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Q15

Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Heritage and Culture

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

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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Jamnagar refining complex

Coastal mega-capacity in Gujarat oriented to import crude and supply domestic plus export product markets.

Mathura / Panipat plants

Inland refineries sited for north Indian demand and fed by crude pipelines, not by local wells.

VLCC and port berths

Tanker technology that makes long-haul crude to a coastal plant cheaper than scattered inland refining.

Strategic petroleum reserves

State crude stocks meant to buffer import and chokepoint risk when refining sits on a few harbours.

Assam oil history

Early Indian refining was closer to fields; later national capacity shifted toward western and coastal markets.

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