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## ESSAY

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

### Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt an essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

*(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/ her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).*

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## SECTION - A

1. Success is not the key to happiness; happiness is the key to success.
2. The starting point for all achievement is desire
3. Quality is pride of workmanship.
4. If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

## SECTION - B

1. The illiterate of the future will not be the person who cannot read. It will be the person what does not know how to learn.
2. Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.
3. Men have become the tools of their tools.
4. Since we cannot change reality, let us change the eyes which see reality.

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### Section A

2. The starting point for all achievement is desire

Sense of achievement is the greatest feeling for a man. This feeling brings much needed happiness and contentment. Humanity's progress vis-a-vis the fellow animals bears the fact that he has always pursued his actions in order to achieve the loftiest goals one could ever imagine while the achievement as an 'end' may sound something related to happiness it becomes important to examine the 'means' to this end.

It is often said that necessity/need is the mother of all discoveries. Similarly it is equally true that in order to achieve something one has to start by desiring it. Without desire no one can ever think to achieve the greatest feats of life. Take the case of

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humanity as whole, our desire of to reach moon helped to achieve it. without such desire we could not have achieved this feat. It is our desire to unravel the mysteries of space that has led to numerous space missions including the New Horizons spacecraft (to even beyond our present solar system). Though these achievements were once never thought of but it was desired by few enlightened people that predicted about these observations. Humanity's desire of overpowering nature has led him to path of technological development which have brought great comforts to humanity though with some harsh side-effects of climate change, ozone depletion, pollution etc. Here to our desire to undo our side effects we are working on those technologies which are environmentally

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sustainable. Humanity's desire<sup>to</sup> to phase out  
chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) etc has under montreal protocol

have started to show signs of achievement. It was  
 desire of saving ourselves and our mother  
earth that brought all the humanity together  
 which is a rare phenomenon.

Resolve can move mountains. This statement

highlights that without desire we cannot even  
 move an inch but with desire accompanied with  
 courage one can even move the highest  
 mountains. The personality like TENZING NORWAY  
 who have scaled the highest peak of this  
 world must have achieved this feat with a  
 desire to do so. It was his desire that gave  
 him the required courage, will power and direction  
 to achieve this daunting task. Without the  
desire of scaling Mt Everest he wouldn't have  
 been able to do this rare feat. It is this desire

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to achieve that has made him renowned <sup>ne</sup> personality on this planet. without desire or goal one always remain directionless and unconcerned. It is this desire that makes him work and act. It is this desire that separates the greatest achievers on this planet and the <sup>fellow</sup> common people.

Mahatma Gandhi, (our father of nation) had the desire of swaraj for our country and one result of independent, sovereign India is outcome of this desire. It was he who instilled our desire of independent INDIA in the minds of people and when these enlightened people got united even the mightiest British Empire has to surrender <sup>on</sup> their most precious land. without the seed of desire the plant of independent India would <sup>not</sup> have grown.

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It was this desire that encouraged the bright young ~~people~~ personalities like Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev etc to sacrifice their lives. This same desire of protecting our borders promote and encourage our soldiers to sacrifice their family <sup>and</sup> life. Subash Chandra Bose and his INA army all had a desire of independent India which prompted them to take a path of violent struggle. Had this desire have not been there then he would have not sacrificed the comfort of ICS.

Steve Jobs one of the greatest innovator of contemporary time Jobs exclaimed that it was desire to achieve that propelled him to innovate and save his company. Had this desire to innovate and compete been absent then it would be difficult to imagine the future of Apple.

On the social front too, without desire it would

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be difficult to bring socially desired changes. Take the case of sati, it was desire of Raja Ram Mohan Roy to eradicate this evil that

led to sati prohibition Act. Though such changes were considered revolutionary in those times but nevertheless the desire of such enlightened people helped our society get rid of this cruel practice. Similar is the case with triple talaq and polygamy in contemporary times. Though many people especially women desire that these discriminatory practices be prohibited, yet there is absence of desire among the orthodox sections of society to get rid of such practices. The absence of desire is one major reason behind these socially unjust practice still allowed in our country.

on the economic front it is desire of human

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being <sup>to amass wealth</sup> that has propelled to undertake certain  
 activities which one cannot imagine of. The  
 feats of Vasco De Gama and Columbus all highlight  
 that how the desire of economic gain propelled  
 them to <sup>undertake</sup> take the hard journeys that even  
 risked their lives. All the material progress that  
 man has achieved is all the outcome of  
 desire of getting rich. Similarly as a nation our  
 desire to become superpower in future <sup>is propelling</sup>  
 us to take concerted actions like SKILL INDIA,  
MAICT - IN INDIA etc. without the vision of becoming  
 economic superpower these actions would have  
 been hollow and baseless.

Similarly it was the desire of conquering the  
 whole world that propelled Alexander to  
 wander into different parts of the world,  
 though he didn't achieve his feat but this  
 desire and resultant action has altered the

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course of human history. Butchers in their desire of economic superiority and economic gain colonised half of the world. It was this desire that gave them strength which was essential for achieving this feat.

Sachin Tendulkar, one the greatest cricketer of all times is often called GOD OF CRICKET. Behind this unscalable achievement was the desire to achieve and excel. It was his desire to make cricket his choice of career that ~~ex~~ made him neglect the education, which is rare feat in our societal circumstances. It was his desire that made him work hard and recover from the lows of his life. It was his desire to win world cup that made him stay and remain patient. Had this desire have been missing he would <sup>have</sup> retired much earlier and

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lead a rich happy life. More than his achievement, his desire to achieve has become source of inspiration for the juvenile cricketers.

APJ Abdul Kalam often said that to succeed one has to take action, and failure is without

action there is only one outcome i.e. failure.

And this resolve to take action comes from desire to achieve. His ~~life~~ is testimony to the

fact that one can achieve everything and anything, all he needs is desire and courage.

From the small town of Rameshwaram to the President of this great country, his journey reflects that in order to achieve impossible it's important to desire. These desire of making our country self reliant in missiles reflect in his achievements of AGNI, PRITHVI etc.

As a young nation with much to achieve - it becomes important that our young generation

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desires <sup>and</sup> at the same time we should not remain  
jealous with achievements of great achievers  
rather dwell on their unseemly desires  
and try to imitate them so that they become  
our way of life:

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### Section - B

3. Men have become <sup>the</sup> tools of their tools

man's progress and achievements have made him just among whole animal kingdom. But achieving this feat is impossible to imagine without the aids of tools and technology. With the help of these tools he had been able to overpower nature and achieve the impossible. All these tools are means to his ends of happiness and well being. But in the present scenario these tools have become ends in itself. This issue needs a careful analysis and deep insight.

Tools have always been used by humans to aid their activities. Levers, pulley etc all have reduced human efforts and this has made his life simpler and happier. With aid of technology and simpler tools man has invented

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unknown sophisticated tools like computers,  
 weapon, smartphones etc. These inventions all  
 reflect the inquisitive mind that humans possess.  
 These sophisticated tools have simplified his life  
future, imagine weather predictions; railway booking  
 etc without the aid of computers and internet.

But at the same time these inventions have  
 drastically changed our ways of life and  
 in reality & made humans the tools of their  
tools, this can be highlighted in the way digital  
technologies have permeated our lives and  
 more importantly our minds. These technologies  
 which were supposed to be means of our  
 happiness have become ends in itself. Imagine  
 the case of internet, internet <sup>which</sup> was supposed to be  
 medium through which global activities would  
 become compact as a village, but through it

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has helped in achieving that goal at the same time it had made human life so dependent on it that imagining our life without the tool of internet has become miserable. The activities which were supposed to aid in our happiness have itself become happiness. Social networking sites like Twitter, Facebook etc all were imagine as means to aid social interaction but they have penetrated in our life in such a manner getting connected to these means has itself become end.

Imagine the way internet of things (IoT) is penetrating our lifestyles with greater number of interconnected devices and facility of data analytics, it is the digital machines that is governing human actions. How much one should eat, what to eat, when to eat etc all are decided by these tools. Moreover due to artificial intelligence these tools are governing even our walking activities. The movement trackers ~~are~~ governing our

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day to day physical activities. In a way man has ceded his thinking capability to these tools, who direct and govern our actions.

With the advancement of digital technology, the issues cyber security and hazards have come into existence. With large amount of valuable information available on digital interface, this makes our information vulnerable, as a result man has become a tool in the hands of technology as he has to see whether there is adequate security to safeguard that information. So technology which was <sup>invented</sup> ~~used~~ as tool in our era has displaced itself ~~from~~ the means to end. Human effort has changed from using this tool to safeguarding this tool from possible misuse.

Smartphones ~~with~~ their immense benefits have brought <sup>with</sup> them the negatives of unhealthy

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lifestyle changes. Our young generation have become so addicted to them that it is hard to find children playing outdoors. At the same time the aged adults have become vulnerable to obscurity.

The mere fear of getting obsolete has made them adopt these tools not as aid in these activities rather as compulsion. As a result these tools have overpowered human beings.

~~But~~ while we can say that these tools have become ends in itself it becomes equally important to

highlight that it is the way we use these tools that is the cause behind the present scenario.

Over use, misuse, unnecessary use and intimely use etc all have contributed to present scenario.

Take the case of smartphone and social networking

sites. Both these tools are means until the

user uses them judiciously and cautiously.

moment we start using unnecessarily we would

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soon found himself being a tool in the hands of tool. the misuse of whatsapp, Facebook etc all depends on the intended use and how users use these technologies. there are large number of people who are either not connected to these tools or use it judiciously, thus they are not tools in the hands of these tools.

similar is the case of cyber-security, it is destructive mind of some short-sighted human beings, who on this to achieve their short-term ends, held these people not indulged in such harmful practices there would no need for humans to safeguard the tools with other set of tools. this would have helped human beings deploy their resources, time and effort on something meaningful rather get being occupied in safeguarding tools that were supposed to be aid in his happiness at just place.

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Now <sup>the</sup> ~~use~~ of data analytics and artificial intelligence, these novel technologies have come a huge aid in human's action. But idea of being puppet to these technologies is misplaced as the strusupto a human now ~~he~~ wants to ok and in what manner. These technologies have aided his decision making and reduced his effort in gathering information.

Tools like Robotics have always been cited as fantasies but they have become reality and now there are large number of science fictions that predict that these human machines would overpower their creators in near future. While none can deny that these machines and tools are one of greatest human inventions at the same time we have to be caution in our use of these tools. While it is said that creation can never overpower the creator, but this might change if all the science fictions and fantasies come true. ...

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In this scenario we must <sup>not</sup> forget that ultimate aim of human life is happiness and mental well being. Any tool that aids in this process is valuable but if any tool starts impeding our happiness we would make sure that ~~that~~ tool is discarded. Any tool that becomes ends in itself need to be discarded and its use should be accompanied with caution. Awareness, skill and education are necessary safeguards to make sure that the tools remain as means.

Digital technologies, smartphones, driveless cars etc ~~are~~ tools have regalative implications but the effect of these implications depends on the person how and in what manner he uses them. We should not make them necessary like water, air, food rather they should be aid in process of obtaining these needs, by process that makes the process to be harmful.

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and must be reversed.

In the end it can highlighted that it is not tools that have made men as their tool rather it is human's ignorance lack of awareness and unwise use of these tools that have reversed this relation. In this scenario, the need of awareness generation education both moral and scientific ~~and ultimately~~ so that morality of human character is preserved, which is key in making the best use of these tools and maintaining the relation of creator and creation.

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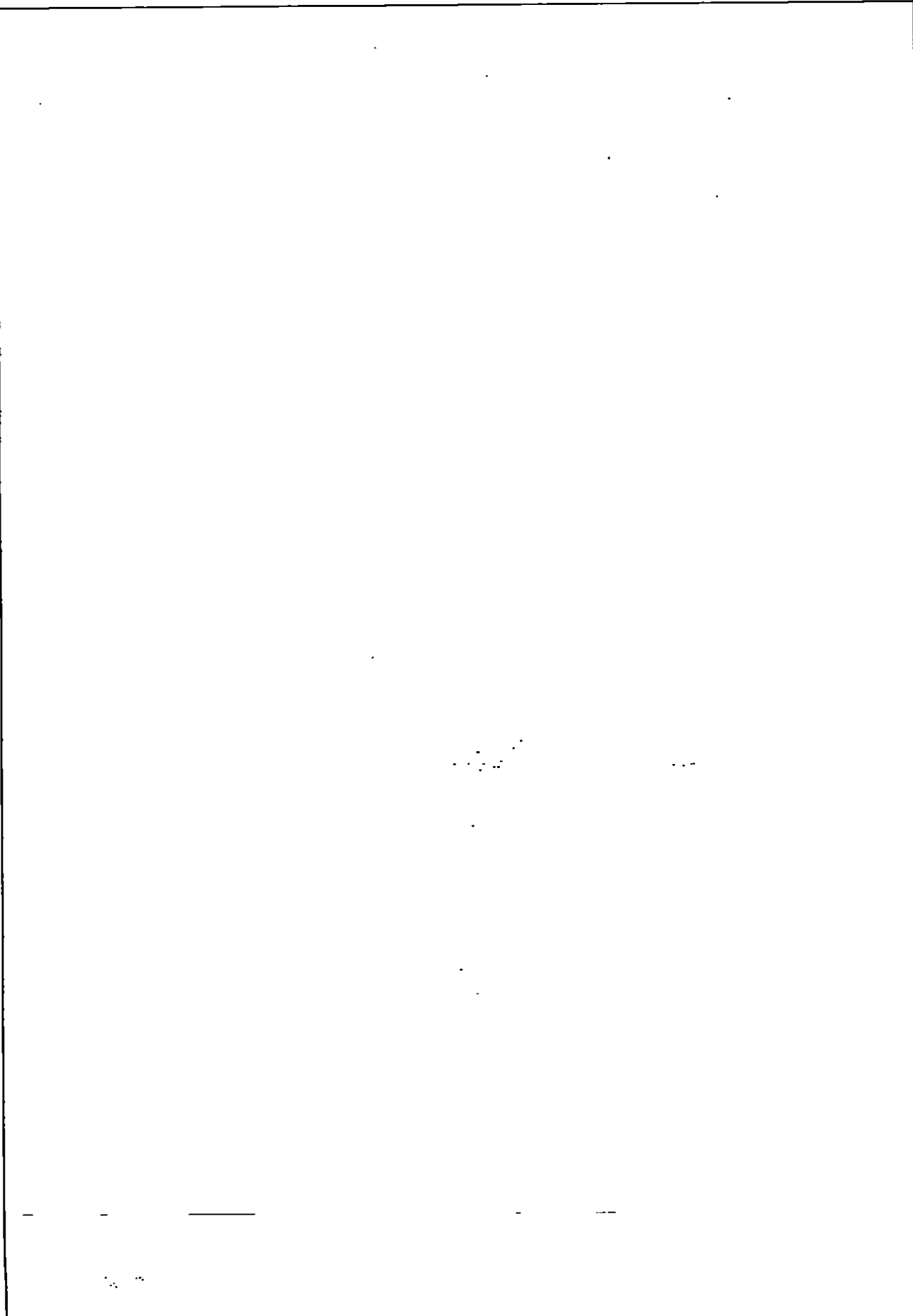
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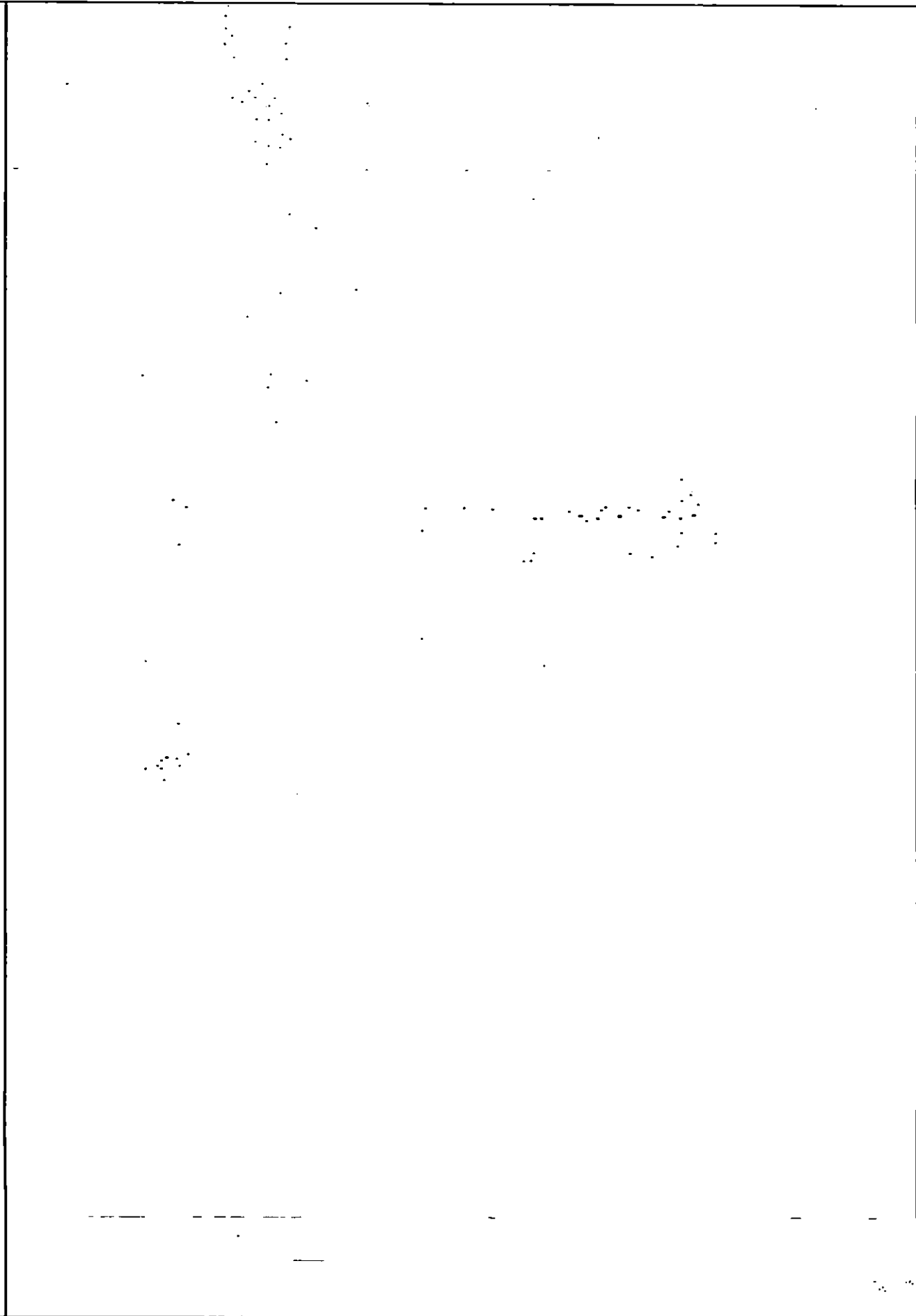
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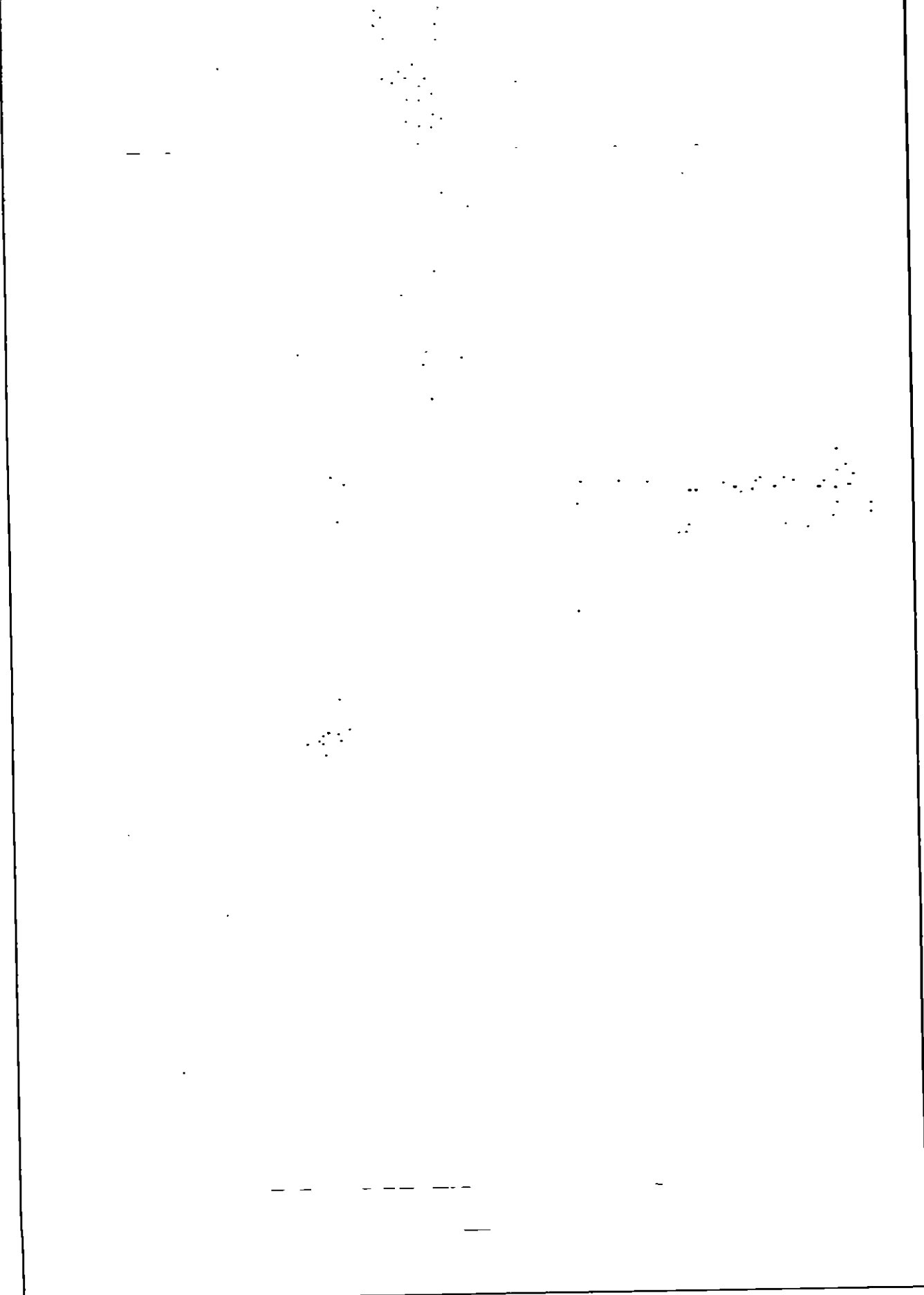
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