



**National Officers Academy**  
**Mock Exams Special CSS & CSS-2024**  
**July 2023(Mock-4)**  
**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II**  
**(CURRENT AFFAIRS)**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES**

**PART-I (MCQS)**

**PART-II**

**MAXIMUM MARKS = 20**

**MAXIMUM MARKS = 80**

**NOTE:**

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- v. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

**SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II**

- Q. 2.** How do you see the increasing rapprochement between Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran? Also analyze its socio-political implications in the Middle East and Pakistan. What measures would you recommend for Islamabad to follow?
- Q. 3.** Critically evaluate the reasons and implications for the revival of militancy in Pakistan. Also give possible recommendations for Islamabad to follow.
- Q. 4.** Critically evaluate the reasons for the global financial super cycle and their implications on Pakistan. What possible recommendations would you suggest to Islamabad?
- Q. 5.** The war in Ukraine would determine the continuation or decline of west lead global order. Comment.
- Q. 6.** Floods and water scarcity are the two extreme situations Pakistan is faced with. Analyze the factors responsible and give recommendations.
- Q. 7.** US-India growing strategic partnership is mainly to contain China but it also has massive negative implications on Pakistan. Recommend policy options for Islamabad to follow.
- Q. 8.** How do you see the G-20 conference in Indian held Kashmir? What objectives India tried to achieve? What options are available for Pakistan?

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***Best of Luck for Special CSS & CSS-2024***

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## Part - II

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Ans:

1. Introduction:

"The shifting sands of the middle East always tells different stories." The recent rapprochement between the Kingdom of Saudi and Iran undoubtedly enormous development which will have profound implications in middle East as well for muslim world. moreover, this will also impact the order of economy in middle East as well. Pakistan can be benefited from the most tremendous development of KSA vs Iran. Similarly, Pakistan has to have balanced ties with all Arab countries so as to attract these nations towards CPEC. Therefore, Pakistan can be benefited economically.



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## 2. Increasing rapprochement between Iran and KSA:

undoubtedly, the rising ties between Iran and KSA will bring various huge benefits for the region as well for the muslim community. The process of ties will resolve long continued disputes, like Syrian civil war, Yamen war, chaos in Iraq and the stance of the muslims towards Israel's violence against conduct of peace and the influence of the NATO with its friends can be ended. Moreover, the region will be come economic hub rather than military battle ground. According to SRS Strategic research service the region will annually contribute 60pc in the world economy. Thus, the rapprochement is profoundly fruitful for the region.

## 3. Analyzing socio-political implication and Pakistan:

Surely, the recent



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ties between the two super powers of region as well the two school of thoughts will have profound socio-political implication for Pakistan as well for the region.

a. **lessens the interference of US/Israel:**

This profound conduct is going to spoil the foreign policies of US and Israel. These both countries used the muslims of the region on the names of Shia vs Sunni. According to US congress research service US. gelled US \$160 billion military weapons to KSA. This ascribes the horrible business of arsenals of US. Israel backed Arabs and militant groups against Iran. The sectarian conflict also impacted Pakistan internally. The restoration of ties will bring peace in Pakistan too.

b. **muslims hold on Kashmir and Palestine:**

This ties of Iran vs KSA will provide huge benefits to muslims. The united stance can be produced against the oppressed regions of the muslims. Pakistan can benefit from the recent



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development and rise the voices of the muslims against occupied Kashmir

#### 4. Measures for Islamabad:

##### a. Have close diplomatic ties:

Islamabad must have close ties between both the regions. KSA and Iran. This will maintain the existing process of ties between KSA and Iran. Pakistan play more neutral roles to solve the disputes of Syria, Yemen and other region with diplomacy rather than wars.

##### b. Attract Gulf Nations towards CPEC:

Islamabad by the help of china should attract the middle East nations towards CPEC. The economic connectivity among Arabia, Iran, Arab states, china and Pakistan can spoil the influence of west and wars.

#### 5. Conclusion:

In short, the recent development between the two muslim countries have profound implications



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for muslims as well for Pakistan  
Thus, this should be sustained by  
the contribution of Pakistan and  
China for the sake of peace

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Ans:

1. Introduction:

According to UN Global  
terror index report Pakistan is one  
of the second countries which  
is hit by the militants. This  
country lost us\$ 150 billion in economy and  
80000 individuals due to the conduct  
of terrorism. Pensively, the waves of  
terror still going on. According to  
PIPS Pakistan institution for peace studies  
currently terror carried out 293 attacks  
killed 393 persons consequently, these  
all are happening due to short  
term policies, Afghan soil is used  
against Pakistan, refugees, foreign interference  
and other conducts. Moreover, several  
conducts should be promoted to  
Combat the act of terror



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in Pakistan.

## 2. Reasons and implications of militancy in Pakistan:

These followings are the reasons responsible for the militancy in Pakistan.

### a. Short term policy:

The conduct of short term policy brought the terrors to unite against Pakistan again. The Govt. after operations in a country ended the struggles against terrors and left the militants safe in Northistan and Kunar. Consequently, the failed talks with the talibans brought the new wave of terrorism.

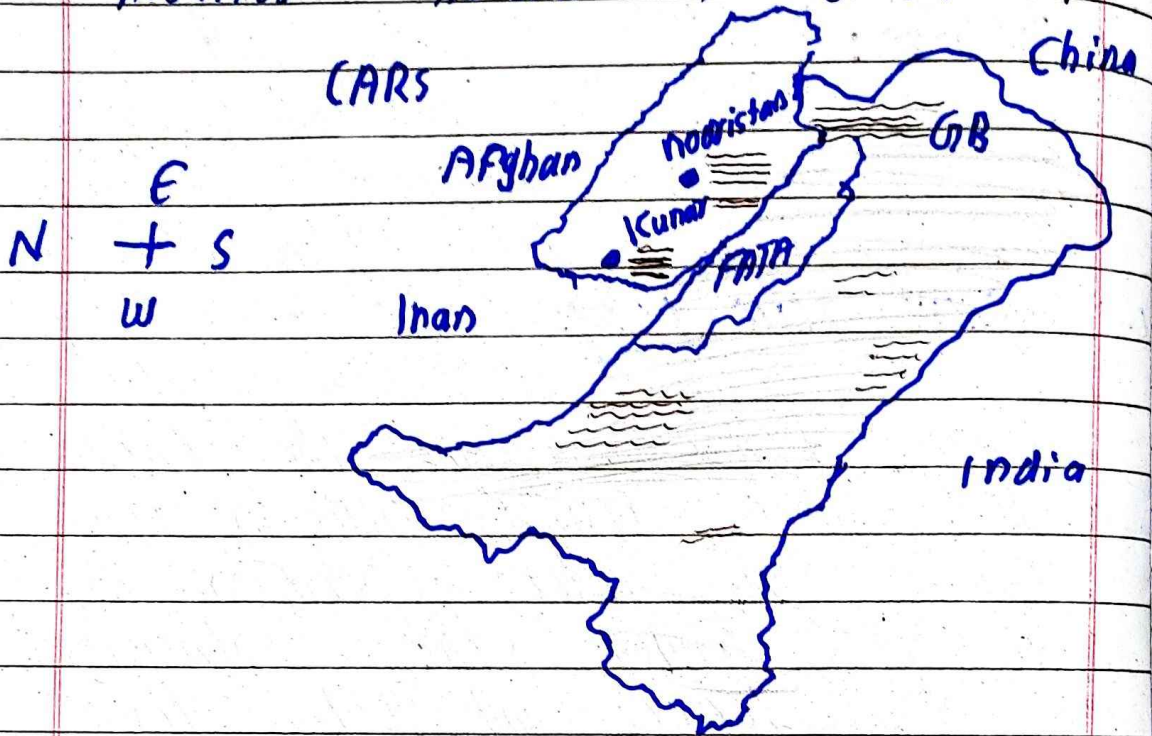
### b. Afghan soil and assist of taliban:

undoubtedly, the TTP shares the same ideology of Talibans of Afghanistan. who needs to establish mini emirate in Pakistan's soil FATA. According to UNSC report Afghan Talibans provide NATO left weapons, support and it was also reported that 4000 TTP militants were existing in Afghanistan. Further, the Afghan Taliban participated in the attack of Zohb



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Balochistan against F.C camp which resulted hundreds of casualties.



- Safe heaven of TTP
- ≡ Attacks of terrors

Figure 0.1 map of the existence of terror.

### C. Foreign support:

militants are assisted by the Indian RAW to carry out attacks against the installations of Chinese. Recently, the TTP carried out such attacks which spoil the economical progress of the country.

### 3. Recommendations to Islamabad:

a. Using SCO to encounter terror:

Islamabad must



approach SCO to assist in the operation against the terrors. The conduct of countering terrorism is one of the agendas of SCO. This will enable Pakistan's financial support in the operations against terrorism and oppress Taliban not to provide assist to TTP.

b. **Bann movements individuals near border and border security:**

The movement of people near borders should be banned. Only those should be allowed who have visa and documents. The conduct of patrolling CCTV cameras, virtual check outs increasing the patrolling of the troops on fence should be increased.

c. **Oppressing Taliban seeking help of west:**

is the provision of <sup>undoubtedly,</sup> this US and NATO operation failed in Afghanistan. Pakistan should seek the defence help from the west to provide economical support and oppress Taliban to follow the Doha peace agreement not to use the land against Pakistan

d. **Carrying operation and training troops:**



CTD should be provided trained advanced weapons and trainings to troops to carry out operations against terrorism. Moreover, if talibans do not stop TTP using the soil against Pakistan. UNSC should allow the Pakistan Air force to carry out surgical strikes against terror in Afghanistan.

### 5. Conclusion:

In short, Pakistan should be supported by the Int. Society against the violence of terror economically, diplomatically and militarily so as to encounter the act of terror.

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### 1. Introduction:

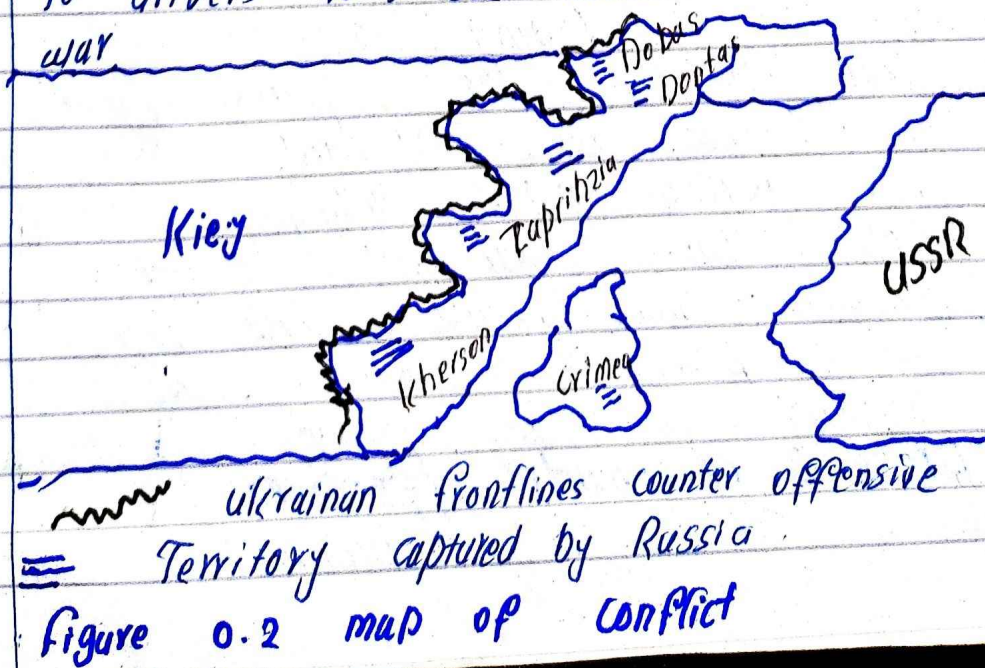
Ukraine and Russian conflict which still going on with profound casualties and



losses of economical, military and social. This is clearly ascribed that the Ukraine war will be continued in the near future. According to Reuters western nations promised providing F15 jets, economical support, diplomatic assist, weapons and tanks will be continued. Therefore, this is clear the war will be continued in the future.

## 2. Continuation of the Ukraine vs Russian Conflict:

Currently, there is no chance of the ending of the Ukraine war. The 12 points peace plan of Xi's is already rejected the following drivers will keep the war continued. Before going to drivers let's see current condition of war





### 3 Drivers of the Ukraine war:

#### a. West's desire to grant Ukraine membership:

The recent meeting of the Ukraine and NATO made it clear that the conduct of the war will be continued until the push back of Russian troops. The west aims to re-capture the lost territories of Kherson, Dobas, Donetsk, Crimea and Zaprizhia. In easy words, capturing these territories can be far cry sight of the success of peace in the region. Moreover, recently the NATO-Ukraine council came into existence and denied the membership of Ukraine in NATO due to the A-6 of NATO although the west ensured the military, economical and diplomatical support to Ukraine.

#### b. Russian demands:

Dutins stance is clear that the capture regions will not be handed over to the NATO but willing to stop the war at point without hand overing the regions. This pushes the war to be continued in the future.

#### c. Phase 3 of counter offensive:

The Ukrainian and



the west who believe in the conduct of john mearshimer's school of thought recently carrying the phase 3 counter offensive. According to Strategic re-search service in this counter attacks foreign fighters of NATO secretly taking place with the help of advanced weapons. moreover, in the phase 3 counter offensive according to US congress research services the following losses in the table the Russian experienced at the frontlines.

Tanks	Casualties	Helicopters	Prisoners
60 Destroyed	16000	Targeted	4660
54 Captured		24 crushed	
		26	

Figure: 0.3 loss of Russians in Phase 3 counter offensive:

#### 4. Conclusion:

In net shell, the chances of the ending of the war of Ukraine is illogical. This conflict will be continued in



the future. Thus, there is no proper prediction of the ending of the war.

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Ans:

### 1. Introduction:

US-India partnership in Indian Ocean (IOR), defense partnership and close diplomatic ties undoubtedly having enormous bad signs for Pakistan. Currently, in G-20 where the Indian announcement of India, middle East and Europe project and the encouragement of the US is directly threat to both China and Pakistan. Moreover, without the economical ties the US is boasting the military hardwares of the Indian Army. Consequently, this creates profound challenges to national interest and security of Pakistan. To sustain balance of power with India, Islamabad has to produce several policies with the US so as to maintain balance relationship between



China and US. Hence, this will improve the balance of power of Islamabad.

## 2. US-Indo Strategic Partnerships:

The partnership of both the regions is strong in several areas. First of all, the partnership in Indian Ocean where US has been advancing the navy of India providing drones, missiles and sub-marines which create threat to CPEC. US considers the India as net security provider. This has been spoiling the peace in region and encircled China. Secondly, the recent development of the defense partnership also making threat to Pakistan.

## 3. Recommendation of Policy options for Islamabad:

### a. maintain balance ties with US:

Pakistan has been remained the frontline against terrorism, non-NATO ally and provided strategic support to US in USSR attack on Afghanistan 1979-89, US Post 9/11 attack and other developments. Islamabad should not break the ties with the US because US is one of the best options for Pakistan. Islamabad should maintain balance



ties between USA and China. This will provide capability to Pakistan to get achieve national interests.

b. Signing defense partnerships with USA: Islamabad must

sign defense signing and agreement with the US and requesting for contribution against the war on terror. The conduct of defense is already in progress. This will boost the relationship among USA, West and Pakistan. The conduct of terror of IS-K is already threat to US. On the proposal of Pakistan the US will surely help Pakistan in the operation. This will take the attention of the US towards Pakistan and the interaction will lessened from the India.

c. Assisting Ukraine in the form of humanitarian aids:

This is one of the steps to attract the attentions of the US towards Pakistan. Pakistan must help in the form of non-military rather than military. This area will produce the



the attention of US to Pakistan.

### Conclusion:

In short, maintaining balanced ties with US and China. Also, attacking the attentions of the US towards IS-IL can bring Islamabad USA and Washington DC close.