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Q16**"The centre of global trade is gradually shifting from the Atlantic region to the Indo-Pacific region." Examine this statement.**

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Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

An economic initiative launched by the United States and Indo-Pacific partners to foster resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth.

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

World's largest free trade agreement comprising ASEAN nations and their major FTA partners including China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand.

Malacca Strait

A critical maritime passage carrying a massive share of global trade between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

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