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Q1. Western secularism keeps the State away from religion, while Indian secularism lets the State step in to reform it. How far does this power to intervene weaken the State's neutrality? Comment. **(10 marks)**

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Q2. 'One nation, one election' is promoted to save money and reduce constant campaigning. Critically evaluate its likely impact on the accountability of governments to voters. **(10 marks)**

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Q1. Rights are enforceable, but duties are left to conscience. Does citizenship survive on rights alone, and what must hold the two together? Comment. **(10 marks)**

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Q2. When Parliament lays down only the principle and a ministry writes the rules, who is really making the law? How far should executive rule-making run before it trespasses on the legislature? **(15 marks)**

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Q1. Distinguish between the protection property enjoyed as a Fundamental Right before the 44th Amendment of 1978 and the weaker protection it has had since, as an ordinary legal right under Article 300A. Discuss what this downgrading, made to ease land reform, reveals about the balance between individual property and social justice. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. In the light of coalition allies and even ministers now dissenting in public without resigning, how far does the unwritten convention of collective responsibility still bind the Council of Ministers? **(15 marks)**

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Q3. At a jan sunwai under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), villagers reading the muster roll expose works paid for but never built. Comment on the potential and limits of social audit. **(10 marks)**

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Q4. Greater inner-party democracy would make India's parties more accountable to their members but harder to lead. Discuss.
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Q1. India's courts face mounting pressure to clear a vast pendency of cases. Should clearing this backlog take priority over the quality of justice? Critically evaluate. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. Article 371 provisions were meant to be temporary, yet endure. What does their persistence reveal about Indian federalism? **(10 marks)**

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Q3. A State orders an All-India Services officer to halt a central-scheme audit; the Union directs her to proceed. Whose authority should govern her decision, and what does it reveal about whom the steel frame serves? **(15 marks)**

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Q4. Should Lok Sabha representation follow population when it penalises states that controlled theirs? **(15 marks)**

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Q1. Trade-union decline in India is better explained by liberalisation than by the unions' own politicisation. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

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Q2. The President normally acts on the advice of the Council of Ministers, yet a hung mandate or a contested bill can reopen genuine choice. Comment on the President's discretionary space in the Indian constitutional system. **(10 marks)**

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Q3. Does a judge's acceptance of a government post soon after retirement cast doubt on the judgments delivered before it? Critically evaluate the implications. **(15 marks)**

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Q4. A bill is certified a Money Bill by the Speaker, leaving the Rajya Sabha only to recommend, and the certification is contested. When the Speaker's word is final, how far is bicameralism left intact? **(15 marks)**

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Q5. 'A disruptive opposition is democracy working, not democracy failing.' Do you agree? Substantiate. **(15 marks)**

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Q6. Private members' bills are almost never passed, yet defended as essential. Critically evaluate. **(10 marks)**

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Q1. Strong regional and linguistic identity in India, expressed through sons-of-soil sentiment, anti-migrant feeling and river-water disputes, is more a healthy feature of federal democracy than a threat to national integration. Critically evaluate. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. The Right to Information (RTI) Act promised an informed citizenry, yet the applicant today meets delay, evasion and a mounting backlog of appeals. Critically analyse whether this gap between promise and practice owes more to the law's design, to weak implementation, or to an administrative culture that resists disclosure. **(15 marks)**

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Q3. Independent regulators in markets, telecom and electricity wield rule-making, executive and adjudicatory powers at once, yet answer to neither Parliament nor the electorate. Comment on the accountability deficit of this unelected 'fourth branch'. **(15 marks)**

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Q4. The Self-Help Group (SHG) model rests on peer guarantee, with members standing surety for one another's loans. When a shock like drought strikes every member at once, this collective liability turns from a strength into a shared fragility. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

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Q5. Welfare entitlements remain anchored to a single registered home, leaving India's hundreds of millions of internal migrants uncovered at both origin and destination, as the 2020 pandemic starkly revealed. Comment on portability, exemplified by One Nation One Ration Card, as the missing principle of Indian welfare. **(10 marks)**

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Q1. A metropolitan, dual-income professional family has given up its caste occupation and public ritual, yet still screens for caste in arranging marriages and choosing whom to trust. In urban India, education and prosperity change the form of caste more than they end it. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

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Q2. Political parties increasingly compete by promising free power, cash and goods, straining state finances even as basic public services stay underfunded. Comment on where welfare ends and unsustainable populism begins in India. **(10 marks)**

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Q3. Tighter foreign-funding rules and the labelling of advocacy groups as anti-development have curbed the watchdog role of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), even as concerns over foreign influence and accountability are real. Critically analyse what these curbs mean for the health of Indian democracy, and suggest measures to regulate NGOs without disabling their watchdog role. **(15 marks)**

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Q4. Most welfare in India is delivered as discretionary schemes a government can expand or withdraw at will, while only a few benefits are legal entitlements. To what extent should welfare in India be founded on justiciable rights? **(15 marks)**

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Q5. India's expansion of insurance and health schemes masks the reality that out-of-pocket spending still deters the poor from seeking care. Do you agree? Substantiate. **(10 marks)**

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