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Q7**"Water resources are both an asset and a source of conflict in South Asia." Examine this statement giving examples.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · GS I · 10 marks · Natural Resources and Industries

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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.

Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), 1960

Brokered by the World Bank, it governs the sharing of the Indus river system between India and Pakistan, establishing permanent commissioners for cooperation.

Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment

Highlights the region as the water tower of Asia, supporting nearly 1.9 billion people across multiple river basins.

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