

# PAKISTAN AFFAIRS: CSS PAST PAPERS

## ANALYSIS FOR CSS 2023

**Topic 1: Ideology of Pakistan:** definition and elucidation, historical aspects. **Muslim rule in the sub-continent:** its downfall and efforts for Renaissance. **Movements for reforms:** Shaikh Ahmad Sarhindi, Shah Waliullah, Sayyid Ahmad Shaheed, Aligarh, Deoband, Nadwah, and other **educational institutions** – Sindh Madrassah and Islamia College Peshawar. **Ideology of Pakistan** in the light of Speeches and statements of Allama Iqbal and Quaid- i-Azam.

1. “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was in no way pro-British”. Agree or disagree, answer your question with arguments. (CSS 2015)
2. “It was over-reaction of Hindus to the partition of the Bengal in 1905 that widened the gulf between Muslims and Hindus”. Comment. (CSS 2015)
3. “Khilafat Movement was an emotional movement”. Discuss. (CSS 2015)
4. “Separation of East Pakistan, though a tragic part of History of Pakistan, was not thenegation of two nation theory”. Comment. (CSS 2015)
5. Give an account of the life and services of Shah Waliullah. How did he save the Indian Muslims from political annihilation and religious degeneration? (CSS 2016)
6. The Aligarh Movement was a pure educational venture but it had deep impacts on Indian Discuss. (CSS 2016)
7. Critically analyze the elections of 1937 and the sufferings and grievances of the Muslims under the Congress rule in the provinces (1937-1939). How much did it help in popularizing the idea of a separate Muslim state in India? (CSS 2016)
8. Jinnah in his Presidential Address to the annual session of All India Muslim League in March 1940 said, “The problem in India is not of an inter-communal character, but manifestly of an international one, and it must be treated as such.” Write note on the Two Nation Theory and the Lahore Resolution of March 1940 in the light of this statement. (CSS 2016)
9. Critically evaluate the foundations of Allama Iqbal’s concept of Muslim separatism in the context of Indo-Pak Subcontinent. (CSS 2018)
10. Discuss the 3rd June Plan or Mountbatten Plan and also describe how it was implemented? (CSS 2018)
11. Critically examine Congress Ministries of 1937. How far it is correct to suggest that it paved the way for a separate Muslim homeland in India? (CSS 2019)
12. How the reform movement of Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi influenced the history of Muslim India? (CSS 2020)

**Topic 2: Land and people of Pakistan:** Geography, Society, Natural resources, Agriculture, Industry and education with reference to characteristics, trends and problems.

1. Briefly discuss the main features of cultural heritage of Pakistan.(CSS 2015)
2. Pakistan’s national culture reflects unity in diversity. Elaborate.(CSS 2017)

3. Enumerate the measures adopted by HEC for promotion of higher education and qualitative research in Pakistan.(CSS 2017)
4. Efficient use of its natural resources can make Pakistan a prosperous nation. Discuss in the light of present situation of Pakistan. (CSS 2019)

**Topic 3:** Pakistan and Changing Regional Apparatus

**Topic 4:** Nuclear Program of Pakistan, its Safety and Security; International Concerns

**Topic 5:** Regional Cooperation Organizations (SAARC, ECO, SCO) and the Role of Pakistan

1. Explore the significance of Shinghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) for Pakistan. (CSS 2017)
2. China, Pakistan-Russia cooperation will find suitable support mechanism in Shanghai Cooperation organization (SCO). Elaborate. (CSS 2020)

**Topic 6:** Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan

**Topic 7:** Economic Challenges in Pakistan

1. What major economic challenges are being faced by Pakistan? What recommendations do you suggest to deal with these issues? (CSS 2019)

**Topic 8:** Non-Traditional Security Threats in Pakistan: Role of Non-State Actors

1. Write note on the Afghan War since 1979 and its impacts on Pakistan. How far the emergence of the “Non-State Actors” and Non-Traditional Security Threats in Pakistan can be attributed to the decades-long warfare in Afghanistan? (CSS 2016)
2. Define non-state actors. ‘Non-state actors are posing more threat to Pakistan’s national security than threats from external state actors.’ Argue in favour or against. (CSS 2018)

**Topic 9:** Pakistan’s Role in the Region

**Topic 10:** The Palestine Issue

**Topic 11:** Changing Security Dynamics for Pakistan: Challenges to National Security of Pakistan

**Topic 12:** Political Evolution Since 1971

1. How general elections in 2002, 2008 and 2013 strengthened democracy in Pakistan? (CSS 2017)
2. Describe the political system of Pakistan. Which form of government is suitable to make country politically stable? (CSS 2018)
3. Discuss the main features of Political culture of Pakistan. (CSS 2020)

**Topic 13:** Pakistan and US War on Terror

1. Critically evaluate the role of Pakistan in “The War on Terror”. (CSS 2015)
2. Discuss revival of Pak-US relations in context of present US-Taliban peace process. (CSS 2020)

**Topic 14:** Foreign Policy of Pakistan Post 9/11

1. Write note on the post 9/11 foreign policy of Pakistan. What role do you foresee for Pakistan in regional and global politics in the near future? (CSS 2016)

**Topic 15:** Evolution of Democratic System in Pakistan

**Topic 16:** Ethnic Issues and National Integration

1. There is crisis of national integration in Pakistan since its creation. What measures do you suggest for the promotion of national integration of Pakistan? (CSS 2018)

**Topic 17:** Hydro Politics ; Water Issues in Domestic and Regional Context

**Topic 18:** Pakistan's National Interest

**Topic 19:** Challenges to Sovereignty

**Topic 20:** Pakistan's Energy Problems and their Effects

1. Explore the option of alternative energy resources to overcome energy crisis in Pakistan. (CSS 2017)
2. What are the main causes of the energy crisis in Pakistan? What measures do you recommend to address it? (CSS 2019)
3. Pakistan's energy crisis was due to the lack of strategy and political will. Discuss. (CSS 2020)

**Topic 21:** Pakistan's Relations with Neighbors excluding India

**Topic 22:** Pakistan and India Relations Since 1947

1. What are the major provisions of Simla Agreement (1972) between Pakistan and India? How it was helpful for establishment of durable peace in the region? (CSS 2020)

**Topic 23:** The Kashmir Issue

1. Discuss the Kashmir problem in its entirety; throwing light on its background and prospects of possible solutions to this core issue between India and Pakistan. (CSS 2016)

**Topic 24:** The war in Afghanistan since 1979 and its impact on, and challenges to Pakistan in the Post 2014 era.

**Topic 25:** Proxy Wars: Role of External Elements

1. What is meant by the term "Proxy War"? Are there any extrinsic factors at play in the internal security situation of Pakistan? (CSS 2020)

**Topic 26:** Economic Conditions of Pakistan, the Most Recent Economic Survey, the Previous and Current Budgets, and the Problems and Performance of Major Sectors of Economy.

**Topic 27:** The Recent Constitutional and Legal Debates, the Latest Constitutional Amendments and Important Legislations, Legal Cases and the Role of Higher Courts.

1. Discuss the role of judiciary in the constitutional development of Pakistan. (CSS 2017)
2. Discuss the nature of centre-province relations under the 1973 Constitution. (CSS 2018)
3. How far the nature of Centre-Province relations has changed under various amendments to the 1973 constitution? Evaluate. (CSS 2019)

**Topic 28:** The Prevailing Social Problems of Pakistan and the Strategies to Deal with Them, Poverty, Education, Health and Sanitation.

1. The population growth in Pakistan can erupt like an atomic bomb. Comment (CSS 2019)

**Topic 29:** Out of Syllabus (Applied Questions)

1. Was Islamization during Zia era a need of Pakistan or was it a political propaganda? (CSS 2015)
2. CPEC is a flagship project of One Belt One Road (OBOR) and a regional game changer. Explain. (CSS 2017)
3. Discuss the changing trends in Pakistan- US relations since 2001. (CSS 2018)
4. Critically analyze the key causes of delaying construction of DAMS in Pakistan. Give some suggestions to revert this collateral loss. (CSS 2019)

