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Q5(b)

Discuss the ways and means to realise greater economic co-operation among the Member States of South Asia.

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India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation; South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation; South Asian Economic cooperation; Impediments to regional co-operation; India and the Look East / Act East policy.

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SAFTA

South Asian Free Trade Area under SAARC, weakened by long sensitive lists and political stops.

BIMSTEC

Bay of Bengal grouping that links South and South-East Asia without Pakistan.

BBIN

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal motor-vehicle and connectivity track for sub-regional movement.

SAARC stall

Summit process blocked by India-Pakistan tensions, which pushed work into smaller clubs.

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