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Explain the historical evolution and cultural significance of 'Nishaan' or ceremonial colours in building institutional identity and esprit de corps among Indian disciplined forces.

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Taking example of Puducherry, analyse how the de facto and de jure transfers of French territories shaped the post-independence integration of Indian enclaves.

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Q3.

Critically examine how the historical demand for linguistic states has shaped modern cooperative federalism. How has it helped manage regional aspirations?

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Health is a state subject. In this light, critically examine how the National Health Authority's centralized digital initiatives align with the principles of cooperative federalism.

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Q5.

Comment on the utility of constitutional arbitral bodies like Iran's Expediency Discernment Council. Why do parliamentary democracies prefer joint sittings to resolve legislative deadlocks?

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Critically examine how the practice of granting piecemeal tenure extensions to heads of central investigative agencies impacts their institutional autonomy and the doctrine of separation of powers.

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How has the Decentralized Procurement Scheme (DCP) strengthened the Public Distribution System in India? Point out the fiscal challenges faced by states.

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Q8.

How does India's participation in multilateral exercises like Talisman Sabre strengthen the Quad's strategic objective of securing a free and open Indo-Pacific? Critically discuss.

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Why must India navigate the delicate balance between maintaining its strategic autonomy and deepening operational integration with Western military alliances? Critically examine.

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Why does the skewness in MSP and procurement incentives for paddy distort cropping patterns in water-stressed regions? Explain with suitable examples.

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Q11.

What are the technological advantages of Dried Blood Spot testing in anti-doping? Critically analyze why youth athletics requires robust testing mechanisms to curb performance-enhancing drugs.

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Q12.

Examine how Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS) sequencing has transformed fungal taxonomy. Why is molecular characterisation vital for commercial bioprospecting of wild microbes?

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Q13. Explain how the holotype concept anchors international botanical nomenclature. Why is precise taxonomic classification essential to protect India's indigenous bioresources under patent laws?

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Q14.

Point out how current battery energy density limits the operational range of eVTOLs. Why are solid-state batteries considered a potential game-changer?

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Critically discuss why translocating endangered species from single-habitat zones to alternative sites faces severe socio-political resistance in India. How can these challenges be ecologically resolved?

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Q16. Critically discuss why militarized approaches to combating drug trafficking often fail to yield lasting peace. What lessons can India draw for its internal security?

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Q17.

Critically analyse how India's reliance on licensed defence production compromises its long-term strategic autonomy. Why is indigenous design superior to licensed assembly for national security?

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Q18.

Critically examine the ethical dilemma between a lender's right to recover dues and a borrower's right to dignity. How can empathy be institutionalized?

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Q19. Critically examine why conflict of interest and insider lending remain persistent ethical challenges in cooperative institutions. How can the "fit-and-proper" criteria mitigate these vulnerabilities?

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Q20. Point out the ethical dilemmas associated with post-retirement judicial appointments in tribunals. How do these appointments compromise the appearance of impartiality?

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