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## UPSC Mains 2021 PSIR Paper 1

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(a) · 10 marks

Feminist critique of the State.

Topic · Theories of the State

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/feminist-critique-of-the-state/>

#### Q1(b) · 10 marks

Affirmative action.

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/affirmative-action/>

#### Q1(c) · 10 marks

Equality of outcome as a political idea.

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/equality-of-outcome-as-a-political-idea/>

#### Q1(d) · 10 marks

Tools of legitimization of the State.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/tools-of-legitimation-of-the-state/>

#### Q1(e) · 10 marks

J. S. Mill's ideas on women suffrage.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/j-s-mills-ideas-on-women-suffrage/>

#### Q2(a) · 20 marks

How has Rawls enriched the idea of justice in liberalism?

Topic · Justice

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**Q2(b) · 15 marks**

Examine the importance of behavioural approach in political theory. What led to its decline?

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/examine-the-importance-of-behavioural-approach-in-political-theory-what-led-to-its-decline/>

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**Q2(c) · 15 marks**

Can there be universal conception of human rights? Give your arguments

Topic · Rights

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/can-there-be-universal-conception-of-human-rights-give-your-arguments/>

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**Q3(a) · 20 marks**

Explain the Aristotelian view of politics. To what extent do you think it has contributed to the development of modern-day constitutional democracies?

Topic · Federalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/explain-the-aristotelian-view-of-politics-to-what-extent-do-you-think-it-has-contributed-to-the-development-of-modern-day-constitutional-democracies/>

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**Q3(b) · 15 marks**

"When a nation becomes devoid of arts and learning, it invites poverty." (Sir Syed Ahmad Khan). In the light of this statement, assess the role of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan as a reformer in modern India

Topic · Indian Political Thought

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**Q3(c) · 15 marks**

"Political ideology is primarily concerned with the allocation and utilization of power." Comment

Topic · Concept of power, hegemony, ideology and legitimacy.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/political-ideology-is-primarily-concerned-with-the-allocation-and-utilization-of-power-comment/>

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**Q4(a) · 20 marks**

Do you think that the Buddhist traditions have lent greater ethical foundation to the ancient Indian political thought? Give your arguments

Topic · Indian Political Thought

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/do-you-think-that-the-buddhist-traditions-have-lent-greater-ethical-foundation-to-the-ancient-indian-political-thought-give-your-arguments/>

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**Q4(b) · 15 marks**

Marx's concept of alienation is an essential part of the reality in capitalism. Explain

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/marxs-concept-of-alienation-is-an-essential-part-of-the-reality-in-capitalism-explain/>

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**Q4(c) · 15 marks**

"Free and fair deliberation is key to the foundation of democracy." Explain

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/free-and-fair-deliberation-is-key-to-the-foundation-of-democracy-explain/>

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**Q5(a) · 10 marks**

"The Constitution of India is a product of a historical process, rich with constitutional antecedents." Comment.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/the-constitution-of-india-is-a-product-of-a-historical-process-rich-with-constitutional-antecedents-comment/>

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**Q5(b) · 10 marks**

"The Constitution makers faced the great task of forging a common national identity in the face of unparalleled social and cultural diversity in India." Comment.

Topic · Making of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/the-constitution-makers-faced-the-great-task-of-forging-a-common-national-identity-in-the-face-of-unparalleled-social-and-cultural-diversity-in-india-comment/>

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**Q5(c) · 10 marks**

Mention the founding principles that define India's Constitution.

Topic · Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/mention-the-founding-principles-that-define-indias-constitution/>

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**Q5(d) · 10 marks**

Analyze the Marxist perspective of the nature of Indian National Movement.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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**Q5(e) · 10 marks**

Underline the significance of the first constitutional amendment.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/underline-the-significance-of-the-first-constitutional-amendment/>

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**Q6(a) · 20 marks**

"Constitutionally reconciling the Fundamental Rights with the Directive Principles of State Policy has led to frequent amendments of the Constitution and judicial interventions." Comment

Topic · Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/constitutionally-reconciling-the-fundamental-rights-with-the-directive-principles-of-state-policy-has-led-to-frequent-amendments-of-the-constitution-and-judicial-interventions-comment/>

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**Q6(b) · 15 marks**

The role of the President of India becomes more significant during a minority government and a coalition government. Explain

Topic · Principal Organs of the Union Government

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/the-role-of-the-president-of-india-becomes-more-significant-during-a-minority-government-and-a-coalition-government-explain/>

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**Q6(c) · 15 marks**

Do you think that despite having significant limitations the Panchayati Raj Institutions have strengthened the process of democratic decentralization? Give your views

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/do-you-think-that-despite-having-significant-limitations-the-panchayati-raj-institutions-have-strengthened-the-process-of-democratic-decentralization-give-your-views/>

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**Q7(a) · 20 marks**

"The Indian party system is shaped by a complex interaction of the country's federal structure, electoral system and social cleavages." Explain

Topic · Party System

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**Q7(b) · 15 marks**

Do you think that there has been a gradual shift in the basis on which the demands for the creation of new States have been raised in different regions of India? Explain

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/do-you-think-that-there-has-been-a-gradual-shift-in-the-basis-on-which-the-demands-for-the-creation-of-new-states-have-been-raised-in-different-regions-of-india-explain/>

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**Q7(c) · 15 marks**

What explains India's modest improvements in social development outcomes even as the rate of growth has accelerated since the initiation of economic reforms?

Topic · Planning and Economic Development

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/what-explains-indias-modest-improvements-in-social-development-outcomes-even-as-the-rate-of-growth-has-accelerated-since-the-initiation-of-economic-reforms/>

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**Q8(a) · 20 marks**

"The success of electoral democracy can partly be attributed to the status and role of the Election Commission of India." Explain

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/the-success-of-electoral-democracy-can-partly-be-attributed-to-the-status-and-role-of-the-election-commission-of-india-explain/>

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**Q8(b) · 15 marks**

Examine the evolution of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India as a constitutional court

Topic · Principal Organs of the Union Government

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/examine-the-evolution-of-the-jurisdiction-of-the-supreme-court-of-india-as-a-constitutional-court/>

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**Q8(c) · 15 marks**

Explain how caste as a social category is also becoming a political category in the democratic politics of India

Topic · Making of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2021/explain-how-caste-as-a-social-category-is-also-becoming-a-political-category-in-the-democratic-politics-of-india/>

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## Compiled answer key

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### Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

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Q1(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 20 marks Solution

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