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Critically examine how women-only higher education institutions tackle conservative mobility barriers. Do they inadvertently delay the broader goal of gender integration in public spaces?

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Discuss in the light of the Sone River pact how political forums like Zonal Councils can resolve interstate water disputes more effectively than Article 262 tribunals.

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Q3.

Point out the challenges in ensuring the true autonomy of Independent Directors in India. How can institutional frameworks be reformed to prevent board capture by promoter groups?

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Explain why bringing private national sports bodies under the ambit of the Right to Information Act is essential for transparent democratic functioning.

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Explain how community-led policing initiatives like 'Police Didi' enhance the security conditions necessary for rural women's mobility and higher education.

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Q6.

Explain how the institutionalization of Ward Committees can bridge the trust deficit in metropolitan governance. What administrative measures are required to ensure their functional and financial empowerment?

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Critically examine how balancing the autonomy of National Sports Federations with government oversight can prevent political interference while ensuring administrative accountability in sports.

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Q8.

Critically examine why the declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones in the Western Ghats faces severe resistance from local communities. How can conservation be balanced with development?

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Q9.

Critically discuss how the shifts in United States' security guarantees in West Asia are driving regional powers to forge independent trilateral defense alliances. Explain why.

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Q10. Taking the example of India's robust energy and security ties with Saudi Arabia, discuss how India can protect its interests amidst evolving West Asian security alignments. Comment.

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Q11.

Critically examine how transit nations utilize irregular migration flows as diplomatic leverage against neighboring regional blocs.

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Q12.

Examine why smaller South Asian nations pursue strategic diversification between regional giants. How can India maintain its role as a dependable neighbor in this context?

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Q13.

Explain why strategic maritime choke points like the Strait of Gibraltar remain critical to global trade and regional security.

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Q14. Critically examine why Lagrange points, particularly L2, are preferred for deep-space observatories like the Roman Telescope, and how halo orbits assist in their station-keeping.

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Q15.

Analyse how agricultural waste like coconut shells is converted into activated carbon. Why is this material critical for modern industrial filtration and environmental purification technologies?

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Q16.

Examine how hardware-level vulnerabilities in imported microchips threaten Digital Public Infrastructure. Why is state co-ownership of strategic intellectual property necessary for tech sovereignty?

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Q17.

Explain the hydrological significance of the Shola-grassland biomes in the Western Ghats. How does their degradation affect the perennial nature of Peninsular rivers?

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Q18.

Analyse how the escalating defense-technology collaboration between Turkey and Pakistan impacts India's western frontier security. How can India counter this through maritime and diplomatic preparedness?

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Q19. Point out the security implications of geo-restricted labelling by digital mapping platforms. How does this practice challenge national sovereignty and cartographic integrity in the cyber age?

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Q20. Taking example of the Bay of Bengal, explain how dual-use commercial maritime infrastructure can be converted into strategic military assets. What are its implications?

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