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Taking the example of traditional games like Kabaddi, explain how the globalization of indigenous sports helps in preserving cultural heritage. Critically discuss.

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Point out why the Constitution of India exempts military and academic distinctions from the abolition of titles under Article 18. Discuss.

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Q3.

Underline the role of the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities in safeguarding constitutional rights under Article 350B. How effective has this institution been?

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Critically examine how the enforcement of automated anti-spam regulations can protect consumer privacy without hurting legitimate business communications. What measures can prevent administrative overreach?

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Critically discuss how India's regulatory framework for biotechnology must adapt to govern emerging cell-survival therapies. Why is a robust bio-safety protocol essential for clinical trials?

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Critically examine how the absence of a dedicated space activities bill hinders private sector investment and risk liability management in the Indian space sector.

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How can India transition from a rule-based to a role-based civil service recruitment framework? Discuss in the light of Mission Karmayogi.

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Why has a penal-heavy enforcement approach under the NDPS Act historically hindered rehabilitation efforts? Discuss in the light of the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction.

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Q9.

Distinguish between chronic hunger and acute food insecurity. How does the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification framework assist in targeting global humanitarian aid? Explain.

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Q10. Critically discuss how the geopolitics of semiconductor manufacturing is reshaping India's strategic partnerships. How can "chip diplomacy" safeguard India's domestic tech manufacturing from global supply shocks?

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Q11.

Critically examine how India can balance its sovereignty concerns over the CPEC with its economic integration goals within the SCO. What are the alternative connectivity models?

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Q12.

Critically discuss how the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations balances state sovereignty with reciprocal immunities. Why does 'Persona non grata' remain a potent diplomatic tool?

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With suitable examples, discuss how the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) can secure India's energy demands. Why has its commercial operationalisation faced persistent delays?

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Q14.

Explain how the India Semiconductor Mission can reduce import dependencies. Critically analyze the financial and infrastructural challenges involved in scaling up domestic chip fabrication.

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Q15.

Explain the significance of Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) units. Why is developing OSAT capabilities a critical first step for India's technological self-reliance?

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Q16.

Explain the strategic necessity of crew-access redundancy in human spaceflight programmes to mitigate operational risks and launch vehicle failures.

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Q17. Explain why front-end wafer fabrication remains technologically more challenging than back-end assembly and how advanced packaging can fill Indian semiconductor design gaps.

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Q18. Discuss in the light of the Public Trust Doctrine how the State acts as a trustee of natural resources. Why is this doctrine critical in preventing private exploitation?

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Q19. Taking example of cross-border smuggling, explain how low-cost unmanned aerial systems create sub-conventional security challenges. How can India build an effective, layered counter-UAS architecture along its borders?

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Q20. Explain how India aligns its FCRA compliance with FATF Recommendation 8 on non-profit organisations. Why is balancing national security with legitimate philanthropic flows critical?

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