



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

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-I (MCQS) MAXIMUM MARKS = 20 PART-II MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
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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: Discuss the evolution of the nation-state system from its inception to its current global form. How does the rationale behind this model explain the root causes of Pakistan's issues? How has globalization challenged the core principles of this system?

Q.3: The classification of theories and approaches in International Relations reveals significant differences. Discuss the epistemological and ontological perspectives of the subject, considering both narrow and broad views. Which approach or theory, in your opinion, best explains current global politics?

Q.4: Examine the relationship between globalization and security. How has global interconnectedness influenced both traditional and non-traditional security threats?

Q.5: Evaluate Pakistan's achievements in 2025 following the de-escalation of tensions with India in May 2025. How has this affected Pakistan's global standing, and what new opportunities have arisen for alliances and economic partnerships? Propose a comprehensive framework for how Pakistan can leverage this situation to enhance its foreign policy.

Q.6: How can the concept of strategic culture help us understand the rationale behind a state's strategic decision-making? Who are the strategic elites, and why does the military dominate the strategic culture of the state? What measures can be taken to balance civil-military relations in this context?

Q.7: Theoretically discuss how the western world has tried to extend its imperialistic influence to control Global South? How Chinese Model is a game changer in this regard. Additionally, comment on the growing use of trade wars as a coercive strategy and its impact on the global economic liberal order.

Q.8: Examine the issue of water security in South Asia, particularly in the context of recent hydro-aggression and the unilateral abrogation of the Indus Water Treaty. How do water conflicts between India and Pakistan affect regional security, and what steps can be taken to ensure stability?

Best of Luck for CSS-2026