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Q1

Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS I · 10 marks · World's Physical Geography

Salient features of world's physical geography.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Harappan river core

Cities such as Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, Dholavira, and Lothal stood on the Indus system and related alluvium.

Khyber and Bolan

North-western passes that linked the subcontinent to Central Asian routes for horses, trade, and invasions.

Khetri copper

Aravalli copper belt used from the Chalcolithic onward for tools and ornaments.

Muziris and Arikamedu

Ancient south Indian ports on the monsoon sea route to the Roman world and the Indian Ocean.

Monsoon calendar

Seasonal south-west and north-east winds that structured kharif and rabi farming and sailing seasons.

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