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Q5(b)

What are the reasons for lack of 'regionness' in South Asia?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 2 · 10 marks · India and South Asia

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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SAARC 1985

Regional association whose summit process has repeatedly stalled on India-Pakistan politics.

SAFTA

South Asian Free Trade Area with limited actual integration compared with ASEAN or the EU.

Asymmetry

India's share of regional GDP and military power far exceeds any other South Asian State.

Barry Buzan

Regional security complex theory: patterns of amity and enmity define a region more than a map does.

BIMSTEC

Bay of Bengal grouping used when SAARC cannot meet, excluding Pakistan.

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