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Q8(b)**India has recognised that West Asia is not a single contest, but a tangle of rivalries, bargains and anxieties. Comment**

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