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Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.

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Salient features of world's physical geography.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Aurangzeb's death, 1707

Conventional start of rapid Mughal succession crisis and provincial autonomy.

Nadir Shah, 1739

Persian sack of Delhi that stripped treasure and prestige from the empire.

Third Battle of Panipat, 1761

Abdali's defeat of the Marathas that checked their northern drive and deepened political split.

Plassey, 1757

Company victory that turned Bengal into a British fiscal base inside a fragmented India.

Successor states

Awadh, Bengal, Hyderabad, and others that kept Mughal forms but acted as independent courts.

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