



**National Officers Academy**  
**Final Mock for CSS-2025**  
**January 2025**  
**EUROPEAN HISTORY**

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

**NOTE:**

- Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II** by selecting **TWO** questions from **EACH SECTION**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.

**PART-II**  
**Section A**

**Question 2:** “The greatest tyrannies are always perpetuated in the name of the noblest causes.” (Thomas Paine). This idea critiques oppressive regimes disguised as just, aligning with the French Revolution’s rejection of monarchical, feudalistic, and religious authorities.

**Question 3:** “Nationalism, as both a unifying and divisive force, shaped the destinies of 19th-century Europe.” Critically examine this statement in the context of the German and Italian unifications. In your response, analyze how the interplay between nationalist ideology, political pragmatism, and foreign intervention influenced the paths toward unification in both regions. Support your arguments with relevant examples

**Question 4:** “The great alliances have always been the most fertile cause of war.” (Benjamin Disraeli). Discuss how the formation of pre-war alliances, such as the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance, created a framework of mistrust and inevitability that triggered World War I.

**Section B**

**Question 5:** Nazism and Liberalism are antithetical. Discuss

**Question 6:** “The Ukraine war has intensified the new Cold War dynamics in Europe, intersecting with the rise of populism and reshaping the foreign policies of major European powers.” Critically analyze this statement by examining how the conflict has influenced the strategic responses of Britain, France, Germany, and Russia. In your answer, discuss how populist movements within Europe have impacted these countries’ foreign policies and their roles in the evolving geopolitical landscape.

**Question 7: Writer short notes on any TWO of the following... (10 each)**

- “In what ways did Metternich’s policies reflect the principles of conservatism, and how effective were they in maintaining political stability in post-Napoleonic Europe?”
- “To what extent did the Treaty of Berlin (1878) reshape the balance of power in the Balkans, and how did it reflect the competing interests of the Great Powers in Europe?”
- “Analyze how the economic crises of the inter-war period facilitated the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and assess its impact on the collapse of collective security and the onset of the Second World War.”

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***Best of Luck for CSS-2025***