



National Officers Academy

Mock Exams for CSS-2026

December, 2025 (Mock-5)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PAPER-II

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.2: Analyze the Cold War containment policy through the theoretical framework of international relations, focusing on its strengths and limitations. How can this strategy be applied to contemporary geopolitical tensions, such as those between the United States and China?

Q.3: Discuss the geo-strategic significance of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) for global and regional security. How have recent developments, including China's expanding presence and the evolving maritime policies of India and Pakistan, altered maritime security dynamics in 2025?

Q.4: Examine the impact of IMF financial interventions on developing economies, particularly Pakistan. To what extent do IMF loans promote economic recovery, and what are the risks and criticisms associated with their long-term effects?

Q.5: Assess the potential for the normalization of Pakistan-Bangladesh relations. What are the key factors influencing reconciliation, and how can historical issues be addressed to foster improved diplomatic ties between the two nations?

Q.6: President Trump's peace plan for Gaza is considered a realignment of Middle Eastern geopolitics. Through the theoretical lens of international relations, critically assess the impact of this diplomatic move on the viability of a two-state solution for the Israel-Palestine conflict. Does it provide new leverage for peace or further marginalize the Palestinian issue? Also, propose a broader policy outlook for Pakistan.

Q.7: Discuss the strategic implications of the Pakistan-Saudi Arabia defense pact. How does this partnership influence regional security dynamics in the Middle East, and what are the broader implications for Pakistan's foreign policy in the context of shifting global alliances?

Q.8: Analyze the expansion of BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) through the theoretical lens of international relations. Discuss the concept of "old vs. new multilateralism" in this context. Does it challenge the US-led international order? Briefly assess this idea within the ongoing debate about the changing global order.

Best of Luck for CSS-2026