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UPSC Mains 2025 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 psychological approach to the study of comparative politics.

Topic • Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/discuss-the-psychological-approach-to-the-study-of-comparative-politics/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Neo-liberalism lightened neo-realism's dark view of international politics. Comment.

Topic • Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/neo-liberalism-lightened-neo-realisms-dark-view-of-international-politics-comment/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Explain the non-traditional security threats in the context of food and environmental crises.

Topic • Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/explain-the-non-traditional-security-threats-in-the-context-of-food-and-environmental-crises/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Discuss the political socialization of open and closed societies.

Topic • Politics of Representation and Participation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/discuss-the-political-socialization-of-open-and-closed-societies/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Comment on the Red Lipstick Movement in the context of feminist rights.

Topic • Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/comment-on-the-red-lipstick-movement-in-the-context-of-feminist-rights/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

The world currently has been in the throes of a twin process of 'democratic backsliding' and 'democratic backlash'. How would you explain this paradox?

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q2(b) · 15 marks

The withdrawal of the United States of America from the World Health Organization is set to have far-reaching impacts on global health. Reimagining the existing WHO is vital for the global health agenda. Discuss

Topic · India and the Global South

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/the-withdrawal-of-the-united-states-of-america-from-the-world-health-organization-is-set-to-have-far-reaching-impacts-on-global-health-reimagining-the-existing-who-is-vital-for-the-global-health-agenda-discuss/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Transnational actors have qualitatively transformed the world by the way of their fresh insights and actions. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/transnational-actors-have-qualitatively-transformed-the-world-by-the-way-of-their-fresh-insights-and-actions-illustrate-your-answer-with-suitable-examples/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Of late, centrist and centre-left political parties have been facing setbacks while centre-right parties have been in ascendancy the world over. Comment

Topic · Politics of Representation and Participation

Solution — [https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/of-late-centrist-and-centre-left-political-parties-have-been-facing-setbacks-while-centre-right-parties-have-been-in-ascendancy-the-world-overcomment/](https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/of-late-centrist-and-centre-left-political-parties-have-been-facing-setbacks-while-centre-right-parties-have-been-in-ascendancy-the-world-over-comment/)

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Collective security and responsibility to protect (R2P) are uniform neither in scope, goals and methods. Explain

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/collective-security-and-responsibility-to-protect-r2p-are-uniform-neither-in-scope-goals-and-methods-explain/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Global South-sensitive model of globalization would prevent the danger emanating from overcentralized globalization. Discuss

Topic · India and the Global South

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/global-south-sensitive-model-of-globalization-would-prevent-the-danger-emanating-from-overcentralized-globalization-discuss/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Latin America has made moderate success in countering US-led global economic order by framing various organizations emphasizing regional sovereignty, economic integration and alternative development. Discuss

Topic · India and the Global South

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Q4(b) · 15 marks

How successful has the 'ASEAN Plus Three' been in addressing regional problems? Support your answer with specific examples

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/how-successful-has-the-asean-plus-three-been-in-addressing-regional-problems-support-your-answer-with-specific-examples/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

"Trump's return to the White House is a jolt to push the European Union to invest in its own defence and economic and technological revival." Comment

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

China's growing footprint and a tangible shift in power dynamics in Bangladesh has weakened India's leverage in Dhaka. Comment.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/chinas-growing-footprint-and-a-tangible-shift-in-power-dynamics-in-bangladesh-has-weakened-indias-leverage-in-dhaka-comment/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Would you agree with the contention that India's inclination to lean on a 'more aggressive hyper-realist posture' has gained a new momentum in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist strike? Comment.

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/would-you-agree-with-the-contention-that-indias-inclination-to-lean-on-a-more-aggressive-hyper-realist-posture-has-gained-a-new-momentum-in/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

For India, a multipolar world order would also mean a multipolar Asia. Comment.

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/for-india-a-multipolar-world-order-would-also-mean-a-multipolar-asia-comment/>

Q5(d) • 10 marks

Does the Non-Aligned Movement have any future in the wake of India's growing indifference towards it?

Topic · Changing International Political Order

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/does-the-non-aligned-movement-have-a-future-in-the-wake-of-indias-growing-indifference-towards-it/>

Q5(e) • 10 marks

Historical ties between India and Japan grew into a 'special strategic and global partnership'. Comment.

Topic · India and the Global Centres of Power

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/historical-ties-between-india-and-japan-grew-into-a-special-strategic-and-global-partnership-comment/>

Q6(a) • 20 marks

Critically analyze the different phases of India's foreign policy since independence. How justified, do you think, is S. Jaishankar's classification of the current phase as the phase of 'energetic diplomacy'? 15+5=

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/critically-analyze-the-different-phases-of-indias-foreign-policy-since-independence-how-justified-do-you-think-is-s-jaishankars-classificati/>

Q6(b) • 15 marks

India maintains strong ties with countries that will assure a free and open Indo-Pacific and guarantee greater connectivity with rest of the world. Analyze

Topic · Indian Foreign Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/india-maintains-strong-ties-with-countries-that-will-assure-a-free-and-open-indo-pacific-and-guarantee-greater-connectivity-with-rest-of-the/>

Q6(c) • 15 marks

The tariff threats have pushed India and the European Union closer. Evaluate the India-EU partnership

Topic · Comparative Politics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/the-tariff-threats-have-pushed-india-and-the-european-union-closer-evaluate-the-india-eu-partnership/>

Q7(a) • 20 marks

India continues to invoke its time-tested policy of strategic autonomy vis-à-vis both the United States of America and Russia by rejecting US' offer of mediation on Kashmir issue and by refusing to criticize Russia in its ongoing war against Ukraine. Comment

Topic · Indian Foreign Policy

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/psir-gs-2/2025/india-continues-to-invoke-its-time-tested-policy-of-strategic-autonomy-vis-vis-both-the-united-states-of-america-and-russia-by-rejecting-us/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Trump's unilateral imposition of reciprocal tariffs on scores of countries poses impending threat to the future of the rule-based multilateral global trading system under the WTO. What options do the WTO members have to salvage the organization?

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

NonAlignment 2·0 underscores India's unique aspiration to emerge as a site for an alternative universality. Comment

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

India's reluctance to perceive any 'existential threat' inevitably made the multilateral path to nuclear security a 'default option' until it decided to cross nuclear Rubicon in 1998. Identify and analyze some of the major reasons behind this shift in India's position on the nuclear question

Topic · Changing International Political Order

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Discuss some of the key drivers of India's new interests in Africa which might help in developing long-term comparative advantage over China

Topic · State in comparative perspective

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the potential role India can play in initiating a possible phase of trilateral economic engagement among India, China and Nepal

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

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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
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Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(c) · 10 marks Solution

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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

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Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

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