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Critically discuss how state-run academies have impacted the traditional Guru-Shishya Parampara in preserving endangered regional performing arts.

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Q2.

Analyse why the constitutional procedure for the impeachment of the Indian President is exceptionally stringent. How does this protect the independence of the executive head?

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Q3.

Critically examine the institutional friction between the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. How can democratic decentralization resolve these statutory conflicts?

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How do biological survey institutions strengthen ecological governance in border regions? Explain with suitable examples.

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Q5.

With suitable examples, discuss how People's Science Movements (PSMs) have empowered local self-governance and grassroots planning in India.

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Critically examine why the STEM-dominated model of higher education creates regional and disciplinary disparities in India, and how this imbalance can be mitigated.

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Critically examine how the integration of local languages in technology can bridge the digital divide and foster inclusive development in India.

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Q8.

Discuss in the light of the MIKE programme how transboundary cooperation between India and its neighbors can effectively curb illegal ivory trade and protect migratory corridors.

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Q9.

Explain how implementing Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) directly to farmers can address the leakage and fiscal volatility in India's fertiliser subsidy administration.

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Q10. Critically discuss the economic implications of levying fuel cesses on inflation, considering their regressive nature versus their progressive welfare outcomes.

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Q11.

Critically examine how the current design of the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) regime has led to fiscal stress and skewed consumption patterns in Indian agriculture.

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Q12.

Under the significance of the 'Harit Sagar' Green Port Guidelines. How can the adoption of green hydrogen and shore-to-ship power transform India's maritime logistics sector?

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Q13.

Critically examine how integrative taxonomy combining DNA sequencing with morphology enhances species identification. Why is this critical for conserving cryptic biodiversity?

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Q14.

Critically discuss the factors behind public resistance to nuclear power projects in India. How can the government balance technical security with democratic public consensus?

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Q15.

Critically discuss why cryptogamic conservation remains neglected in India's wildlife policies. How does the loss of lesser-known pteridophytes threaten the ecological stability of forest understoreys?

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Q16.

Critically discuss the geological and climatic factors that make the lotic ecosystems of the Eastern Himalayas highly conducive to micro-endemism.

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Critically discuss why shifting from isolated protected areas to landscape-level ecological corridors is essential for conserving migratory megafauna like the Asian elephant.

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Q18.

Analyse why the absence of a legally binding treaty on PAROS has accelerated the militarization of space, and how India can secure its space-based strategic communications.

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Q19. Critically discuss how the integration of cyber operations and electromagnetic spectrum management alters modern warfare. Why must India upgrade its defensive capabilities?

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Q20. Why is the principle of "disclosure of conflict of interest" critical for maintaining trust in international arbitration? Discuss in the light of judicial ethics.

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