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Q4

Management of Indian border disputes - a complex task.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** Indian borders are not a single fence - they are history, people, a river, a military file, a trade
- **One stand:** complexity is the truth; swagger is a lie. Manage, do not 'solve' with a slogan
- Move through land, people, China/Pakistan, maritime/internal. Keep one honest counter
- Close on patience plus a clear red line

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a river and a ridgeline. Stand:** manage, don't slogan.
- **Headings:** land/people, neighbours, sea, counter.

Peg one protocol or a border haat. Close on patience plus a red line.

Note

This is a map, not the full 1,000-1,200 word essay.

Anecdote

A river changes course and a village wakes in another file. A patrol walks a ridgeline that maps disagree on. Border management is not a parade. It is a clerk, a soldier, a trader, a family with papers in two names.

One stand

- **Complex:** colonial lines, a glacier, a demographic, a nuclear neighbour, a federal state on the rim. Write the mix. Keep the counter: complexity is not an excuse for drift.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Management:** patrol, a talk, a trade, a rehabilitation, a map.
- **Disputes:** land, water, a people, a narrative.
- Not only two neighbours.

Land / people

- LAC, LoC, a fencing, an enclave history.
- Citizenship, a refugee, a border haat.

Neighbours

- **China:** a protocol and a clash. Pakistan: terror and a backchannel.
- **Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar:** the quieter files.

Sea / internal

- A maritime boundary, a fisherman in a jail.
- Insurgency as a border that runs through a district.

The counter

'Complex' can become a career of delay. A red line (no terror export, no silent salami) still has to be held. And the border person is not a pawn in a TV map.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** manage the file, hold the line, see the village. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Nehru / Panchsheel

A principle - then the ridge that did not read it.

Kautilya

A neighbour as a structural fact - one nod.

LAC / LoC

Two different files - do not mash.

Border haat / visa

People as management, not only wire.

UNCLOS / EEZ

The sea as a dispute that is not a fence.

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