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How does the concept of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) guide the preservation of cultural heritage in India? Critically analyze the challenges in maintaining these standards.

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Critically examine how World Heritage tagging impacts local communities. Why is it essential to integrate community-led conservation with heritage tourism frameworks?

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Critically discuss how legislative divergence and pending state-level notifications under Entry 22 of the Concurrent List impede the uniform implementation of the new Labour Codes.

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Analyse how the creation of a National Statistical Business Register (NSBR) strengthens evidence-based policymaking. Why does India face challenges in statistical credibility?

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Critically examine how the conflict between the autonomy of national sports federations and state-mandated accountability affects sports governance in India.

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Q6.

Critically examine how the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) differs from executive coordination platforms like HLJTFI in protecting foreign investments. Why is this distinction crucial for investor confidence?

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How does India's observer status in the Djibouti Code of Conduct strengthen its strategic footprints in the Western Indian Ocean? Critically discuss.

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Critically examine how India's Geographical Indications Act of 1999 aligns with its obligations under the WTO's TRIPS Agreement. Why is global reciprocity in GI protection essential?

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Q9.

Underlined the legal distinction between sovereignty in the territorial sea and sovereign rights in the EEZ under UNCLOS. How does this affect maritime law enforcement?

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Q10. Examine how the physical submergence of Small Island Developing States challenges the classic criteria of statehood under the Montevideo Convention. Why is legal continuity crucial?

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Q11.

Explain the ecological and economic significance of the Zaid cropping season. How can its expansion optimize land use and farmer incomes in water-stressed regions?

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Q12.

Explain why CBDC is sovereign money and not just another digital payment interface like UPI. How will this distinction reshape India's retail payment ecosystem?

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Q13. Critically discuss why India struggles to move past the "screwdriver assembly" model to core component manufacturing like PCB assembly. What measures are needed?

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Q14.

Critically discuss how the introduction of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) could cause bank disintermediation. How will this shift impact monetary policy transmission in India?

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Point out the role of CEMILAC in certifying indigenous defense aviation. Why is independent airworthiness certification critical for fast-tracking the induction of domestic military platforms?

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Q16. Critically analyse how advances in agro-meteorological forecasting and biotechnology can prevent crop sowing failures during erratic monsoons. What are the key bottlenecks?

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Underlined the significance of the 'airshed approach' over administrative boundaries in air quality management. How does meteorological dynamics like winter inversion necessitate this paradigm shift?

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Q18. Critically discuss the operational and technical challenges of integrating logistics UAVs into high-altitude border security. How can airspace integration and battery limitations be addressed?

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Q19. Critically discuss how the integration of kinetic and non-kinetic measures under the PRAHAAR framework can effectively address hybrid terror networks in India.

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Q20.

Why is Maritime Domain Awareness crucial for securing India's sea lanes of communication? Critically examine the role of the IFC-IOR.

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