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Questions only**UPSC Mains 2026 PSIR Paper 2**

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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

Criticism of the institutional approach in comparative political analysis has come up in successive waves. Comment.

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q1(b) · 10 marks

Extractive capitalism.

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q1(c) · 10 marks

Discuss various methods of Balance of Power.

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

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Q1(d) · 10 marks

Clientilism.

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q1(e) · 10 marks

What role does identity and technology play in the conceptualisation of Defensive realism?

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q2(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the factors responsible for the changing nature of states in contemporary industrial societies and explain its impact

Topic · State in comparative perspective

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Q2(b) · 15 marks

International Human Rights frameworks are hostage to politics among nations. Comment

Topic · Contemporary Global Concerns

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Q2(c) · 15 marks

Diplomacy has always rested on two pillars: Institutional memory and individual craft. Elaborate

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q3(a) · 20 marks

NATO, the oldest surviving collective security system, is facing the challenge of transactional coercion from its own biggest member. What future does NATO have amidst such developments?

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

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Q3(b) · 15 marks

Theories of international relations which claim objectivity inevitably harbour subjective biases. Elucidate

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q3(c) · 15 marks

Does power transition theory reflect the dynamics of US-China relations?

Topic · Approaches to the Study of International Relations

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Q4(a) · 20 marks

QUAD requires more robust architecture than the summit driven mode to tide over the current challenges. Elaborate

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q4(b) · 15 marks

How did the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) reflect geo-political division of the world during the cold war?

Topic · Changing International Political Order

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Q4(c) · 15 marks

What is UNCLOS? Explain its salient features

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Describe India's objections to agricultural negotiations at the World Trade Organisation.

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

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

What strategic options can India exercise as a response to the tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan?

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

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Q5(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the three areas of security co-operation between India and Israel.

Topic · India and South Asia

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Discuss the main features of the land-boundary agreement between India and Bangladesh.

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Analyse the relevance of India-Brazil economic co-operation in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Topic · India and South Asia

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

Accelerating Chinese influence across South Asia is fundamentally reshaping the region's geopolitical landscape. This is a big foreign policy challenge for India. Analyse

Topic · India and South Asia

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

Critically evaluate the important factors of India-Maldives relations on the eve of sixty years of diplomatic ties between the two countries

Topic · India and the Global South

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

"The mother of all deals" is a transformative milestone in Indo-EU trade relations. Elaborate on the new Security and Defence partnership

Topic · Key concepts in International Relations

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Q7(a) · 20 marks

How does illegal cross border migration pose challenges to India's security? Discuss the steps taken by the government in this direction and their effectiveness

Topic · Comparative Politics

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

The island of Kachchatheevu remains an intractable issue in India-Sri Lanka relations. Comment

Topic · India and the Global South

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

India has adopted multi-alignment to fulfill its core values and interests in international relations. Discuss

Topic · Changing International Political Order

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

Critically evaluate India-Russia relations in the 21st century. How have both the countries responded to America meddling in their relations in the recent times?

Topic · India and the Global South

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

India has recognised that West Asia is not a single contest, but a tangle of rivalries, bargains and anxieties. Comment

Topic · Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

Examine India and South Africa co-operation through bilateral and multi-lateral forums

Topic · India and South Asia

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Compiled answer key

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Q1(a) 10 marks	Q1(b) 10 marks	Q1(c) 10 marks	Q1(d) 10 marks
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
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

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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