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Q5

The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · GS I · 10 marks · Geophysical Phenomena

Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

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UNCCD

UN convention that defines desertification in drylands beyond hyper-arid cores.

Thar

Indian arid region where canals, salinity, and grazing extend degradation onto the fringe.

Sahel

African dry savanna whose famine decades mixed rainfall failure with land pressure.

Aral Sea

Irrigation diversion that desiccated a lake and salted surrounding farmland.

ISRO desertification atlas

Indian mapping that shows degradation in many districts, not only in the Thar core.

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