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UPSC Mains 2023 PSIR Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/psir/gs-2/2023/>

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

What are the crucial functions of empirical political theory in Comparative Politics?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-are-the-crucial-functions-of-empirical-political-theory-in-comparative-politics/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

What are the difficulties faced by a political theorist in comparing the States?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-are-the-difficulties-faced-by-a-political-theorist-in-comparing-the-states/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

How does democratic politics construct citizenship?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/how-does-democratic-politics-construct-citizenship/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

What is the structure and functions of International Court of Justice?

Topic · Contemporary Global Concerns

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-is-the-structure-and-functions-of-international-court-of-justice/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Discuss the structure and functions of UN Security Council.

Topic · India and the UN System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-structure-and-functions-of-un-security-council/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the relevance of the normative ethos of the Non-Aligned Movement in magnifying India's soft power in pursuit of her national interest

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-relevance-of-the-normative-ethos-of-the-non-aligned-movement-in-magnifying-indias-soft-power-in-pursuit-of-her-national-interest/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

In what ways does the functionalist approach in International relations help in maintaining peace and order in global politics?

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/in-what-ways-does-the-functionalist-approach-in-international-relations-help-in-maintaining-peace-and-order-in-global-politics/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

How does the regime change and political crisis in Myanmar threaten regional security and peace?

Topic · India and the UN System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/how-does-the-regime-change-and-political-crisis-in-myanmar-threaten-regional-security-and-peace/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

"During the Cold War, the Non-Aligned Movement tried to become a Third force in World Politics, but failed because it was too large and unwieldy." Discuss

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/during-the-cold-war-the-non-aligned-movement-tried-to-become-a-third-force-in-world-politics-but-failed-because-it-was-too-large-and-unwieldy-discuss/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Account for the rise of European Union as a highly influential regional organisation

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/account-for-the-rise-of-european-union-as-a-highly-influential-regional-organisation/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Narrate the various ways in which rapid environmental degradation is posing a serious threat to human security. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/narrate-the-various-ways-in-which-rapid-environmental-degradation-is-posing-a-serious-threat-to-human-security-illustrate-your-answer-with-suitable-examples/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Critically examine the impact of Globalisation on the developing countries of the world

Topic · Globalisation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/critically-examine-the-impact-of-globalisation-on-the-developing-countries-of-the-world/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

What do you mean by offensive and defensive realism?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-do-you-mean-by-offensive-and-defensive-realism/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the various constraints on American hegemony today. Which of these are likely to become more prominent in the future?

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-various-constraints-on-american-hegemony-today-which-of-these-are-likely-to-become-more-prominent-in-the-future/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Explain the major features of India's Foreign Policy in the 21st century.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/explain-the-major-features-of-indias-foreign-policy-in-the-21st-century/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

What are the reasons for lack of 'regionness' in South Asia?

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-are-the-reasons-for-lack-of-regionness-in-south-asia/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Why is the compromise reached at WTO regarding the Covid-19 vaccine manufacturing not a Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) waiver?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/why-is-the-compromise-reached-at-wto-regarding-the-covid-19-vaccine-manufacturing-not-a-trade-related-intellectual-property-rights-trips-waiver/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Why do ethnic conflicts and insurgencies continue to remain major impediments to regional co-operation in South Asia?

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/why-do-ethnic-conflicts-and-insurgencies-continue-to-remain-major-impediments-to-regional-co-operation-in-south-asia/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

What diplomatic steps has India taken to articulate the interests of the Global South in International Politics?

Topic · Contemporary Global Concerns

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-diplomatic-steps-has-india-taken-to-articulate-the-interests-of-the-global-south-in-international-politics/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Arms trade, economic ties and congruent geo-political interests are no longer the three pillars of India - Russia relationship in the emerging strategic context.

Comment

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/arms-trade-economic-ties-and-congruent-geo-political-interests-are-no-longer-the-three-pillars-of-india-russia-relationship-in-the-emerging-strategic-context-comment/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the importance of India's role in UN peacekeeping operations as a ground for its claim to a permanent seat in the UN Security Council

Topic · India and the UN System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-importance-of-indias-role-in-un-peacekeeping-operations-as-a-ground-for-its-claim-to-a-permanent-seat-in-the-un-security-council/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) performs an important role in India's strategic balancing act to withstand the dominance of China in Asia. Discuss

Topic · India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/quadrilateral-security-dialogue-quad-performs-an-important-role-in-indias-strategic-balancing-act-to-withstand-the-dominance-of-china-in-asia-discuss/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

"India's Nuclear policy is deeply influenced by its cultural beliefs and the pragmatic approach of its foreign policy." Discuss

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/indias-nuclear-policy-is-deeply-influenced-by-its-cultural-beliefs-and-the-pragmatic-approach-of-its-foreign-policy-discuss/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

What steps has India taken to regain its foothold in Afghanistan since the Taliban has taken over the country in August 2021?

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-steps-has-india-taken-to-regain-its-foothold-in-afghanistan-since-the-taliban-has-taken-over-the-country-in-august-2021/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

What are the challenges and limitations in India - Iran relations?

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-are-the-challenges-and-limitations-in-india-iran-relations/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

What are the external determinants of the Foreign Policy of a State?

Topic · Indian Foreign Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/what-are-the-external-determinants-of-the-foreign-policy-of-a-state/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the significance of "West Asia Quad" in the light of India's 'Look West' policy

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-significance-of-west-asia-quad-in-the-light-of-indias-look-west-policy/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the major drivers of India's interests in Africa

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-major-drivers-of-indias-interests-in-africa/>

Compiled answer key

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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

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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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