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UPSC Mains 2021 PSIR Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/psir/gs-2/2021/>

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

Discuss the political economy approach to the comparative analysis of politics.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-political-economy-approach-to-the-comparative-analysis-of-politics/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

"Political parties and pressure groups are sine qua non of democracy." Comment.

Topic · Politics of Representation and Participation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/political-parties-and-pressure-groups-are-sine-qua-non-of-democracy-comment/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

"Marxist approach to the study of international relations has lost its relevance in the post-cold war era." Comment.

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/marxist-approach-to-the-study-of-international-relations-has-lost-its-relevance-in-the-post-cold-war-era-comment/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

What measures have been undertaken by the United Nations for its reforms?

Topic · United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/what-measures-have-been-undertaken-by-the-united-nations-for-its-reforms/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Discuss the five proposals made by India in the recent COP-26 conference held in Glasgow.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-five-proposals-made-by-india-in-the-recent-cop-26-conference-held-in-glasgow/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

"The post-colonial state was thought of an entity that stood outside and above society as an autonomous agency." Explain

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/the-post-colonial-state-was-thought-of-a-n-entity-that-stood-outside-and-above-society-as-an-autonomous-agency-explain/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the emergence of neo-realism and its basic tenets

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-emergence-of-neo-realism-and-its-basic-tenets/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

What is complex interdependence? Discuss the role of transnational actors in the international system

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/what-is-complex-interdependence-discuss-the-role-of-transnational-actors-in-the-international-system/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Explain the impact of electoral systems and cleavages in shaping party systems with reference to developing countries

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/explain-the-impact-of-electoral-systems-and-cleavages-in-shaping-party-systems-with-reference-to-developing-countries/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

What is globalisation? Why is there an intense debate about globalisation and its consequences?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/what-is-globalisation-why-is-there-an-intense-debate-about-globalisation-and-its-consequences/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Critically examine the decline of the United States of America as a hegemon and its implications for the changing international political order

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/critically-examine-the-decline-of-the-united-states-of-america-as-a-hegemon-and-its-implications-for-the-changing-international-political-order/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

The modernization thesis asserts that affluence breeds stable democracy. How do you explain the success of India being the world's largest democracy as an exceptional case?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/the-modernization-thesis-asserts-that-affluence-breeds-stable-democracy-how-do-you-explain-the-success-of-india-being-the-worlds-largest-democracy-as-an-exceptional-case/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

Explain the success of ASEAN as a regional organisation

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/explain-the-success-of-asean-as-a-regional-organisation/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Explain India's relations with the European Union in the context of Brexit

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/explain-indias-relations-with-the-european-union-in-the-context-of-brexit/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Discuss the strategic implications of India's Look East Policy transforming into Act East Policy.

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-strategic-implications-of-indias-look-east-policy-transforming-into-act-east-policy/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Explain the philosophical foundations of India's foreign policy.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/explain-the-philosophical-foundations-of-indias-foreign-policy/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Explain India's position on the waiver of intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines in WTO.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/explain-indias-position-on-the-waiver-of-intellectual-property-rights-on-covid-19-vaccines-in-wto/>

Q5(d) • 10 marks

Write about the growing significance of QUAD.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/write-about-the-growing-significance-of-quad/>

Q5(e) • 10 marks

How does the recent takeover of Afghanistan by Taliban impact India's strategic interests?

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/how-does-the-recent-takeover-of-afghanistan-by-taliban-impact-indias-strategic-interests/>

Q6(a) • 20 marks

"Non-alignment was little more than a rational strategy on the part of a materially weak India to maximise its interests with a bipolar distribution of global power."

Comment

Topic · India and the Global Centres of Power

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/non-alignment-was-little-more-than-a-rational-strategy-on-the-part-of-a-materially-weak-india-to-maximise-its-interests-with-a-bipolar-distribution-of-global-power-comment/>

Q6(b) • 15 marks

Examine the Geo-strategic points of contention in the bilateral relationship between India and China

Topic · India and the Global Centres of Power

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/examine-the-geo-strategic-points-of-contention-in-the-bilateral-relationship-between-india-and-china/>

Q6(c) • 15 marks

Write a brief analysis of the ethnic conflicts and cross-border migrations along India-Myanmar and India-Bangladesh borders

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/write-a-brief-analysis-of-the-ethnic-conflicts-and-cross-border-migrations-along-india-myanmar-and-india-bangladesh-borders/>

Q7(a) • 20 marks

Why South Asia is considered as the world's politically and economically least integrated region? Explain

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/why-south-asia-is-considered-as-the-worlds-politically-and-economically-least-integrated-region-explain/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

How do the constituent states influence the foreign policy making process in India?

Topic · Indian Foreign Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/how-do-the-constituent-states-influence-the-foreign-policy-making-process-in-india/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

Examine the evolution of India's role in the global nuclear order

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/examine-the-evolution-of-indias-role-in-the-global-nuclear-order/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Relations between India and Russia are rooted in history, mutual trust and mutually beneficial cooperation. Discuss

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/relations-between-india-and-russia-are-rooted-in-history-mutual-trust-and-mutually-beneficial-cooperation-discuss/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the Sustainable Development Goals as set by the United Nations

Topic · United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-sustainable-development-goals-as-set-by-the-united-nations/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Identify the drivers of India's new interest in Africa

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2021/identify-the-drivers-of-indias-new-interest-in-africa/>

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
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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

Q7(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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