



**National Officers Academy**  
**Mock Exams for CSS-2026**  
**January 2026(Final Mock)**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE, PAPER-I**

<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:**

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**, by selecting **TWO** questions from **EACH SECTION**. **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.

**PART-II**  
**SECTION-A**

**Q2.** Critically examine Machiavelli's concept of power, and analyze its relevance and applicability in contemporary statecraft and international politics.

**Q3.** Discuss Locke's theory of natural rights and consent, and critically evaluate the democratic elements embedded in his political philosophy.

**Q4.** "Aristotle was a great but not a grateful student of Plato". Explain by referring to their views on various concepts?

**Q5.** Critically analyze Ibn Khaldun's concepts of 'Asabiyyah' and economic factors, and explain how they contribute to the rise, stability, and decline of political authority.

**SECTION-B**

**Q6.** Critically examine the role of propaganda and pressure groups in contemporary political systems, highlighting their impact on public opinion, policy-making and democratic governance.

**Q7.** Compare and contrast Hegel's idealist conception of the state with Marx's materialist theory, focusing on their views regarding power, class and the role of the state in society?

**Q8.** Discuss the concept and evolution of sovereignty, and critically examine the major theories regarding the origin of the state.

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***Best of Luck for CSS-2026***