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UPSC Mains 2016 GS III

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 • 12 marks

How globalization has led to the reduction of employment in the formal sector of the Indian economy? Is increased informalization detrimental to the development of the country?

Topic • Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/how-globalization-has-led-to-the-reduction-of-employment-in-the-formal-sector-of-the-indian-economy-is-increased-informalization-detrimental-to-the-development-of-the-country/>

Q2 • 12 marks

Women empowerment in India needs gender budgeting. What are the requirements and status of gender budgeting in the Indian context?

Topic • Government Budgeting

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/women-empowerment-in-india-needs-gender-budgeting-what-are-the-requirements-and-status-of-gender-budgeting-in-the-indian-context/>

Q3 • 12 marks

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is necessary for bringing unbanked to the institutional finance fold. Do you agree with this for financial inclusion of the poor section of the Indian society? Give arguments to justify your opinion.

Topic • Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/pradhan-mantri-jan-dhan-yojana-pmjdye-is-necessary-for-bringing-unbanked-to-the-institutional-finance-fold-do-you-agree-with-this-for-financial-inclusion-of-the-poor-section-of-the-indian-society-give-arguments-to-justify/>

Q4 • 12 marks

What are 'Smart Cities'? Examine their relevance for urban development in India. Will it increase rural-urban differences? Give arguments for 'Smart Villages' in the light of PURA and RURBAN Mission.

Topic · Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/what-are-smart-cities-examine-their-relevance-for-urban-development-in-india-will-it-increase-rural-urban-differences-give-arguments-for-smart-villages-in-the-light-of-pura-and-rurban-mission/>

Q5 • 12 marks

Justify the need for FDI for the development of the Indian economy. Why there is gap between MOUs signed and actual FDIs? Suggest remedial steps to be taken for increasing actual FDIs in India.

Topic · Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/justify-the-need-for-fdi-for-the-development-of-the-indian-economy-why-there-is-gap-between-mous-signed-and-actual-fdis-suggest-remedial-steps-to-be-taken-for-increasing-actual-fdis-in-india/>

Q6 • 12 marks

Comment on the challenges for inclusive growth which include careless and useless manpower in the Indian context. Suggest measures to be taken for facing these challenges.

Topic · Inclusive Growth

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/comment-on-the-challenges-for-inclusive-growth-which-include-careless-and-useless-manpower-in-the-indian-context-suggest-measures-to-be-taken-for-facing-these-challenges/>

Q7 • 12 marks

What is water-use efficiency? Describe the role of micro-irrigation in increasing the water-use efficiency.

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/what-is-water-use-efficiency-describe-the-role-of-micro-irrigation-in-increasing-the-water-use-efficiency/>

Q8 • 12 marks

What is allelopathy? Discuss its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture.

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/what-is-allelopathy-discuss-its-role-in-major-cropping-systems-of-irrigated-agriculture/>

Q9 · 12 marks

Discuss the role of land reforms in agricultural development. Identify the factors that were responsible for the success of land reforms in India.

Topic · Land Reforms

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/discuss-the-role-of-land-reforms-in-agricultural-development-identify-the-factors-that-were-responsible-for-the-success-of-land-reforms-in-india/>

Q10 · 12 marks

Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/given-the-vulnerability-of-indian-agriculture-to-vagaries-of-nature-discuss-the-need-for-crop-insurance-and-bring-out-the-salient-features-of-the-pradhan-mantri-fasal-bima-yojana-pmfbby/>

Q11 · 12 marks

Give an account of the current status and the targets to be achieved pertaining to renewable energy sources in the country. Discuss in brief the importance of National Programme on Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Topic · Infrastructure

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/give-an-account-of-the-current-status-and-the-targets-to-be-achieved-pertaining-to-renewable-energy-sources-in-the-country-discuss-in-brief-the-importance-of-national-programme-on-light-emitting-diodes-leds/>

Q12 · 12 marks

Discuss India's achievements in the field of Space Science and Technology. How the application of this technology has helped India in its socio-economic development?

Topic · Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/discuss-indias-achievements-in-the-field-of-space-science-and-technology-how-the-application-of-this-technology-has-helped-india-in-its-socio-economic-development/>

Q13 · 12 marks

Why is nanotechnology one of the key technologies of the 21st century? Describe the salient features of Indian Government's Mission on Nanoscience and Technology and the scope of its application in the development process of the country.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q14 · 12 marks

Rehabilitation of human settlements is one of the important environmental impacts which always attracts controversy while planning major projects. Discuss the measures suggested for mitigation of this impact while proposing major developmental projects.

Topic · Environment and Conservation

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Q15 · 12 marks

The frequency of urban floods due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discussing the reasons for urban floods, highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.

Topic · Environment and Conservation

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Q16 · 12 marks

With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of recent incidents of cloudbursts in many places of Uttarakhand.

Topic · Disaster Management

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/with-reference-to-national-disaster-management-authority-ndma-guidelines-discuss-the-measures-to-be-adopted-to-mitigate-the-impact-of-recent-incidents-of-cloudbursts-in-many-places-of-uttarakhand/>

Q17 · 12 marks

The terms 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes' are often used in connection with armed action against terrorist attacks. Discuss the strategic impact of such actions.

Topic · Internal Security and Extremism

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Q18 · 12 marks

'Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades.' Analyse the above statement.

Topic · Border Security and Organised Crime

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/terrorism-is-emerging-as-a-competitive-industry-over-the-last-few-decades-analyse-the-above-statement/>

Q19 · 12 marks

Border management is a complex task due to difficult terrain and hostile relations with some countries. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for effective border management.

Topic · Border Security and Organised Crime

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Q20 · 12 marks

Use of internet and social media by non-state actors for subversive activities is a major security concern. How have these been misused in the recent past? Suggest effective guidelines to curb the above threat.

Topic · Indian Economy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/gs-3/2016/use-of-internet-and-social-media-by-non-state-actors-for-subversive-activities-is-a-major-security-concern-how-have-these-been-misused-in-the-recent-past-suggest-effective-guidelines-to-curb-the-above-threat/>

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