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UPSC Mains 2024 PSIR Paper 2

Questions only

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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 interpretive approach to the study of comparative politics.

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-interpretive-approach-to-the-study-of-comparative-politics/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Explain the central tenets of the World-Systems Theory.

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/explain-the-central-tenets-of-the-world-systems-theory/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

The expansionist tendencies of the current Russian regime indicate its intentions for the realization of a Greater Russia on the lines of the Soviet era. Comment.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/the-expansionist-tendencies-of-the-current-russian-regime-indicate-its-intentions-for-the-realization-of-a-greater-russia-on-the-lines-of-the-soviet-era-comment/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Explain the various facets of the idealist approach to the study of international relations. Comment on its contemporary relevance.

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/explain-the-various-facets-of-the-idealistic-approach-to-the-study-of-international-relations-comment-on-its-contemporary-relevance/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

The changing global order and ongoing regional conflicts, with the global powers taking sides, have jeopardized the progress made towards disarmament in the past. Comment.

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/the-changing-global-order-and-ongoing-regional-conflicts-with-the-global-powers-taking-sides-have-jeopardized-the-progress-made-towards-disarmament-in-the-past-comment/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

"Deglobalisation is displacing globalisation." Comment.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/deglobalisation-is-displacing-globalisation-comment/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

What are the distinctive features of the post-modern state in the advanced capitalist economies? Analyse.

Topic · State in comparative perspective

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/what-are-the-distinctive-features-of-the-post-modern-state-in-the-advanced-capitalist-economies-analyse/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

What were the limitations of NAFTA? How did its replacement by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement counter them? Explain.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/what-were-the-limitations-of-nafta-how-did-its-replacement-by-the-united-states-mexico-canada-agreement-counter-them-explain/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the major recent social movements related to the physical rights of women in various countries of the world.

Topic · Politics of Representation and Participation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-major-recent-social-movements-related-to-the-physical-rights-of-women-in-various-countries-of-the-world/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine the role of political parties in sustaining and stabilising democracies in the developing societies.

Topic · Politics of Representation and Participation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/critically-examine-the-role-of-political-parties-in-sustaining-and-stabilising-democracies-in-the-developing-societies/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Do you agree with the view that the USA uses NATO as a traditional tool of strategy to perpetuate its hegemony in the world?

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/do-you-agree-with-the-view-that-the-usa-uses-nato-as-a-traditional-tool-of-strategy-to-perpetuate-its-hegemony-in-the-world/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

"The Gramscian theory of hegemony provides many valuable insights into the nature of global power." Comment.

Topic · India and the Global Centres of Power

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/the-gramscian-theory-of-hegemony-provides-many-valuable-insights-into-the-nature-of-global-power-comment/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

The return of trade barriers and economic sanctions has diminished the spirit of GATT. In this context, discuss the factors contributing to the decline of WTO in recent times.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/the-return-of-trade-barriers-and-economic-sanctions-has-diminished-the-spirit-of-gatt-in-this-context-discuss-the-factors-contributing-to-the-decline-of-wto-in-recent-times/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Do you agree with the view that the EU has thus far proved to be the most successful experiment in the regional integration processes? Account for its successes and also some of the recent challenges that it is faced with.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/do-you-agree-with-the-view-that-the-eu-has-thus-far-proved-to-be-the-most-successful-experiment-in-the-regional-integration-processes-account-for-its-successes-and-also-some-of-the-recent-challenges-that-it-is-faced-with/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

"India must strive to become a semi-permanent member of the UNSC, rather than a permanent member without the right to veto." Comment.

Topic · India and the UN System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/india-must-strive-to-become-a-semi-permanent-member-of-the-unsc-rather-than-a-permanent-member-without-the-right-to-veto-comment/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Bhutan has historically been an ally of India, but the China-Bhutan border-related issues have become a security issue for India. Discuss.

Topic · India and the Global Centres of Power

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/bhutan-has-historically-been-an-ally-of-india-but-the-china-bhutan-border-related-issues-have-become-a-security-issue-for-india-discuss/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

"Nothing is going to move within the WTO negotiations unless India is on board."
Discuss the main reasons behind India's increased clout in the WTO.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/nothing-is-going-to-move-within-the-wto-negotiations-unless-india-is-on-board-discuss-the-main-reasons-behind-indias-increased-clout-in-the-wto/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Discuss the rationale behind replacing the "Asia-Pacific" strategy with the new term "Indo-Pacific" strategy.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-rationale-behind-replacing-the-asia-pacific-strategy-with-the-new-term-indo-pacific-strategy/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Despite deep ties, India's relations with Sri Lanka have seen strains due to China's growing influence in Sri Lanka through investments and economic dominance. Analyse.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/despite-deep-ties-indias-relations-with-sri-lanka-have-seen-strains-due-to-chinas-growing-influence-in-sri-lanka-through-investments-and-economic-dominance-analyse/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Would you concur with the view that of late, India's foreign policy has been in a transition mode from Nehruvianism to Neoliberalism? Support your answer with the help of suitable examples.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/would-you-concur-with-the-view-that-of-late-indias-foreign-policy-has-been-in-a-transition-mode-from-nehruvianism-to-neoliberalism-support-your-answer-with-the-help-of-suitable-examples/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

Does the idea of the 21st century as 'Asian century' continue to remain feasible given the growing friction between India and China?

Topic · India and South Asia

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/does-the-idea-of-the-21st-century-as-asian-century-continue-to-remain-feasible-given-the-growing-friction-between-india-and-china/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the potential role that India could play as the leader of the Global South in realising the goal of establishing a new international economic order in the 21st century.

Topic · India and the Global South

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-potential-role-that-india-could-play-as-the-leader-of-the-global-south-in-realising-the-goal-of-establishing-a-new-international-economic-order-in-the-21st-century/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the future of SAARC in the light of India's increased focus on other regional groupings like ASEAN and BIMSTEC.

Topic · Regionalisation of World Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-future-of-saarc-in-the-light-of-indias-increased-focus-on-other-regional-groupings-like-asean-and-bimstec/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine India's persistent refusal to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) despite being recognized as a de facto nuclear power.

Topic · Contemporary Global Concerns

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/critically-examine-indias-persistent-refusal-to-sign-the-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty-npt-despite-being-recognized-as-a-de-facto-nuclear-power/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

"India and USA have become such strong strategic partners that they need not become formal allies." Comment.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/india-and-usa-have-become-such-strong-strategic-partners-that-they-need-not-become-formal-allies-comment/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Critically examine the continuity and change in India's Palestine policy in the wake of the ongoing Israel-Hamas War.

Topic · Indian Foreign Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/critically-examine-the-continuity-and-change-in-indias-palestine-policy-in-the-wake-of-the-ongoing-israel-hamas-war/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the implications of the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime with Myanmar by the Indian Government on the complex ethno-political dynamics of the north-eastern region.

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-implications-of-the-scrapping-of-the-free-movement-regime-with-myanmar-by-the-indian-government-on-the-complex-ethno-political-dynamics-of-the-north-eastern-region/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

"India has of late, chosen to debunk non-alignment in its pursuit of multi-alignment."
Comment.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2024/india-has-of-late-chosen-to-debunk-non-alignment-in-its-pursuit-of-multi-alignment-comment/>

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Compiled answer key

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Question-wise key

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

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