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Why has the constitutional promise of self-governance under the Fifth Schedule lagged behind the Sixth Schedule's Autonomous District Councils? Analyse in the light of gubernatorial powers.

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Q2.

Explain how the deployment of Article 254(2) to enact state-specific family laws affects cooperative federalism and leads to legal fragmentation across state borders.

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Q3.

Point out the structural flaws in delegating safety certification to private manufacturers. How can sovereign regulators like DGCA balance commercial growth with stringent independent oversight?

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Explain how the federal structure of the NOTTO-ROTTA-SOTTO network can overcome regional disparities in organ donation while ensuring strict compliance with the THOTA, 1994.

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With suitable examples, discuss how the relocation of forest-dwelling communities during tiger reserve zoning impacts social justice. How can inclusive conservation resolve this conflict?

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Q6.

Critically discuss why disputes persist under UNCLOS despite its comprehensive framework. How can track-1.5 platforms like Sagarmanthan bridge geopolitical trust deficits in maritime governance?

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Q7.

Critically examine how the inclusion of outer-Hormuz gateways like Oman and Mediterranean partners can mitigate chokepoint risks and enhance the strategic resilience of the IMEC corridor.

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Q8.

Critically discuss how the US policy of 'strategic ambiguity' under the Taiwan Relations Act impacts regional security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Explain how the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan overcomes the legacy of fragmented, siloed planning in infrastructure execution across Central and State ministries.

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Q10.

Point out why India shifted from a Governor-centric monetary framework to the committee-based MPC and evaluate how this institutional reform has enhanced transparency in macroeconomic governance.

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Q11.

Point out the key bottlenecks in India's cold chain logistics. How can integrated cold chains prevent post-harvest losses in perishable horticulture? Discuss.

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Q12.

Taking the example of SATAT, how can India build a resilient supply chain for agricultural residue to ensure long-term financial viability of Compressed Biogas plants?

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How do High-Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS) bridge the operational gap between satellites and conventional UAVs? Explain their significance for persistent regional communication.

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Q14.

Explain the operational distinctions between tethered Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) and Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs). How do they strategically enhance India's deep-sea surveillance capabilities?

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Explain why Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites are preferred over Geostationary (GEO) systems for real-time communication. How do ground gateways overcome their operational constraints?

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Q16. Critically examine why India has struggled to achieve self-reliance in gas-turbine aero-engine technology despite its stellar successes in space propulsion. How can this critical technological gap be bridged?

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Explain why Mass Rescue Operations (MROs) are becoming critical for India's disaster preparedness, and how institutional gaps in multi-agency coordination can be bridged.

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Examine why the conservation of Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) remains contested. How can the BBNJ Agreement resolve these global environmental governance challenges?

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- Q19.** Explain how the Harit Sagar Guidelines facilitate green shipping. Why is adopting green hydrogen-ready infrastructure crucial for meeting the IMO's net-zero target by 2050?

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Q20. Analyse the ethical dilemmas bank executives face when balancing aggressive shareholder profit-maximization with their fiduciary duty toward vulnerable depositors. Suggest mitigation measures.

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