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Q7(a)

Why South Asia is considered as the world's politically and economically least integrated region? Explain

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SAARC

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation; summit process repeatedly stalled by India-Pakistan politics.

SAFTA

Free-trade attempt with long sensitive lists that limit intra-regional commerce.

BIMSTEC

Bay of Bengal grouping without Pakistan, used as an integration bypass.

ASEAN foil

Higher intra-trade and denser diplomacy despite diversity, the usual contrast in this question.

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