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International Relations I - 2025

Q1: Which of the following is an overlooked factor in global water politics? (CSS-2025)

- A) Agriculture Production
- B) Privatization of Water Resources
- C) Good Governance
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: C - Good Governance

Explanation: Good governance is often overlooked in global water politics despite its critical role in managing water resources effectively. It involves transparent policies, equitable distribution, and efficient institutions to address water scarcity and conflicts. Poor governance can exacerbate water-related issues, making it a key factor in sustainable water management.

Q2: Which African country was the first to secure independence from colonial rule? (CSS-2025)

- A) Ghana
- B) Nigeria
- C) Chad
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: A - Ghana

Explanation: Ghana became the first African country to gain independence from colonial rule on March 6, 1957, under the leadership of Kwame Nkrumah. This event marked a significant milestone in the decolonization movement across Africa, inspiring other nations to pursue self-governance.

Q3: The concept of Prudent Realism is mainly discussed by: (CSS-2025)

- A) T.V. Paul
- B) Fareed Zakaria
- C) Gideon Rose
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: A - T.V. Paul

Explanation: Prudent Realism, as discussed by T.V. Paul, emphasizes a balanced approach in international relations, combining realist principles with pragmatic strategies. It advocates for states to pursue power and security while considering ethical and cooperative dimensions to maintain stability.

Q4: Which university established the first academic department of International Relations? (CSS-2025)

- A) University of Oxford
- B) Harvard University
- C) University of Cambridge
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: D - None of these (Aberystwyth University)

Explanation: Aberystwyth University in Wales established the world's first academic department of International Relations in 1919. This pioneering move formalized the study of



international politics, focusing on understanding global interactions and conflicts post-World War I.

Q5: The main idea of anarchy generally refers to: (CSS-2025)

- A) Fear of Unknown
- B) Fear of Circumstances
- C) Fear of Enemies
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: D - None of these (Absence of a central governing authority)

Explanation: In international relations, anarchy refers to the absence of a central governing authority above sovereign states. This concept, central to realist theory, suggests that states operate in a self-help system, prioritizing their own security and interests.

Q6: What is the name of the only sea on Earth with no coastline and it is known as sea within a sea? (CSS-2025)

- A) Aegean Sea
- B) Sargasso Sea
- C) Red Sea
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: B - Sargasso Sea

Explanation: The Sargasso Sea, located in the Atlantic Ocean, is unique as it has no coastline and is defined by ocean currents. It is a "sea within a sea" due to its boundaries formed by the Gulf Stream and other currents, creating a distinct ecological zone.

Q7: The Ankara Declaration 2024 was a landmark development between: (CSS-2025)

- A) Iran and Saudi Arabia
- B) Armenia and Azerbaijan
- C) Ethiopia and Somalia
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: C - Ethiopia and Somalia

Explanation: The Ankara Declaration 2024 was a significant agreement between Ethiopia and Somalia, aimed at resolving tensions over Ethiopia's pursuit of sea access. Facilitated by Turkey, it marked a step toward regional stability and cooperation in the Horn of Africa.

Q8: Which movement was launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942? (CSS-2025)

- A) Civil Disobedience Movement
- B) Quit India Movement
- C) Non-Cooperation Movement
- D) None of these

Correct Answer: B - Quit India Movement

Explanation: The Quit India Movement, launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942, demanded immediate independence from British rule. It was a mass protest that intensified India's freedom struggle, calling for an end to colonial rule through non-violent resistance.

Q9: Which European country is known as the "Land of Thousand Lakes"? (CSS-2025)

- A) Norway