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Explain why traditional lime mortar is preferred over modern cement in the restoration of historic masonry. How does it ensure the longevity of heritage structures?

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Explain how the transition from colonial military decorations to post-independence Indian gallantry awards reflected the nation's sovereign and republican identity.

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Q3.

Critically examine how Permanent Lok Adalats differ from traditional Lok Adalats in resolving disputes. Why is their adjudicatory power crucial for public utility services?

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Underlined the constitutional challenges in balancing patient autonomy under the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 with state-mandated protective confinement. How can this conflict be resolved?

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How does regulatory capture of food safety bodies delay public health protections? Critically examine this with reference to the delayed implementation of Front-of-Package Labelling in India.

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Q6.

Discuss in the light of the Mental Healthcare Act 2017, how can India transition from institutional confinement to human rights-based community care for psychiatric patients?

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Q7.

Why are minilateral groupings like the Colombo Security Conclave becoming preferred vehicles for maritime diplomacy in the Indian Ocean? Critically discuss.

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How can India sustain its strategic partnership with Russia under an expanded BRICS framework while balancing its multi-alignment policy with Western nations? Critically discuss.

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Q9.

Why is the shift towards local currency settlements crucial for India's strategic autonomy amid rising secondary sanctions? Explain.

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Q10. Critically analyse how promoting indigenous cattle breeds like Sahiwal and Badri under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission can enhance rural climate resilience and boost agricultural income.

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Q11.

Discuss in the light of growing digital economies how India can establish itself as a regional subsea hub. What structural constraints must be overcome?

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Analyse the concept of urban mining in the context of metal recovery from industrial waste. How can this approach reduce India's import dependency on critical minerals?

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Q13.

Critically examine why the 'Rules of Origin' criteria have become a battleground in modern free trade agreements. How can India prevent the misuse of trans-shipment routes?

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Q14.

How do persistent trade imbalances and limited convertibility of local currencies hinder the process of de-dollarization in emerging economies? Analyse.

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Q15. Taking the example of digital securities, explain how Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) and smart contracts can eliminate intermediary risks in asset tokenisation.

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Q16.

Explain how the implementation of the IAEA's Additional Protocol differs from comprehensive safeguards. Why do developing nations view these intrusive verification measures with skepticism?

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Q17.

With suitable examples, discuss how sub-surface tunneling in tectonic zones alters local hydrology and depletes groundwater resources. How can such ecological degradation be mitigated in the Himalayas?

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Q18. Critically discuss the role of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) in tackling financial cybercrimes. How does immediate reporting minimize systemic security risks?

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Q19. Explain why the FATF distinguishes between technical compliance and operational effectiveness. How can global regimes prevent states from using legal loopholes to mask active terror facilitation?

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Q20. Analyse how asymmetric warfare by non-state actors in the Bab al-Mandeb strait threatens India's maritime security and outline the measures needed to safeguard its interests.

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