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UPSC Mains 2025 PSIR Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/psir/gs-1/2025/>

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

Explain the Philosophical approach to the study of Political theory

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/explain-the-philosophical-approach-to-the-study-of-political-theory/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Write a note on the relation between equality and liberty from the multi-cultural perspective

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/write-a-note-on-the-relation-between-equality-and-liberty-from-the-multi-cultural-perspective/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Explain the Macpherson's view on power

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/explain-the-macphersons-view-on-power/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Mention the difference between Italian and German brands of fascism

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/mention-the-difference-between-italian-and-german-brands-of-fascism/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Explain briefly the elite theory of democracy

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/explain-briefly-the-elite-theory-of-democracy/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

What is the Marxist and liberal approach towards the state? On what grounds the theoretical differences between them are premised? Explain

Topic · Theories of the State

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/what-is-the-marxist-and-liberal-approach-towards-the-state-on-what-grounds-the-theoretical-differences-between-them-are-premised-explain/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

Karl Popper presents a defence of the open society against its enemies. Elaborate

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/karl-popper-presents-a-defence-of-the-open-society-against-its-enemies-elaborate/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Explain how Rawls used the liberal and egalitarian perspective to develop his theory of justice

Topic · Justice

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/explain-how-rawls-used-the-liberal-and-egalitarian-perspective-to-develop-his-theory-of-justice/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Provide a comparative analysis of behavioural and institutional approach to the study of Political theory

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/provide-a-comparative-analysis-of-behavioural-and-institutional-approach-to-the-study-of-political-theory/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

"State does the greatest harm to mankind by destroying individuality, which lies at the root of all progress." - Mahatma Gandhi. Elucidate

Topic · Political Theory

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Q3(c) · 15 marks

Explain how the slogan 'the personal is political' addresses the issue of women's oppression and discrimination?

Topic · Political Theory

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Q4(a) • 20 marks

The foundational base of western democracy has been shaped by Locke's ideas of constitutionalism, freedom and property. Elucidate

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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Q4(b) • 15 marks

Hannah Arendt analysed a few categories of vita activa. Explain

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/hannah-arendt-analysed-a-few-categories-of-vita-activa-explain/>

Q4(c) • 15 marks

Do you think that legitimacy acquired by consent or manufactured by indoctrination is an essential element in maintenance of political rule? Justify your answer with relevant examples

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/do-you-think-that-legitimacy-acquired-by-consent-or-manufactured-by-indoctrination-is-an-essential-element-in-maintenance-of-political-rule/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

Explain briefly the role of Peasant Movements after 1857 and before independence

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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Q5(b) • 10 marks

Write a note on the Dalit perspective of Indian National Movement

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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Q5(c) • 10 marks

Land reforms programmes led to some constitutional amendments. Comment

Topic · Planning and Economic Development

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/land-reforms-programmes-led-to-some-constitutional-amendments-comment/>

Q5(d) • 10 marks

Delineate the key factors that have shaped the evolving political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir post 2019

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/delineate-the-key-factors-that-have-shaped-the-evolving-political-landscape-in-jammu-and-kashmir-post-2019/>

Q5(e) • 10 marks

How far has been the National Human Rights Commission successful in achieving its objectives? Comment

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/how-far-has-been-the-national-human-rights-commission-successful-in-achieving-its-objectives-comment/>

Q6(a) • 20 marks

Parliamentary Committees are a strong tool of Parliamentary Democracy. It provides for the opportunity for cross-pollination of ideas among members of the Parliament. Discuss

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/parliamentary-committees-are-a-strong-tool-of-parliamentary-democracy-it-provides-for-the-opportunity-for-cross-pollination-of-ideas-among-m/>

Q6(b) • 15 marks

Examine the constitutional provisions and nature of advisory jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India. Evaluate your answer with relevant examples

Topic · Federalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/examine-the-constitutional-provisions-and-nature-of-advisory-jurisdiction-of-supreme-court-of-india-evaluate-your-answer-with-relevant-examp/>

Q6(c) • 15 marks

The recent developments in Indian Politics has not eroded the true spirit of federalism in India. Critically examine this statement with the help of appropriate illustrations

Topic · Federalism

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Q7(a) • 20 marks

Enunciate the impediments to women's participation in local governance in the process of political decentralisation

Topic · Indian Nationalism

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Q7(b) · 20 marks

Caste remains a vital axis for political mobilisation in India. How would the caste census address the aspirations of people? Discuss

Topic · Indian Nationalism

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/caste-remains-a-vital-axis-for-political-mobilisation-in-india-how-would-the-caste-census-address-the-aspirations-of-people-discuss/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

There is a debate on the procedure for appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners to the Election Commission of India. Analyse its various aspects

Topic · Statutory Institutions/Commissions

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/there-is-a-debate-on-the-procedure-for-appointment-of-the-chief-election-commissioner-and-election-commissioners-to-the-election-commission/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

The decision to conduct Population Census-2027 has reopened the debate on consultation in India. Discuss its various aspects

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/the-decision-to-conduct-population-census-2027-has-reopened-the-debate-on-consultation-in-india-discuss-its-various-aspects/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

With reference to Peruvian experience of planning and economic development, examine how the early phase of economic planning in India has laid the foundation for future development

Topic · Political Theory

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-1/2025/with-reference-to-peruvian-experience-of-planning-and-economic-development-examine-how-the-early-phase-of-economic-planning-in-india-has-laid-the-foundation-for-future-development/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Illustrate with examples how regional parties in India have played a crucial role in drawing the historically disadvantaged groups into the mainstream political system

Topic · Political Theory

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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) 20 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

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

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Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

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