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Q6

"Inspite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS I · 10 marks · Natural Resources and Industries

Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Thermal baseload

Coal plants that can run when variable solar and wind are low.

Jharia coal fires

Long-burning seam fires in Jharkhand that show the human and land cost of the coalfield.

Singrauli and Talcher

Major mining and pit-head power belts with heavy forest and pollution stress.

Coking coal

Metallurgical coal still used in conventional steel-making.

Just transition

Policy idea that coal-belt workers and states need new livelihoods as plants close.

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