

Russia or USSR or SU or Bolshevik

Q. No. 2. Discuss the core causes of the “Bolshevik Revolution” in Russia and explain its fundamental political and socio-economic impact on Western European politics. (2016)

Q. No. 2. To what extent did the regime established in Russia by the Bolsheviks represent its revolutionary ideology for consumerism, political stability, law and order, and social progress? (2018)

Q3. What are the Russian objectives behind the military intervention in Ukraine? Discuss Whether western sanctions can prove effective as an instrument to counter the Russian act. (2022)

Q. No. 7. Discuss Russia’s return to South Asia and United States’ Indo-Pacific Strategy. (2020)

Germany or Nazism

Q. No. 2. What were the foundational principles of Nazism using which Hitler raised to power in Germany? (2019)

Clash of Civilization

Q. No. 3. Critically analyze Samuel P. Huntington’s concept of “Clash of Civilizations”. Define its main characteristics and explain its devastating consequences on the different leading civilizations of the nations. (2016)

Foreign Policy

Q. No. 4. Discuss the moral imperatives of “Indian Foreign Policy” with the contending spirit of “Panchsheel” and evaluate how much it helps to strengthen diplomatic objectives of the country’s foreign policy? (2016)

Q. No. 5. An analysis of the anatomy of foreign policy is an essential pre-requisite to an understanding of the dynamics of International Relations. Analyze the central theme of Pakistan’s foreign policy in the war against terrorism? (2018)

Q. No. 6. How do rational theories of foreign policy explain state decision making? Discuss the tenets of the theory in light of the decision made by Pakistan in response to Saudi request of sending troops during the Yemen crisis in 2015. (2019)

Q3. Give a critical appraisal of Pakistan’s foreign policy from the perspective of Climate Change. (2021)

Q. No. 4. The manner in which a nation's ideology dominates its foreign policy is constantly in confusion. Explore the relationship between capitalist democracy and foreign policy of the United States of America. (2018)

Pakistan & Afghanistan or Afghanistan only

Q. No. 5. Critically discuss main political, socio-economic and strategic hurdles between "Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations" and how can both countries come out from the Cold War scenario? (2016)

Q. No. 8. The most compelling challenge facing Afghanistan today is, dealing with the Afghan Taliban. What do you think of political engagement and accommodation between the Afghan government and Taliban giving way to stability in the region? (2018)

Q4. What could be the reason for the emerging water conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan? (2021)

Q. No. 6. Comment in detail on mechanism of conflict resolution between Pakistan and Afghanistan and on Durand line issue. (2020)

Q8. What are China's interests in Afghanistan? Discuss its role and options in the country following the US exit. (2022)

Pakistan & India

Q. No. 2. Evaluate the significance of conflict between India and Pakistan in global perspective of terrorism. (2017)

Q. No. 6. Evaluate the significance of water conflict between India and Pakistan in perspective of Indus Water Treaty. (2017)

Q5. How have the nuclear doctrines of India and Pakistan evolved? What do their current doctrines imply for deterrence stability in South Asia? (2022)

Q. No. 6. One of the most serious dilemmas of South Asian politics is the contentious relations between Pakistan and India. What measures would you consider for normalization between the two neighbors? (2018)

Q. No. 7. What benefits India might have gained by joining the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)? Highlight possible impacts it may have upon strategic stability in South Asia (2019)

Q. No. 7. Discuss "Nuclear Factor" as one of the major determinants of International politics with reference to USA, India, and Pakistan. (2017)

Kashmir Conflict

Q. No. 7. Prepare a study in which you assess the possibility of settlement of the Kashmir conflict such as in the case of East Timor or Bosnian crisis? (2018)

Balance of Power

Q6. Define the “Balancing Act” in International Relations. What are Pakistan’s imperatives and constraints with regard to maintaining balance in relations with the major powers? (2022)

Diplomacy

Q. No. 8. Explain the following diagram in the light of multi-track diplomacy. Which is the most important track of diplomacy and why? (2020)

Water Conflict

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Covid-19 pandemic

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Climate Change

Q. No. 8. Pakistan is one of the top 10 countries hit by global climate change trends: what can be the ways and means to manage climate change trends? (2017)

Q. No. 2. What are the multidimensional and multifaceted impacts of climate change on multiple dimensions of security? Identify each, discuss and analyze under the theoretical framework of Security and International Relations. (2020)

Cold War

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Q. No. 3. Evaluate the strength and liabilities of “containment of world revolution policy” during the cold war. (2018)

Q. No. 3. Cold war is considered as one of the longest peace in great powers’ history. What deterministic factors ensured relative peace in great powers’ relations during the Cold War? (2019)

Nuclear Program

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International Political Economy or International Financial Institution

Q7. Examine the achievements and challenges in EU-Pakistan relations from the perspective of International political economy. (2022)

Q. No. 4. Determine the factors in the emergence of Neoliberal Institutionalism; highlight your discussion with practices of International Financial Institutions and Pakistan. (2017)

Energy Crisis or Energy Policy

Q. No. 5. How can the energy Crisis of Pakistan be resolved? Emphasize your discussion vis-a-vis China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. (2017)

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Pakistan & Middle East or Muslim World

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Regional Organization

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Q7. Why and when was the BRICS established? Which countries are part of BRICS? (2021)

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Warfare or Hybrid Warfare

Q8. How can Pakistan develop credible capabilities to deter 'Hybrid' warfare? (2021)

US & China or global powers

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Q. No. 4. World orders are established by great powers in order to serve their interests. What are the foundations of existing world order(s) and how do they serve the interests of great powers? (2019)

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Q. No. 4. Why is it difficult to define terrorism? Elaborate upon the following: (2020)

(a) Feminization of terrorism (b) Criminalization of terrorism (c) Commercialization of terrorism (d) State-terrorism

Miscellaneous

Q. No. 3. Elaborate Systems Thinking Theory in view of Pakistan and Globalization. (2017)

Q. No. 3. What are the four essentials of Resource Management? When does a resource become an element of power "OR" a resource curse? Discuss the Reko-Diq case in this context. (2020)