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Critically examine why centrally protected monuments are delisted under the AMASR Act. How can the criteria for "national importance" be made more objective?

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Point out how folk theatre and local oral traditions served as powerful instruments of anti-colonial resistance among India's non-elite communities.

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Explain how the 'history from below' approach reshapes our understanding of tribal uprisings against British colonial exploitation.

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Critically examine how the centralisation of mineral-bearing lands regulation under parliamentary laws impacts the constitutional division of taxation powers between the Union and States.

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Point out how Farmer ID-based database systems can reform agricultural subsidy distribution. How does this model address the challenges of leakages and elite capture?

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Underline the need for reforming correctional services in India. How can transitioning from a punitive to a rehabilitative justice model resolve prison overcrowding?

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Point out the challenges of information asymmetry in citizen-state relations. How can digital public infrastructure like unified legal repositories resolve these administrative deficits?

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Explain how the PM Gati Shakti framework can resolve inter-agency coordination delays in building critical border logistics. Why is institutional synchronisation necessary for national security?

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Underline the developmental reasons why empirical caste data is necessary for affirmative action, and how it can help in rationalizing backwardness criteria.

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Q10. Critically examine why marginal and tenant farmers struggle to access institutional credit despite schemes like Kisan Credit Card. How can financial inclusion be made more equitable?

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Q11.

Critically examine why the proliferation of sovereign lunar exploration missions challenges the Outer Space Treaty. How can international law govern resource allocation?

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Q12.

Discuss in the light of the 1972 Liability Convention, how can global institutional frameworks enforce accountability for orbital debris mitigation among sovereign space-faring nations?

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How does the absence of a dedicated multilateral treaty on armed drones impact global security? Critically examine in the light of rising state-sponsored asymmetric warfare.

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Q14. Critically discuss why subtropical India experiences lower sugarcane productivity compared to the tropical south. How can high-yielding, disease-free seed technologies bridge this regional disparity?

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Underline the importance of offline-first design and interoperable APIs in digital health architectures. How do these technologies bridge the rural digital divide?

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Q16. Critically analyse how recurrent outbreaks of *Acanthaster planci* and ocean warming accelerate coral degradation. What mitigation strategies can restore their ecological resilience?

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Analyse how systemic coordination gaps among central and state anti-narcotics agencies affect drug enforcement. Why is a multi-tiered platform like NCORD vital for institutional synergy?

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Q18. Critically analyse how developmental deficits fuel Left Wing Extremism in India. What security and socio-economic strategies are required to permanently neutralize this threat?

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Q19. How do cross-border drug cartels exploit maritime routes and parcel networks to threaten India's internal security? Why is financial disruption crucial to dismantle these networks? Comment.

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Q20. Critically discuss the ethical implications of using programmable currency for welfare, particularly concerning beneficiary autonomy and state-led surveillance of consumption patterns.

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