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Give a geographical explanation of the distribution of off-shore oil reserves of the world. How are they different from the on-shore occurrences of oil reserves?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS I · 15 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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Mumbai High

India's main historic offshore field in the Arabian Sea, discovered in the 1970s.

Pre-salt Brazil

Deep Atlantic fields beneath a thick salt layer, a symbol of high-cost, high-tech offshore oil.

Deepwater Horizon, 2010

A Gulf of Mexico blowout that showed how an offshore spill becomes an ocean-wide event.

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