

ESSAY MOCK TEST

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

Instructions to Candidate

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt one 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. Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism.
- 2. Politics is the art of choosing between the disastrous and unpalatable.
- 3. People are sheep. TV is the shepherd.
- 4. Chanakya may have been from India, but its Indians who never followed his advice.

SECTION - B

- 1. Life teaches us many lessons, but the final lesson is, there is no final lesson.
- 2. A Nation can remain free, as long as it continue to be the home of brave.
- 3. Yesterday's score doesn't win you game today.
- 4. The true mystery of the world is the visible, and not the invisible.

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SECTION: A

1. FIGHTING CORRUPTION, IS NOT
JUST GOOD GOVERNANCE BUT
ALSO SELF-DEFENSE AND
PATRIOTISM.

From Mahatma Gandhi to
Bhagat Singh, the patriot nationalist
leaders fought for freedom of India
from colonial rule. That was a colonial
time. In today's modern ~~post~~ colonial
world, the person who was killed
in his fight to unearth corruption in
National Highways Authority of India
Project is no less a patriot. It was
a self-defense to protect his country and
intern himself from the ill effects

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of corruption and a quest to usher
in good governance.

Corruption breeds ills like
harm to economy, crippling admini-
stration, violation of human rights. And
fighting these ills is a necessary step
towards not only good governance but
also towards self defense as these
ills affect every individual of society
alike. It is also modern patriotism
where our fight is to protect the
economic, political & moral foundations
of our nation.

To understand this, the
concept of corruption and ills need to

be explored first. As defined by World Bank, corruption is the misuse of one's official position for personal aggrandisement whether monetary or non-monetary. It is also the deviation from desirable action and inaction where inaction is warranted and inaction where action is needed.

On the other hand, Good Governance has been characterised with transparency, citizen participation, effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery to citizens. To this end, corruption is antithetical to good governance in that it involves opaqueness and

inefficiency in administration. It excludes citizens from decision making and services are not provided to citizens but funds are misappropriated for personal goals of the corrupt.

The classic example is of corruption in Public Distribution System and MGNREGA. The leakage of funds, allowing ghost beneficiaries, sub-standard assets, blackmarketing of grains meant for the poor made lines of needy and below poverty line (BPL) families worse off. It deprived them of their legitimate entitlements and the result is inefficient, ineffective, opaque system.

This involved not only the good governance but also the harm to society and national economy as a whole. Thus it is an attack on us being part of the society and would be unpatriotic of us if we do not come forward to protect the national interest by not fighting corruption.

Further, as said by Supreme Court in Jayalitha case, corruption violates "Human Rights" by depriving people of their rightful share of development. And hence it is necessary for our self defense to

fight ~~this~~ evil and protect human rights

Corruption generates black money which cannot be put into economic system as investment and ~~savings~~. Thus it either remains as a dead capital which deprives economy of much needed fuel and ~~interest~~ the development is also affected.

The same ~~black~~ money is used to fund terrorists, routed for drug smuggling, human trafficking and promoting insurgency and interest.

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This leads to killing of innocent people, exploitation of women and children and affects sovereignty and integrity of India.

In this light, the fight against black money and all other forms of corruption becomes an imperative. By protecting the lives of ourselves and our brethren, and protecting the sovereignty and integrity of our country, are we not doing an act of self-defense and patriotism? Of course, yes!

As Aristotle said - a society gets a leader that it deserves. In this

Context, we as a society are responsible to elect national leaders through right to vote. When we understand our responsibility and vote for clean leaders or even speak out for political finance reforms, we are fighting corruption to protect nation from criminalisation of politics, corporatisation of representative institutions and achieve goal of transparent and people centric government system.

The case in point is of all those Right to Information activists and the proactive role of judiciary.

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which saved the national economy from the scams like coal scam, 2G scam. The Comptroller and Auditor General also played an important role here. This saved further worsening of crises, the transparent system of allocation in place through competitive bidding ~~and~~ for coal mines and spectrum.

These actions have ushered in an era of good governance, a spirit of RTI activism to bring transparency and improving ease of doing business. This improved image of national economy for investors and the result is we see India as a bright spot amidst grim global economy.

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Hence these acts were no less than patriotism towards protecting national economy and propelling it to greater heights.

Now, when we broaden our definition of corruption, we see corrupt practices like discrimination based on caste, gender, superstitions and so on in the society. This weakens the social fabric by denying equality and militates against the Fundamental Duty enshrined in the Constitution Article 51A to promote scientific temper.

In this context, it is in the self defense that the society

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should change its world view and have egalitarian outlook and scientific temper to uphold the constitutional values of fraternity, scientific temper. And the people like Narendra Dabholkar who fight and even lay their lives towards this purpose of fighting corruption are the modern patriots we need.

To this end, the evil of corruption needs root and branch elimination through comprehensive approach.

The root of corruption in society is, as Kaushik Basu calls it, "the Sanskritisation of corruption". This means the social acceptance and respect to the

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wealthy who achieve it by corruption. Through awareness about disadvantages of corruption and how it intangibly affects everyone ^{the fight against corruption} would go a long way. Then even not paying those 50 Rs to the traffic policeman would be an act of great patriotic value.

Also, there has to be strong legislative and institutional framework and a zero tolerance approach towards corruption. This can be achieved by legislations like Lokpal and Lokayuktas, Prevention of Corruption Act, Benami Properties Act and so on.

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This can be coupled with new technologies like big data analytics and cash less & digital transactions to prevent as well as unearth corruption where humans cannot help, by mining large amount of data and identifying possible cases of corruption or tax evasion. To this end, the initiatives like Digital India, promoting cashless transactions, democratisation are steps in right direction.

This, to sum up, the corruption is a new enemy we face which is dangerous to national development, human rights and our sovereignty & integrity. Thus as citizens of this great nation, it is

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the foremost duty to fight this menace. That would not only bring good governance or self defence and patriotism but also lead India towards new horizons of development and progress. So let's pledge to create that India of Gandhiji's dreams where he wanted every individual to act as moral base and bring swaraj.

Cerebrum : good content - good opinions, concern all impartial aspect
Heart : same content can be rearranged more effectively.

- ① corruption - extent + threat
- ② how corruption makes democracy dysfunctional.
- ③ what is our experience in this regard.
- ④ Good governance - role of different stakeholders
- ⑤ Institutions + Individuals self defence or patriotism
- ⑥ what we can learn from countries those kept corruption at low...

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SECTION: B

2. A NATION CAN REMAIN FREE, AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES TO BE THE HOME OF BRAVE.

The concept of freedom implies that there is absence of dictatorial or undesirable restraints and to express oneself through speech & act. It also connotes that there are enough opportunities for the development of the individuals where one can realise her potential. As T.H. Green, the father of individual rights, defines - "Just as BEAUTY is NOT ONLY THE ABSENCE of ugliness; similarly, FREEDOM IS NOT ONLY THE ABSENCE OF RESTRAINTS".

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To achieve such freedom, there

to be bravery. Though the notions

of bravery and freedom change according
to times, their relation is unbreakable.

Bravery here implies the courage to
take action, speak out against restrictions
and despotism. It involves a sense of

wisdom whereby one defines and decides

which restrictions are to be defied and
which ones to be followed. This entails

rational power of discriminating reasonable
from un-reasonable.

In ancient ~~times~~ times, the

fight against dictatorial kings and in

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medieval times, against feudalism, was waged by the brahms to achieve freedom. It was the brahms and not Kautilya and his disciple Chandragupta who united Indian kingdoms and saved it from attack of Alexander. Had that bravery not been displayed, India would also have been conquered like that of East Europe, Western and Central Asia and remained under the shackles of Alexander.

After this, in colonial times, it was brahms nationalists in India who fought against British colonialism for the freedom of India. Their bravery

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consisted not only of the revolutionary actions through swords and guns but

also of the undefeatable weapons

of Non-violence and satyagraha of

Gandhiji and the peaceful picketing

of women and of the vision and

spirit of reform of social reformers like

Raja Rammohan Roy, Jhumschandra Vidyasagar.

The freedom we cherish today

is the result of those bravehearts.

It is true of even those lighthouses

of wisdom and thought like Locke,

Spencer, Thomas Paine who gave ideals

like liberty, equality, fraternity and

inspired great struggles of French Revolution.

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Who are bravehearts
A Sophist
A Peace
A leader
A comon
Malala
Stansha Dabney
Widest

American war of Independence. It is also the brevity of Abraham Lincoln who abolished slavery and made the nation free of slavery - that was real freedom which gave them ~~and~~ ↑ opportunities of development.

As the times changed, the notions of freedom and brevity too evolved. Earlier ~~was~~ it was freedom from colonial rules and brevity of swords; now it is freedom from poverty, inequality, corruption and the brevity of words and thoughts.

↳ when it comes to political sphere, a nation cannot be free without

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equal political and civil liberties for all its citizens. ^{And as} ~~And as~~ freedom not only entails absence of restrictions but also opportunities for development, the

freedom today lies in free expression of ideas through social media, association, media/news and so on.

For this to happen, the civil society including media, non-governmental organisations and public at large should be brave enough to take out the sword in form of protest and express freely. This entails constructive criticism of govt. in Parliament, govt. policies and programmes.

What are
can
be
from
History

The case in point is of the Goods and Services Tax Bill which went through thorough discussions and deliberations and criticisms and so on, and finally came out victorious and on path of implementation. The development that we stand to gain brings sense of freedom. Someone had rightly said - "The first virtue of a free society is the unhampered flow of words in public fora" 2

Further, our freedom is also restricted by shackles of poverty, inequality, gender discrimination. India hosts 50% of the total population as multidimensionally poor and only 27% of female labour force participation.

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And to this end, it requires a brave Parliament to pass bill on ~~Donor~~ 50% women reservation; a brave woman

like Rosa Parks (fought for female franchise) to stand up against discrimination,

a brave Shayara Bano to speak against discriminatory practice of triple talaq, to

bring justice from the injustice.

Further, towards freedom

from corruption and maladministration,

it takes braves like Edward Snowden

and many other RTI activists risking their

lives. They have contributed to our

freedom & development by creating awareness

on mass surveillance programmes and

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one use
to keep
an
from
concerns
Socio-cultural

corruption scandals like 2G and Coal scam.

The role of Indian Judiciary is no less brave while it rendered

unconstitutional the Section 66 of IT Act

for ~~restricting~~ freedom of speech and also

imposing ban on book of Perumal

Murugan, "The One Part Woman". Unless a

nation is unable to speak freely through

its citizens, how can it be free?

If one is not brave enough

to break free of restraints or of

forces of fundamentalism, the results

can be seen in form of terrorism. The

people in West Asia are under the

dictatorship of the so-called Caliphate of ISIS.

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This needs a bovine action from world community to adopt the uniform definition of terrorism by approving Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism proposed by India; by stopping funding to terror heavens like Pakistan.

Further, we are bound by the emerging issue of Climate Change which is leading to increased incidence of disasters, tropical diseases, agrarian crises. These hinder our freedom and development. To free the whole global community, bovine action is needed to meet goals of Paris Summit. Backing out by nations

like USA can be easy but it requires strong will and wisdom to understand perils of climate change and act by limiting development or economic activities in favour of environment.

However, the bravery should not be towards the end of eliminating

freedom. The disruptions in Parliament, untoward social actions hampering law & order, mob justice, criticism for the

lack of criticism, constitute no brave

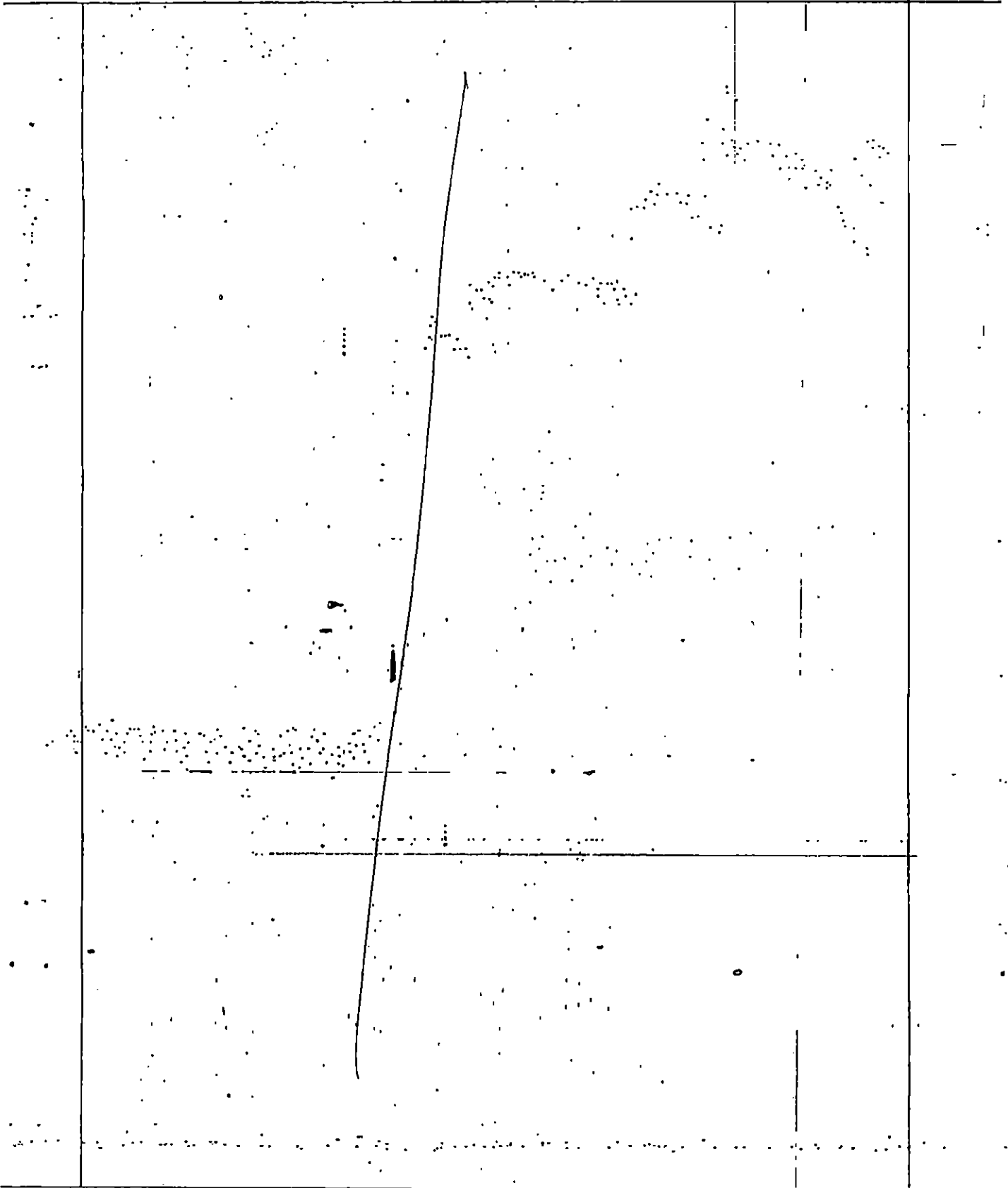
action but only restrict freedom by hampering development. This is clear

when Amartya Sen writes "DEVELOPMENT AS FREEDOM".

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Thus, since time immemorial, brevity has added freedom of nations, people, societies and preserved it. And this sense of brevity should be inculcated in hearts of everyone to achieve the real freedom. As Vivekananda said - "strength is life and weakness is death", our freedom lies in strength, wisdom & brevity.

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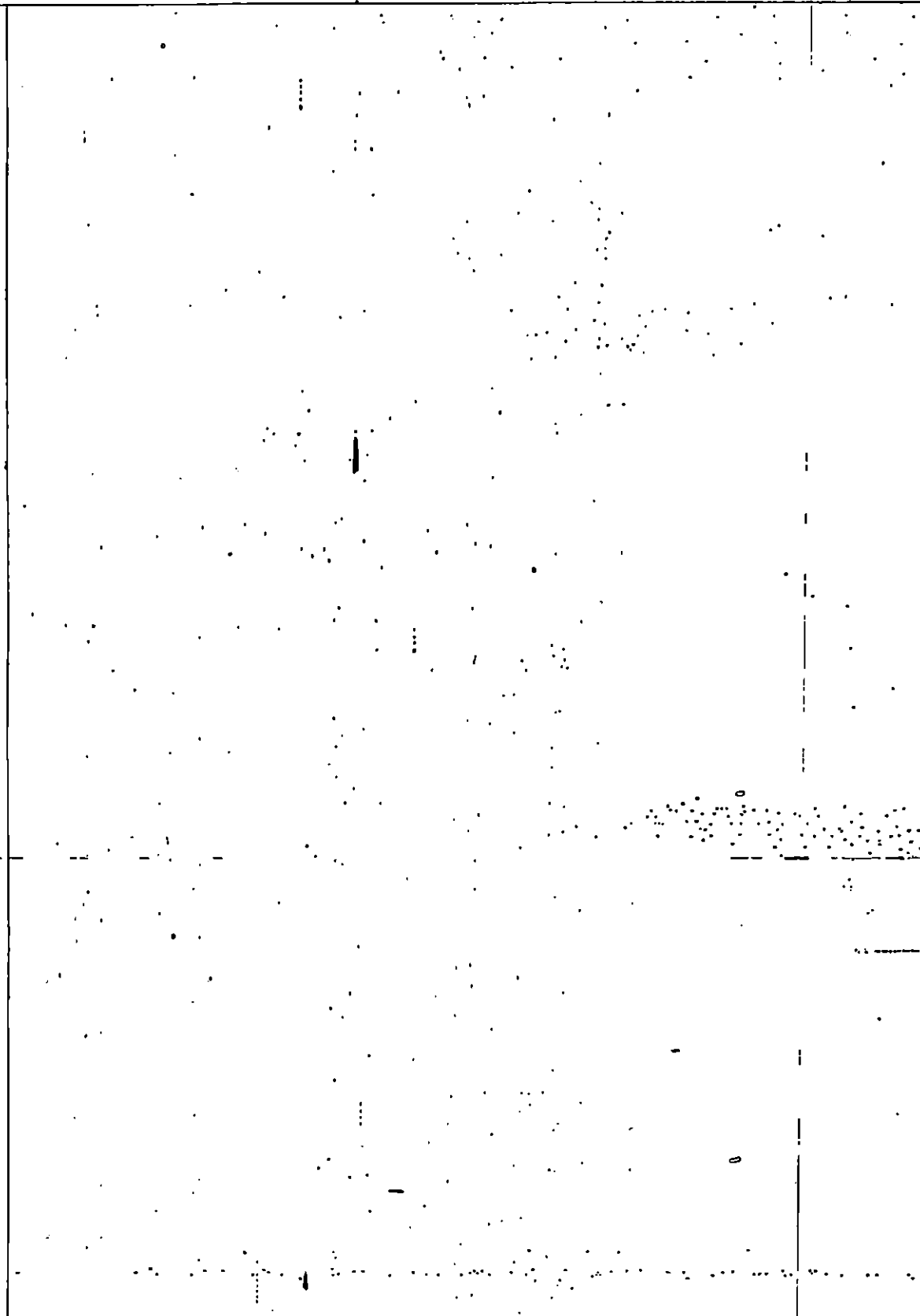
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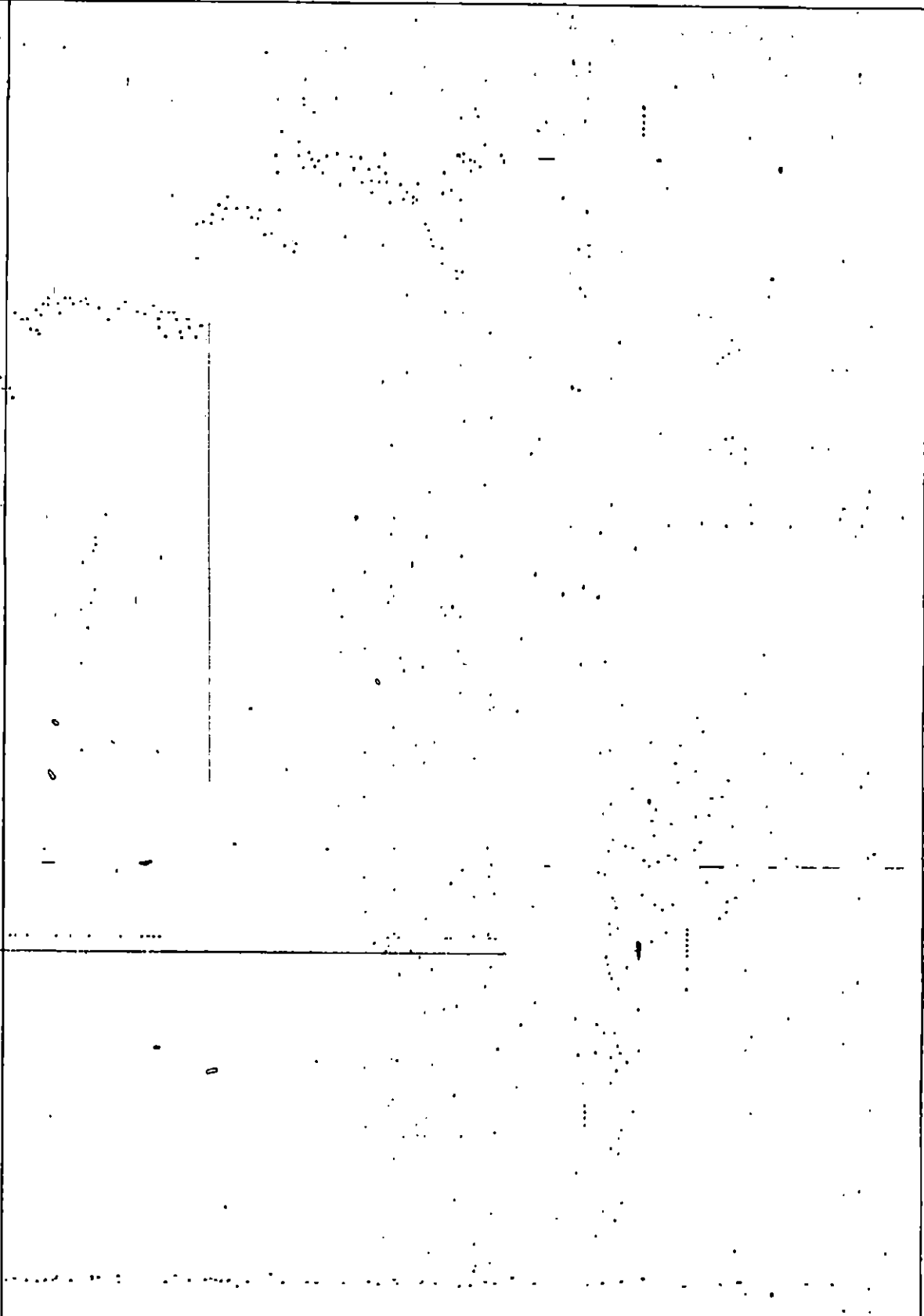
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Rough work

Fighting corruption is not just good governance
but also self defence & patriotism

Corrupt
rules → how fight leads to
G.G., self defence, patriotism

Human sh. - Jayalitha case

Sec. dupl.
dead capital

Terror funding / smuggling / trafficking

Vote non-corrupt: "society deserves a leader"
Pop. finance corruption: kill country (Arihanta)
International → BEPS five times for countries

Soc. corrupt → Dalit → fight supplanting
Direct dialog → same public
patriotism

Paradise tours - compare

Q.1 → what is corruption & ill
G.G.
Self defence
Patriotism

There's → the corruption
was fighting
leads to G.G.
& self-def
& patriotism

Conclude

Fighting corruption
way forward

- CoG / 2G / CWG
- Pandey - NHAI
- RTI activists
- Kanchitkam
- Sanskritism of corrupt

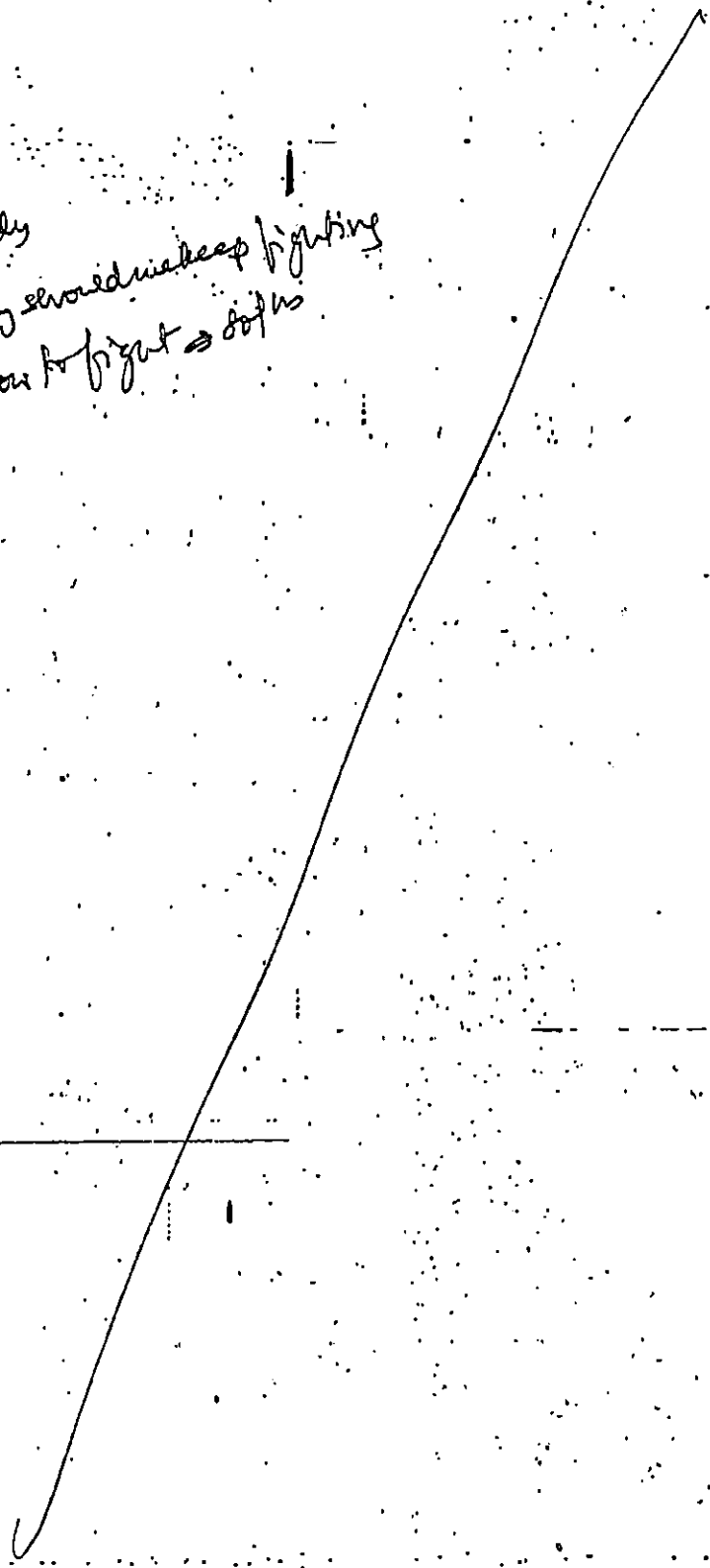
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@cty
responsibility / duties

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100 { Intro
parts

600-700 { Body

200 { why should we keep fighting
How to fight -> soft



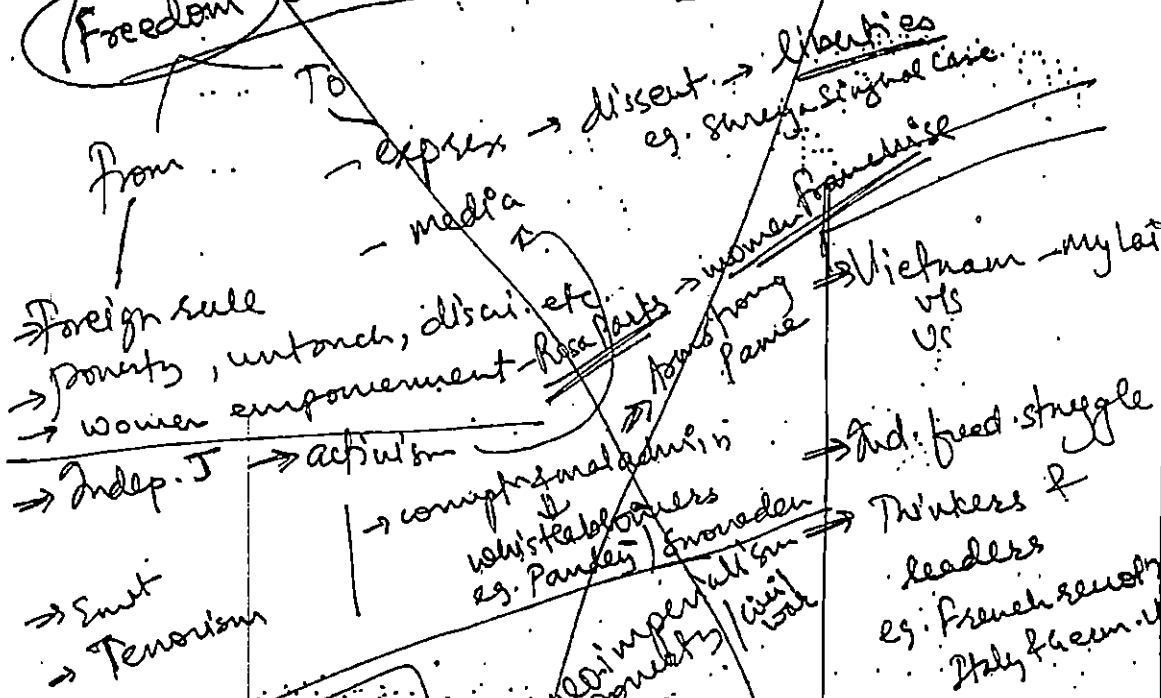
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A nation can remain free as long as it continues to be the home of brave from dictatorship.

Freedom \neq Absentee

Freedom

Dipty of indiv.



not brave

African countries
West Asia - Terrorism

Q: Who: Freedom?
 Brave?
 Connect
 There's \rightarrow freedom script
 if not true

Conclude
 how - words / pens / acts etc

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2. freed
brave
connect
Ther's

→ Ind + wit eg

Thinkers & Leaders

- French revolution
- Slavery abol → Lincoln
- Italy & German uni

→ Pol - Shreya Singhal case / Rt. to privacy : expansion

→ Admin - corrupt - A. Pame / Whistleblower - Snowden
- Pandey

Soe → { - poverty etc
- women Rosa Parks

- Swt
Tenourim

If not brave

- Swt
- Tenourim

African countries ← neo-imperialism
- Poverty
- civil war

West Africa - Tenourim → no action
disaster

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