



National Officers Academy
Mock Exams for CSS-2026
December, 2025 (Mock-5)
INTERNATIONAL LAW

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| TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES | PART-I (MCQS) MAXIMUM MARKS = 20 PART-II 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. | |

PART-II

- Q.No.2.** What is the relationship between Positive Law theory, Natural Law theory, and International Law? How have these legal theories contributed to the historical evolution and development of international law? (20)
- Q.No.3.** What is the role of state recognition in the commencement of the legal existence of a state? What legal principles govern the consequences arising when a state ceases to exist? (20)
- Q.No.4.** Examine whether Article 1 of the 1933 Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States is an accurate reflection of the criteria for statehood in the modern context of international law. (20)
- Q.No.5.** Why is it difficult to render an accurate historical account of the origin of international law? What should be the central focus of any such account, and how does it explain how and why international law began? (20)
- Q.No.6.** Define the sources of international law under Article 38(1) of the ICJ Statute. Is jus cogens part of customary law or a distinct source? Should unilateral declarations be treated as treaty law, custom, or an independent source? (20)
- Q.No.7.** Critically examine the concept of state succession. Is the term a misnomer in modern international law? Discuss the legal status of boundary treaties during succession, with reference to the Durand Line dispute between Pakistan and Afghanistan. (20)
- Q.No.8.** Critically analyze the significance of the Lotus Case (1927) and the Paquete Habana Case (1900) in the development of customary international law and the principles of state jurisdiction. (20)

Best of Luck for CSS-2026