

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE-II (CURRENT AFFAIRS)**

**PART-II**

<b>TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS</b>	<b>PART-I (MCQS) MAXIMUM MARKS = 20</b>
<b>PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>PART-II MAXIMUM MARKS = 80</b>

**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.

- Q. No. 2.** Pakistan's economy is currently under severe stress with low foreign reserves, a depreciating currency, and exponentially high inflation. What measures can be taken in the short and medium terms to stabilize the deteriorating economic conditions? (20)
- Q. No. 3.** Since its birth, Pakistan has been struggling with the problems of governance, largely caused by democratic instability, corruption, lack of accountability, and absence of institutional reforms. Discuss in detail the linkages and accumulated impact of these factors on socio-economic development of the country. (20)
- Q. No. 4.** China's proactive diplomacy has successfully achieved rapprochement between the two traditional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran. Analyze the impact of this significant development on the geo-politics of the region. (20)
- Q. No. 5.** What are the critical issues in Afghanistan-Pakistan relations since the Taliban took over Kabul in 2021. (20)
- Q. No. 6.** The world is falling short of achieving gender equality despite global efforts. If the current trends continue, eight percent of women and girls global population will live in extreme poverty by 2030. Suggest strategies to improve gender balance, especially with reference to Pakistan. (20)
- Q. No. 7.** Write a note on the expansion of BRICS and its attempts towards de-dollarization of the international economy, highlighting its global and regional implications. (20)
- Q. No. 8.** India has emerged as an economic and political power in the past few years. What are the likely implications of this scenario for the region's strategic dynamics in general and Pakistan in particular? (20)

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