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UPSC Mains 2023 PSIR Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/psir/gs-1/2023/>

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

Normative approach in Political Science.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/normative-approach-in-political-science/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Multicultural perspective on rights.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/multicultural-perspective-on-rights/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

State of Nature as State of War (Hobbes).

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/state-of-nature-as-state-of-war-hobbes/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Foucault's concept of power.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/foucaults-concept-of-power/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Decline of political theory.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/decline-of-political-theory/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Success of contemporary democracies lies in the State limiting its own power. Explain

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/success-of-contemporary-democracies-lies-in-the-state-limiting-its-own-power-explain/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

Rawls' idea of the 'liberal self' is too individualistic. Explain, in this context, the communitarian critique of Rawls' theory of justice

Topic · Justice

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/rawls-idea-of-the-liberal-self-is-too-individualistic-explain-in-this-context-the-communitarian-critique-of-lawls-theory-of-justice/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

'Credo of Relevance' in post-behaviouralism advocates the importance of action science. Analyze

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/credo-of-relevance-in-post-behaviouralism-advocates-the-importance-of-action-science-analyze/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

Fascism displays an ambivalent stance towards parliamentary democracy. Explain

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/fascism-displays-an-ambivalent-stance-towards-parliamentary-democracy-explain/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Affirmative Action Policies draw as much strong criticism as strong support. Analyze this statement in the context of equality

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/affirmative-action-policies-draw-as-much-strong-criticism-as-strong-support-analyze-this-statement-in-the-context-of-equality/>

Q3(c) • 15 marks

Eurocentrism is both the target and the motive force of the post-colonial political theory. Discuss

Topic · Theories of the State

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/eurocentrism-is-both-the-target-and-the-motive-force-of-the-post-colonial-political-theory-discuss/>

Q4(a) • 20 marks

Buddhist thought on Dhamma facilitates the emancipation of political action. Explain

Topic · Indian Political Thought

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/buddhist-thought-on-dhamma-facilitate-s-the-emancipation-of-political-action-explain/>

Q4(b) • 15 marks

"The legal subordination of one sex to another is wrong in itself, and now one of the chief hindrances to human development." (J. S. Mill). Comment

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/the-legal-subordination-of-one-sex-to-an-other-is-wrong-in-itself-and-now-one-of-the-chief-hindrances-to-human-development-j-s-mill-comment/>

Q4(c) • 15 marks

Sri Aurobindo's idea of Swaraj has deep significance in the Indian social, political and cultural history. Analyze

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/sri-aurobindos-idea-of-swaraj-has-deep-significance-in-the-indian-social-political-and-cultural-history-analyze/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

Imprint of the British Constitution on the Indian Constitution.

Topic · Making of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/imprint-of-the-british-constitution-on-the-indian-constitution/>

Q5(b) • 10 marks

Environmentalism of the poor.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/environmentalism-of-the-poor/>

Q5(c) • 10 marks

Functions of District Planning Committee.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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Q5(d) • 10 marks

Satyagraha and Indian Nationalism.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/satyagraha-and-indian-nationalism/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

National Commission for Minorities.

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the major provisions of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act. Do you think that the Act remains an 'unfulfilled dream'? Argue your case

Topic · Federalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/discuss-the-major-provisions-of-the-74th-constitutional-amendment-act-do-you-think-that-the-act-remains-an-unfulfilled-dream-argue-your-case/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

How does NITI Aayog as a 'policy think tank with shared vision' visualize the reorganization of planning in India? Justify your answer

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/how-does-niti-aayog-as-a-policy-think-tank-with-shared-vision-visualize-the-reorganization-of-planning-in-india-justify-your-answer/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

The Constitution of India is the 'cornerstone of a nation'. (Granville Austin). Analyze

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/the-constitution-of-india-is-the-cornerstone-of-a-nation-granville-austin-analyze/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Does the actual working of Indian federalism conform to the centralizing tendencies in Indian polity? Give reasons for your answer

Topic · Principal Organs of the Union Government

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

The main goal of the Fundamental Duties in the Indian Constitution is to generate civic responsibility among the citizens. Explain

Topic · Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Dr. Ambedkar's clarion call, "Educate, Agitate and Organize", strategizes the Dalit movement towards achieving civil liberty. Discuss

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/dr-ambedkars-clarion-call-educate-agitate-and-organize-strategizes-the-dalit-movement-towards-achieving-civil-liberty-discuss/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

The rise of caste politics is to be attributed to both regional aspirations and electoral manifestations. Comment

Topic · Federalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/the-rise-of-caste-politics-is-to-be-attributed-to-both-regional-aspirations-and-electoral-manifestations-comment/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

The decade 1989-1999 has created an epochal shift in the Indian party system at the national level. Identify the major national trends in the party system during this era

Topic · Party System

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

Do you agree that over the years the Supreme Court has become a forum for policy evolution? Justify your answer

Topic · Principal Organs of the Union Government

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2023/do-you-agree-that-over-the-years-the-supreme-court-has-become-a-forum-for-policy-evolution-justify-your-answer/>

Compiled answer key

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Q1(e) 10 marks	Q2(a) 20 marks	Q2(b) 15 marks	Q2(c) 15 marks
Q3(a) 20 marks	Q3(b) 15 marks	Q3(c) 15 marks	Q4(a) 20 marks
Q4(b) 15 marks	Q4(c) 15 marks	Q5(a) 10 marks	Q5(b) 10 marks
Q5(c) 10 marks	Q5(d) 10 marks	Q5(e) 10 marks	Q6(a) 20 marks
Q6(b) 15 marks	Q6(c) 15 marks	Q7(a) 20 marks	Q7(b) 15 marks
Q7(c) 15 marks	Q8(a) 20 marks	Q8(b) 15 marks	Q8(c) 15 marks

Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q2(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 15 marks Solution

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Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

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