

**BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 12****The End of Bipolarity**

Political Science · Chapter 2 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>25</b>	<b>50 min</b>	<b>As per board</b>	<b>≥ 20/25</b>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Specific names, dates and places are mandatory for full marks.
3. 'Discuss / Examine' = give multiple angles + a concluding line.
4. Source-based questions: cite directly from the passage.

**Section A — VSA (1 mark × 4)****4 MARKS · 8 MIN**

- Q1.** In which year did the Soviet Union formally disintegrate? [PYQ 2019 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** What does 'perestroika' mean? [PYQ 2018 All India] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Which country is the successor state of the USSR? [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** Under whose influence was 'shock therapy' administered? [PYQ 2024 Delhi] **[1 mark]**

**Section B — SA-I (3 marks × 2)****6 MARKS · 12 MIN**

- Q5.** What were Gorbachev's reforms (perestroika and glasnost)? Why did they backfire? [PYQ 2021 All India] **[3 marks]**
- Q6.** Describe India's relations with Russia. [PYQ 2020 Outside Delhi] **[3 marks]**

**Section C — SA-II (5 marks × 3)****15 MARKS · 30 MIN**

- Q7.** Explain the major causes of the disintegration of the Soviet Union. [PYQ 2023 Delhi] **[5 marks]**
- Q8.** What was 'shock therapy'? Discuss its consequences for the post-communist economies. [PYQ 2018 All India] **[5 marks]**
- Q9.** Examine the consequences of the end of bipolarity / the disintegration of the Soviet Union. [PYQ 2020 Delhi] **[5 marks]**

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