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UPSC Mains 2024 PSIR Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/psir/gs-1/2024/>

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

Behavioral approach to Political Science.

Topic • Political Theory

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/behavioral-approach-to-political-science/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Pluralist theory of State.

Topic • Theories of the State

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/pluralist-theory-of-state/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Locke's views on Revolution.

Topic • Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/lockes-views-on-revolution/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Decline of Liberalism.

Topic • Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/decline-of-liberalism/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Linkage between Power and Hegemony.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/linkage-between-power-and-hegemony/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Elucidate the meanings inherent in the term "political" with appropriate illustrations.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/elucidate-the-meanings-inherent-in-the-term-political-with-appropriate-illustrations/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

Marxism is a political theory of action demanding strict compliance with its core principles. Comment.

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/marxism-is-a-political-theory-of-action-demanding-strict-compliance-with-its-core-principles-comment/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

The nature of relationship between equality of democratic citizenship and liberty of citizens is influenced by economic equality. Comment.

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/the-nature-of-relationship-between-equality-of-democratic-citizenship-and-liberty-of-citizens-is-influenced-by-economic-equality-comment/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

The debate on human rights is caught between the limitations of both universalism and cultural relativism. Comment.

Topic · Rights

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/the-debate-on-human-rights-is-caught-between-the-limitations-of-both-universalism-and-cultural-relativism-comment/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Deliberative democracy seeks to promote democratic decision making about public issues among the citizens. Discuss.

Topic · Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/deliberative-democracy-seeks-to-promote-democratic-decision-making-about-public-issues-among-the-citizens-discuss/>

Q3(c) • 15 marks

Dharmashastra presents a duty-centric worldview for individuals and communities. Comment.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/dharmashastra-presents-a-duty-centric-worldview-for-individuals-and-communities-comment/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Legitimacy adds positive value to political authority and obligation. Discuss.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/legitimacy-adds-positive-value-to-political-authority-and-obligation-discuss/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine Plato's theory of Forms.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/critically-examine-platos-theory-of-forms/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Manabendra Nath Roy's political thought highlighted the humanistic aspects of Marxism. Discuss.

Topic · Political Ideologies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/manabendra-nath-roys-political-thought-highlighted-the-humanistic-aspects-of-marxism-discuss/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Constitutional morality in the Indian Constitution.

Topic · Making of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/constitutional-morality-in-the-indian-constitution/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Objective Resolution of the Constituent Assembly.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/objective-resolution-of-the-constituent-assembly/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Legal remedies in Part III of the Constitution of India.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/legal-remedies-in-part-iii-of-the-constitution-of-india/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Relevance of the Legislative Council.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/relevance-of-the-legislative-council/>

Q5(e) • 10 marks

Women's role in the anti-arrack movement.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/womens-role-in-the-anti-arrack-movement/>

Q6(a) • 20 marks

How far do you agree that the Directive Principles of State Policy are more fundamental than the Fundamental Rights in meeting socio-economic justice as mentioned in the Preamble of the Constitution?

Topic · Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/how-far-do-you-agree-that-the-directive-principles-of-state-policy-are-more-fundamental-than-the-fundamental-rights-in-meeting-socio-economic-justice-as-mentioned-in-the-preamble-of-the-constitution/>

Q6(b) • 15 marks

Explain the structure and functions of the National Commission for Women.

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/explain-the-structure-and-functions-of-the-national-commission-for-women/>

Q6(c) • 15 marks

The legacy of the Planning Commission still has a bearing on India's development policies. Discuss.

Topic · Planning and Economic Development

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/the-legacy-of-the-planning-commission-still-has-a-bearing-on-indias-development-policies-discuss/>

Q7(a) • 20 marks

Discuss the contribution of the Dalit struggle to establish egalitarianism in Indian society during the freedom movement.

Topic · Equality

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/discuss-the-contribution-of-the-dalit-struggle-to-establish-egalitarianism-in-indian-society-during-the-freedom-movement/>

Q7(b) • 15 marks

The blueprint of Gram Swaraj is the key to understanding the Gandhian perspective on planning. Discuss.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/the-blueprint-of-gram-swaraj-is-the-key-to-understanding-the-gandhian-perspective-on-planning-discuss/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

Critically assess the role of pressure groups in the decision-making process of the government.

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/critically-assess-the-role-of-pressure-groups-in-the-decision-making-process-of-the-government/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the role of environmental movements in shaping environmental governance in India.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/discuss-the-role-of-environmental-movements-in-shaping-environmental-governance-in-india/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

"Relative deprivation is a major source of ethnic conflict." Elaborate the statement with relevant examples.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/relative-deprivation-is-a-major-source-of-ethnic-conflict-elaborate-the-statement-with-relevant-examples/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Gram Sabha in the Panchayati Raj system is a forum which gives expression to the collective wisdom, aspirations, and the will of the people. Comment.

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2024/gram-sabha-in-the-panchayati-raj-system-is-a-forum-which-gives-expression-to-the-collective-wisdom-aspirations-and-the-will-of-the-people-comment/>

Compiled answer key

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Q1(a) 10 marks	Q1(b) 10 marks	Q1(c) 10 marks	Q1(d) 10 marks
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

Q5(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q7(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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