. Suggest measures that can address this adequacy.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/the-crucial-aspect-of-development-process-has-been-the-inadequate-attention-paid-to-human-resource-development-in-india-suggest-measures-that-can-address-this-adequacy/>

Q7 • 10 marks

Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National Corporations in India. Refer to the recent decisions.

Topic · Governance and Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/discuss-the-role-of-the-competition-commission-of-india-in-containing-the-abuse-of-dominant-position-by-the-multi-national-corporations-in-india-refer-to-the-recent-decisions/>

Q8 • 10 marks

E-governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features?

Topic · Transparency and e-Governance

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/e-governance-as-a-critical-tool-of-governance-has-ushered-in-effectiveness-transparency-and-accountability-in-governments-what-inadequacies-hamper-the-enhancement-of-these-features/>

Q9 • 10 marks

'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO'. In the light of the above statement point out the role of India in mitigating problems.

Topic · Bilateral and Regional Groupings

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/virus-of-conflict-is-affecting-the-functioning-of-the-sco-in-the-light-of-the-above-statement-point-out-the-role-of-india-in-mitigating-problems/>

Q10 · 10 marks

Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India.

Topic · Diaspora and Developed Countries

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/indian-diaspora-has-scaled-new-heights-in-the-west-describe-its-economic-and-political-benefits-for-india/>

Q11 · 15 marks

"The Construction of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism. It is a constitution made for a progressive society". Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/the-construction-of-india-is-a-living-instrument-with-capabilities-of-enormous-dynamism-it-is-a-constitution-made-for-a-progressive-society-illustrate-with-special-reference-to-the-expanding-horizons-of-the-right-to-life/>

Q12 · 15 marks

Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/explain-the-constitutional-perspectives-of-gender-justice-with-the-help-of-relevant-constitutional-provisions-and-case-laws/>

Q13 · 15 marks

Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid 1990s.

Topic · Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/account-for-the-legal-and-political-factors-responsible-for-the-reduced-frequency-of-using-article-356-by-the-union-governments-since-mid-1990s/>

Q14 · 15 marks

Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislatures in India.

Topic · Development Processes and NGOs

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/discuss-the-contribution-of-civil-society-groups-for-womens-effective-and-meaningful-participation-and-representation-in-state-legislatures-in-india/>

Q15 · 15 marks

Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism?

Topic · Federal Structure and Devolution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/explain-the-significance-of-the-101st-constitutional-amendment-act-to-what-extent-does-it-reflect-the-accommodative-spirit-of-federalism/>

Q16 · 15 marks

Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament?

Topic · Parliament and State Legislatures

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Q17 · 15 marks

"Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/development-and-welfare-schemes-for-the-vulnerable-by-its-nature-are-discriminatory-in-approach-do-you-agree-give-reasons-for-your-answer/>

Q18 · 15 marks

Skill development programs have succeed in increasing human resources supply to various sectors. In the context of the statement analyze the linkages between education, skill and employment.

Topic · Health, Education and Human Resources

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Q19 · 15 marks

'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well in India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

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Q20 · 15 marks

'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos'. Discuss in the light of the above statement the role of the IMO(International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security.

Topic · India and its Neighbourhood

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-2/2023/sea-is-an-important-component-of-the-cosmos-discuss-in-the-light-of-the-above-statement-the-role-of-the-imo-international-maritime-organisation-in-protecting-environment-and-enhancing-maritime-safety-and-security/>

Compiled answer key

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