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Point out how traditional practices like Dhanurvedya have evolved into modern precision sports. Why is preserving traditional indigenous sports crucial for India's cultural heritage?

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Explain why raising the statutory marriage age alone cannot eradicate child marriage. How do deeply entrenched socio-economic factors limit the effectiveness of such legislative reforms?

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Q3.

Analyse how gender-responsive urban mobility policies can address structural barriers to labor force participation for marginalized genders in India.

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With suitable examples, discuss how the creation of an All India Judicial Service under Article 312 can resolve judicial pendency in India. What are the federal challenges?

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Q5.

Critically discuss how the People's Plan Campaign ensures bottom-up planning. Why do Gram Panchayats face administrative bottlenecks while converting local deliberations into viable development plans?

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Q6.

Critically discuss the administrative challenges in governing ecologically fragile Union Territories without a legislature. How can local developmental aspirations in Ladakh be effectively integrated into national planning?

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Q7.

Critically examine why a defined-contribution pension model like the National Pension System faces low adoption rates among India's informal workforce. Suggest remedial measures.

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Q8.

Point out the challenges in enforcing the decisions of the Seabed Disputes Chamber. How does it safeguard "the Area" as the common heritage of humankind? Analyse.

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Q9.

Why is transitioning from a bank-dominated credit system to a robust corporate bond market critical for India's infrastructure goals? Analyse how index-based derivatives facilitate this transition.

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Q10.

Analyse why aggressive retail price stabilization measures often depress farm-gate realizations. How can policy design protect vulnerable consumers without hurting agrarian livelihoods?

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Q11.

Explain how the establishment of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) and IN-SPACe aims to democratize and boost India's share in the global space economy.

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Q12.

Analyse how the RoDTEP scheme ensures WTO compliance and why it is superior to predecessor export incentive schemes.

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Explain how the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) represents a paradigm shift in detecting sophisticated doping. What technological limitations does it currently face?

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Q14.

Examine how the decentralisation of clearances under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Rules has impacted environmental compliance. Suggest measures to bridge the Centre-State enforcement gap.

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Q15.

How does upstream reservoir regulation of major tributaries within the Amu Darya basin accelerate the ecological degradation of the Aral Sea? Comment.

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Q16.

Why is mapping cryptic diversity essential for effective conservation strategies? Point out the ecological risks of overlooking morphologically identical species.

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Q17.

With suitable examples, discuss how primary ecological succession occurs on newly emerged volcanic islands. What factors determine the rate of biological colonization on such sterile landforms?

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Q18. Discuss in the light of the Ramsar Convention how the commercial cultivation of aquatic cash crops can promote the "wise use" of wetlands without ecological degradation.

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Q19.

Explain how the transition from traditional strike corps to Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) enhances operational readiness. Why is this structural shift critical for modern warfare?

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Q20. Critically discuss the ethical implications of delegating target selection to autonomous machines. Why must moral agency remain an exclusively human prerogative in warfare?

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