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Q16

Discuss how the changes in shape and sizes of continents and ocean basins of the planet take place due to tectonic movements of the crustal masses.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS I · 15 marks · World's Physical Geography

Salient features of world's physical geography.

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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Mid-ocean ridge

A submarine mountain chain where plates diverge and new oceanic crust is made.

Tethys

The ocean that closed between India and Asia, whose sediments are now in the Himalaya.

Red Sea rift

A living example of a continent splitting and a young ocean basin forming.

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