



National Officers Academy
Final Mock for CSS-2026
January 2026
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

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.

SUBJECTIVE PART — PART-II

- Q1.** Discuss the concept of International Society. Critically analyze its origin and evolutionary process. Is the rationale of 'International System' proposed by English School holistic enough to address the contemporary challenges to the globe?
- Q2.** Examine the concept of asymmetric warfare and its application in contemporary conflicts, particularly in the context of Pakistan-India relations. How does asymmetric warfare affect strategic calculations and military strategies in South Asia?
- Q3.** Examine the determinants of foreign policy decision-making. How do domestic, international, and economic factors influence a state's foreign policy, using the example of USA's evolving foreign policy?
- Q4.** 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?
- Q5.** Critically discuss the concept of balance of power in light of geo-political, geo-strategic and geo-economic reemergence of Asia-Pacific hotspots. How the tool of diplomacy can help achieve our objectives and long-term stability of the region?
- Q6.** 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?
- Q7.** What are the salient features of mercantilism? Describe the concept of 'Trade Wars' in the context of contemporary relations. Outline the key mechanisms through which they are employed as a tool of coercive diplomacy by major states. How does this pose serious challenge to liberal world order?

Best of Luck for CSS-2026