

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.

Fighting Corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism

"When need becomes greed, greed spoils the whole breed"

The above quote underlines the devil called corruption, which has spreaded its roots like a multi-headed Hydra in all the levels of our society. Recently

Transparency International released the 'Corruption Perception Index' where India stood at 75th place amongst 169 countries. This fairly highlights how well we are under the grab of this demon and has established its acceptability in our present day society.

We are a young democracy who was infortunate enough to inherit freedom at a time when the challenges of fighting poverty and hunger were huge. post Independence, it was a big challenge for the leaders to channelise the limited resources for the upliftment of the downtrodden.

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and most disadvantaged sections of the society. But amongst other challenges we saw another devil, called, corruption. In this essay we would try to understand, what is corruption? What are its various forms? How fighting corruption ensures Good Governance? Does fighting corruption also helps in self-defense and patriotism? How can we eliminate corruption?

Before we get to the questions, the history asks us, is it only a modern phenomena or we also had this evil in the past.

Kautilya in his Arthashastra, defined Corruption as the rotten fish which can spoil the whole pond. He has extensively written about corruption and has warned the King against the perils of this evil.

Corruption in the present context is understood as deliberate

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abuse of power or position to further personal materialistic or other gains. It may manifest in form of bribes i.e. collusive to grease the wheels of administration.

Many a times it appears as extortion. This coercive form forces the poor man to avail basic services only after bribing the officials. Similarly 'quid-pro-quo' is another general form which is product of deep nexus between politicians, bureaucrats and business man.

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The only loser amongst all this is only the common man, its trust on the elected government. Governments is a form of social-contract between the state and its citizens to ensure good-governance. However the evils of corruption have denied the benefits of schemes, provisions to the last man in the queue. Fighting corruption helps kill this demon and

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ensure good governance at various levels.

At social level, the trust deficit between the ruled and the ruler is at an all time high. Due to the perception of corrupt governments, people get alienated and also resort to tax evasions. However, fighting corruption ensures delivery of services and value for public money. This is how fighting corruption ensures good governance.

At political level, the use of money power; paid media for electioneering have emerged as challenges. Ensuring free and fair elections help elect able and genuine candidates. This helps ensure better policy formulation and devolution of funds.

At administrative level, fighting corruption helps successful

good dimension
 ① Vigilant society, media and vigilant who are necessary

dimension
 ② Political Corruption makes the nation

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 - at political level, it is impossible to have free and fair elections. Pina & again The Election Commission & Law Commission are recommending for election reforms - the recommendations are not being discussed in Parliament.
 (Last Dec, 2016 The EC gave 40 suggestions for reforms)

implementation of noble initiatives like Public Distribution System (PDS), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Skill training initiatives for youth, subsidies like LPG, Kerosene, fertilizers to the poor and marginalised. This is how fighting corruption helps ensure good governance.

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 PDS, LPG and some others, when subsidy is involved an additional part due to PRADHAN and I.T.

At economic level, fighting corruption helps equal devolution of funds to ensure regional, sectional, gender equalities are maintained.

Fighting corruption helps ensure a competitive and fair ground to prosper economic activities. Equal opportunity in absence of quid-pro-quo helps develop entrepreneurship and channels demographic dividend to be part of good-governance.

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Remarks Corruption through CRONY capitalism corrodes economic system, hinders prosperity, economic growth, revenues, growth of military power and every other sphere of life etc

Ep: PAKISTAN economy

Strengthening of NAT, ~~affairs~~
 implementation of Madhav Chitambar
 Rest in Range Committee Reports, and
 aircarous measures necessary

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At Environment level, as well
 absence of corruption ensures judicious use
 of natural resources like forests, land,
 rivers for dams, electricity production,
 sand mining activities similarly
 transparent auctions like coal, ~~steel~~
 2-G spectrums can also help realise
 better revenues and invested for
 good governance.

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At Corporate level, absence
 of nexus help meet Corporate Social
 Responsibility (CSR) targets. This too
 helps ensure funding activities like
 Swachh Bharat, Sanitation, Education,
 Health and ensures good-governance.

Fighting the menace of corruption
 is however more than just good governance.
 It also helps in self-defense against
 the evils of greed, passion.

US President E. Roosevelt, once

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said, "If you want to test a man's character, give him power." It highlights how man due to deep desires, passions, greed, is always looking to satisfy personal goals. Man gets disillusioned by the lure of corruption and becomes victim of this devil. It is here precisely, fighting corruption can help him realise his moral worth and escape the downfall in his character.

At Family and society level, also fighting corruption sets precedent, precedent to give powers to fight this demon and self defend from its effects. Satyendra Dubey, the NHAI Engineer who died fighting corruption left lessons for the society to defend themselves from this evil.

This act of fighting corruption has deep undertones of patriotism. The menace of corruption brings bad name to the country. Only a patriotic would

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very valid example

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✓ Show courage to fight the evil. Corruption
 ✓ rots the foundations of democracy and
 ✓ brings inefficiency to the national resources.

✓ ✓ ✓ As well, an image of a corrupt nation
 ✓ weakens its soft power, lowers the
 ✓ foreign investment.

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 It is only act of a patriotic
 ✓ who fights corruption and helps bridge
 ✓ social, economic inequalities by ensuring
 ✓ good governance and self defence at
 ✓ society level.

To sum up, it can be said
 that the act of fighting corruption
 is more moral. Value education in

schools forms its core to generate a
new breed of children who have
'zero tolerance towards corruption'.

'Yoga' initiatives should be taken up
at offices, society level to help

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people bind their souls to their bodies
and defend from lures of corruption.

The moral upheaval of the society and
properly supplemented by the strict
laws and institutions can help put
this devil to rest and ensure good-
governance to the millions of deserving
brothers and sisters.

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The true mystery of the world is visible and not the invisible.

India is aiming to be a super-power; yet 21% of its population is below-poverty line? India claims itself to be energy-surplus yet one-third of Indians still in the dark? Man calls himself the finest and most rational creation of God yet Rohingyas in the East have no land to stand?

All these mystery stand visible to the common man but he is busy searching the evolution of earth, verify God's existence. Man while living in this visible world is involved thinking about the invisible.

It is true of man's nature that since ancient times he was amazed by the mysteries. In stone age, it was the mystery of fire by the rubbing stones.

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While as man evolved he solved various scientific mystery and created innovations with its rational intellect. But today

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introduction

good
comparisons

At this junction when the mystery of glaring inequalities, the challenges of human conflicts, the fall of human values stand in front of him, it is insensible to him.

The same idea of mystery was also reflected by religious scholars like Ram Krishna Paramhans and Swami Vivekanada who said, "Service to man is service to God".

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tation

The mystery comes to fore, when due to parochial interpretation, fundamentalist view religion along with terrorism. Is killing millions in name of God not a mystery?

The Socially as well all men were created equal by the God. But man

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has created artificial identities of caste, creed, religion. The idea of universal humanity has been reframed to serve personal interests. Gated communities, slum ghettos are visible mysteries which man has created to himself.

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Economically, man has devised market mechanisms which are based on concept of values like freedom, transparency, free & fair. But does it cater to the ones at bottom of pyramid. This what man calls is a mystery in the visible world.

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At environment level, nature exists in a unique harmony with human. But man has mindlessly exploited the natural resources and disturbed the delicate balance. The tribals who have lived harmoniously in the

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best point

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② the tribals are thrown out of the forest because of MINING reason or due to construction of dams, wherein those ones are being drowned. (the R & R is also not being implemented properly)

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≡ forests and preserved them, they are being thrown out. It is a true mystery in this visible world.

At International level, we see humans fighting for territorial claims,

Good argument

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sovereignty over open oceans, exploitation of global commons like Antarctica, Arctic, Space. While all the humanity gains from them but the artificial notions of nations have thrown mystery in the present world.

Ethically as well, the true mystery calls for care of orphans, widows, poor vulnerable sections and most-disadvantaged

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aged sections of population. The lives of Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi should be reflected upon to understand the glaring inequalities and solve the visible mysteries of the world.

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In Agriculture as well, the rising number of farmer deaths / suicides.

And the government claims of increasing agriculture production stand mysterious.

It is this mystery of unrealisation of true prices to the farmers, poor agriculture infrastructure, lack of access to inputs which needs to be solved.

In Science and Technology, we see leaps and bounds of progress by man. But the discourse of development of Nuclear weapons by a state whose people lack basic access of food, education and other services is mysterious. North Korea's frequent provocation to war is mysterious when it is known that war has never led to a solution.

It is by now visible that

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the real world mysteries of the world have been created by man himself. However in his quest to solve the unsolvable, he has forget to solve the visible ones.

It is high time human beings should realise the inequalities, the new identities, differences he has created in the form of various mysteries.

Mukesh Ambani's Antilla - 27 storey apartment next to Dharavi - Asia's largest slum is a glaring example of visible mystery.

Even amongst human beings, the natural concept of male and female has created mysterious gender roles. Amartya Sen rightly mentions it the mystery as "Missing Women" as we biologically form 50-50 percent but find very low representation of

good argument

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women in legislatures and running entrepreneurs.

Man with his finite intellect has solved many scientific mysteries. Now it calls to solve the visible mysteries. It is an urgent need to realise the reasons of these mysteries other^{wise} man's own existence is under a threat to become a mystery.

Scientific temper as also mentioned in our fundamental duties calls for a common brotherhood. Man needs to to once again tie all beings, environment, nature to the same thread which it has broken and created mysteries.

Mahatma Gandhi's Talisman, stands perfect enough to provide key to solve the visible mysteries of this world.

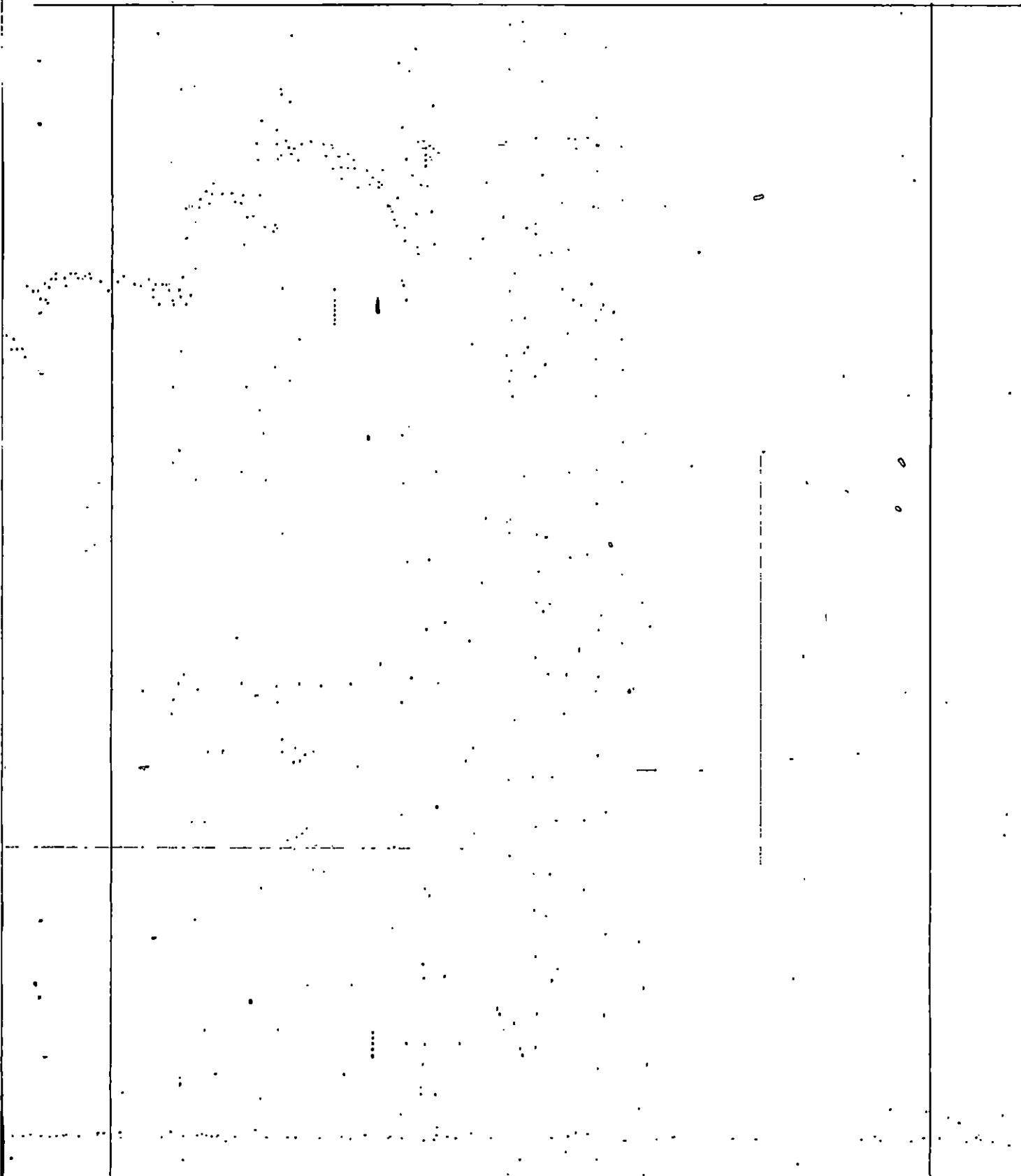
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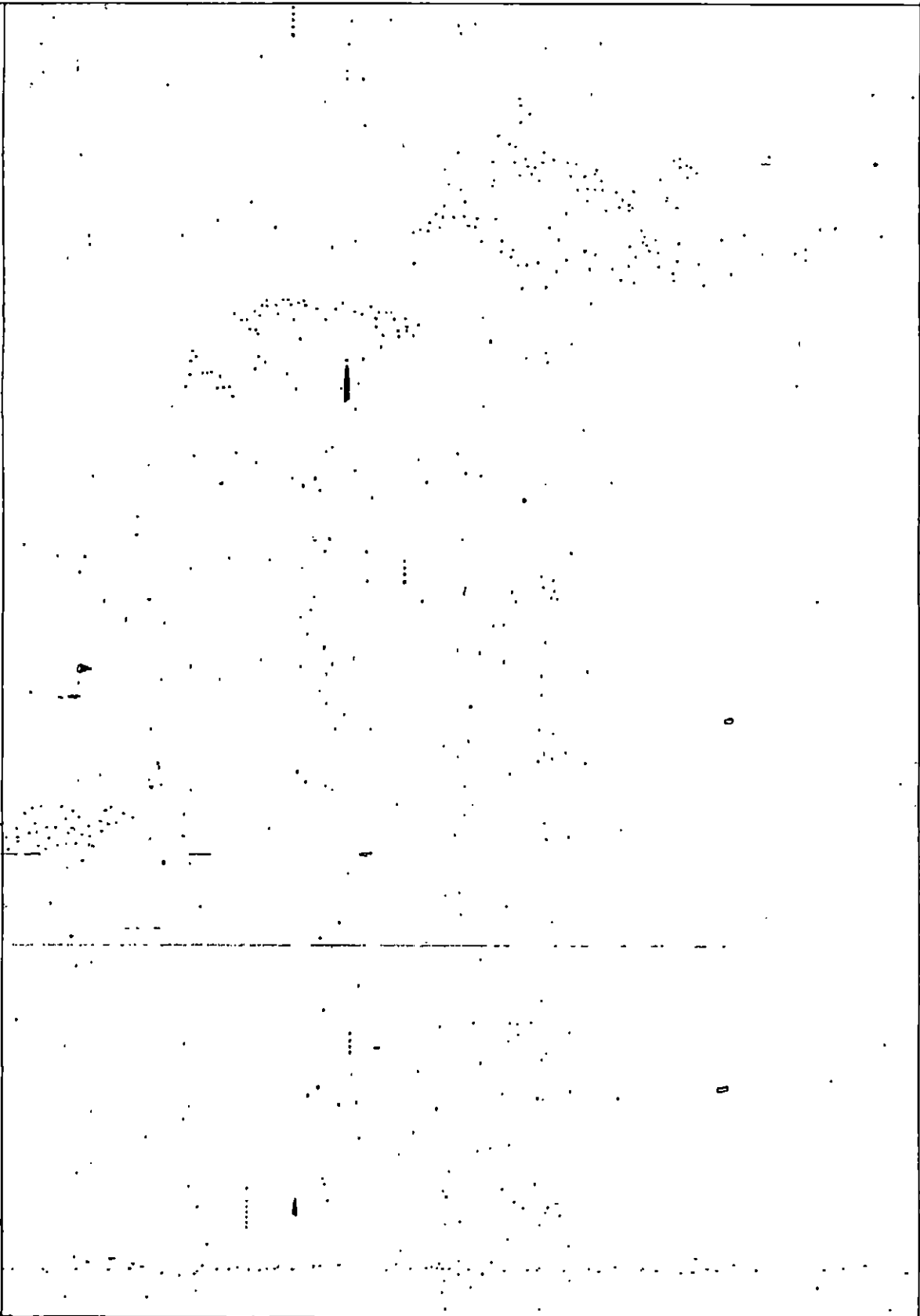
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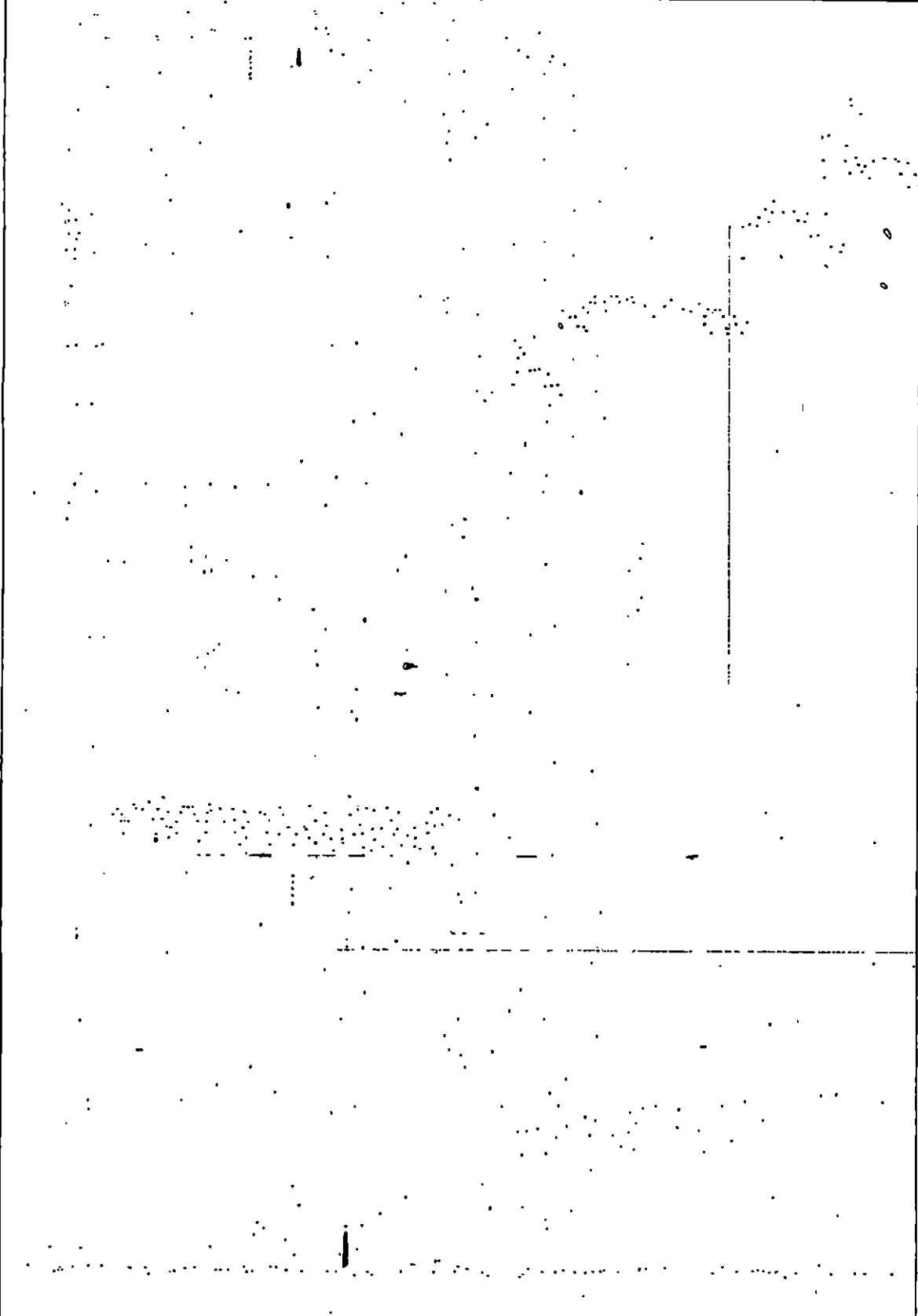


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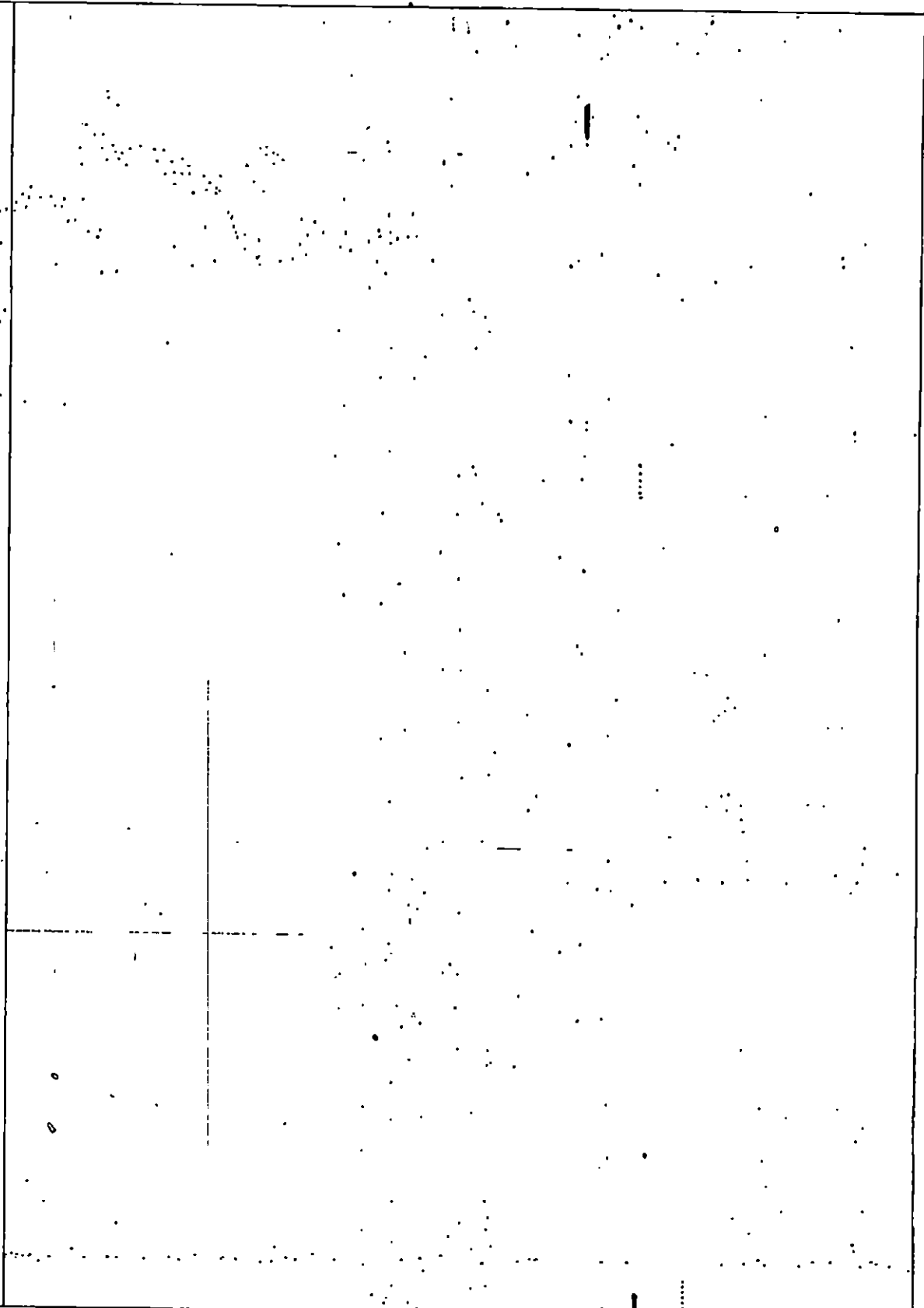
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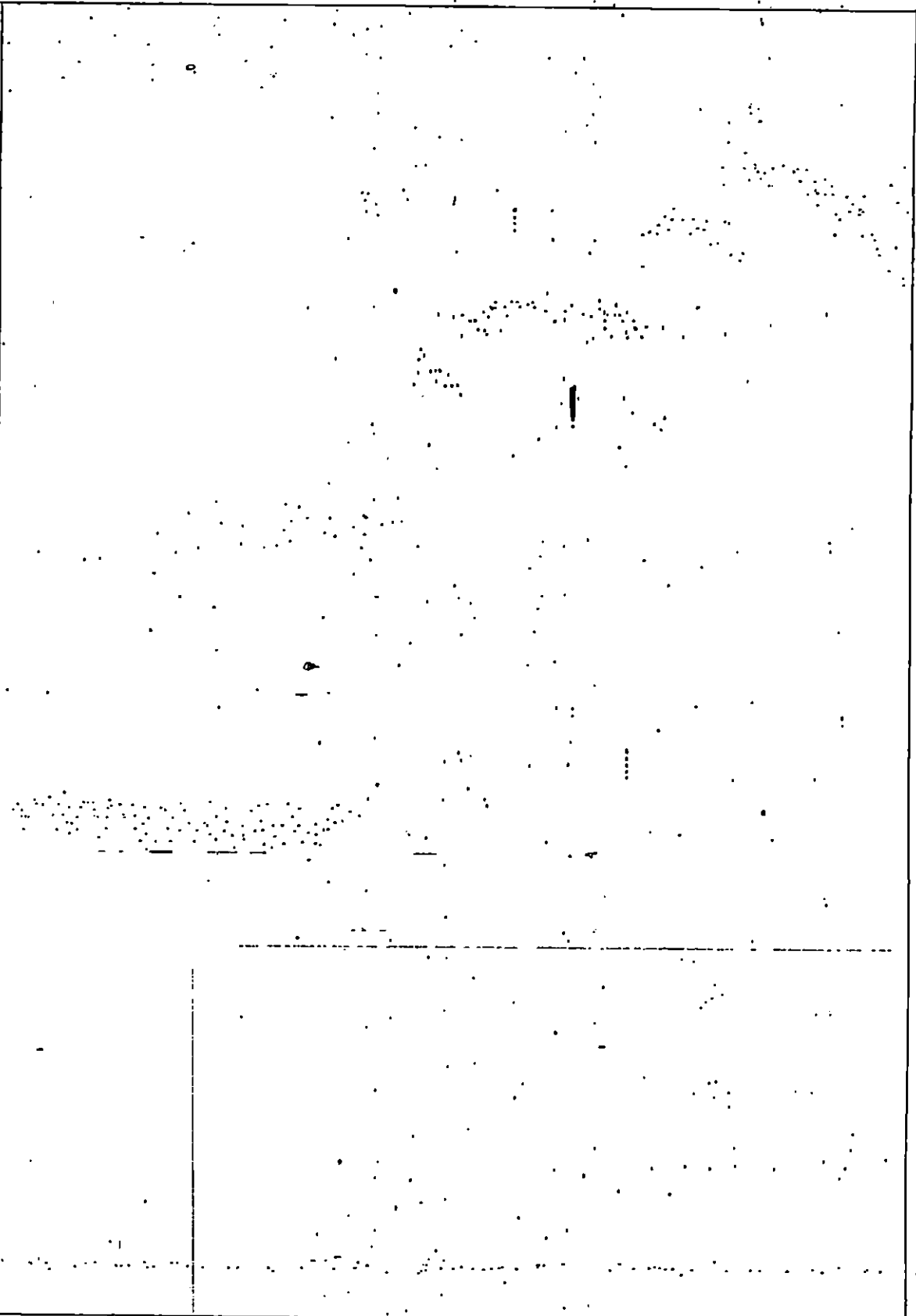
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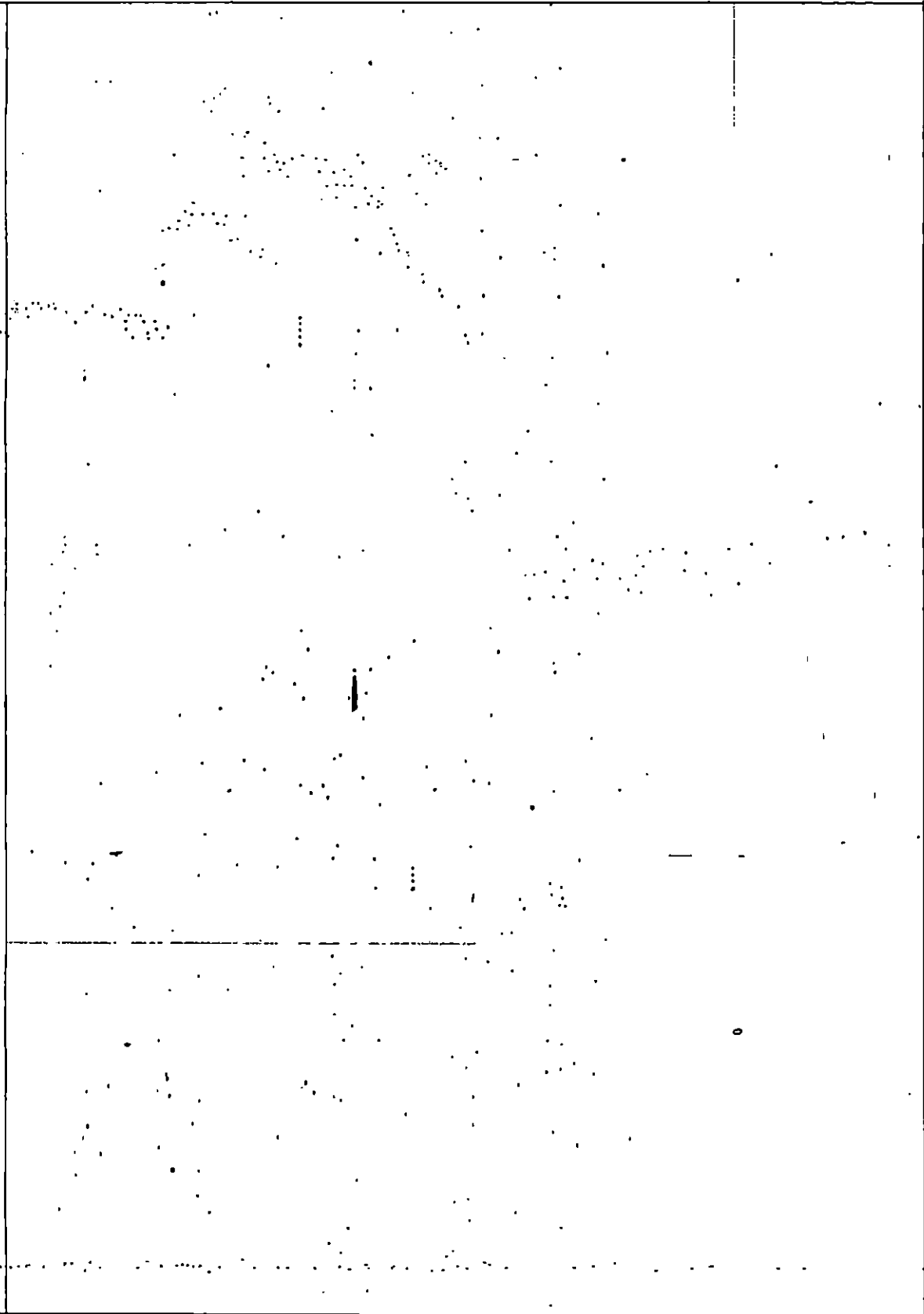


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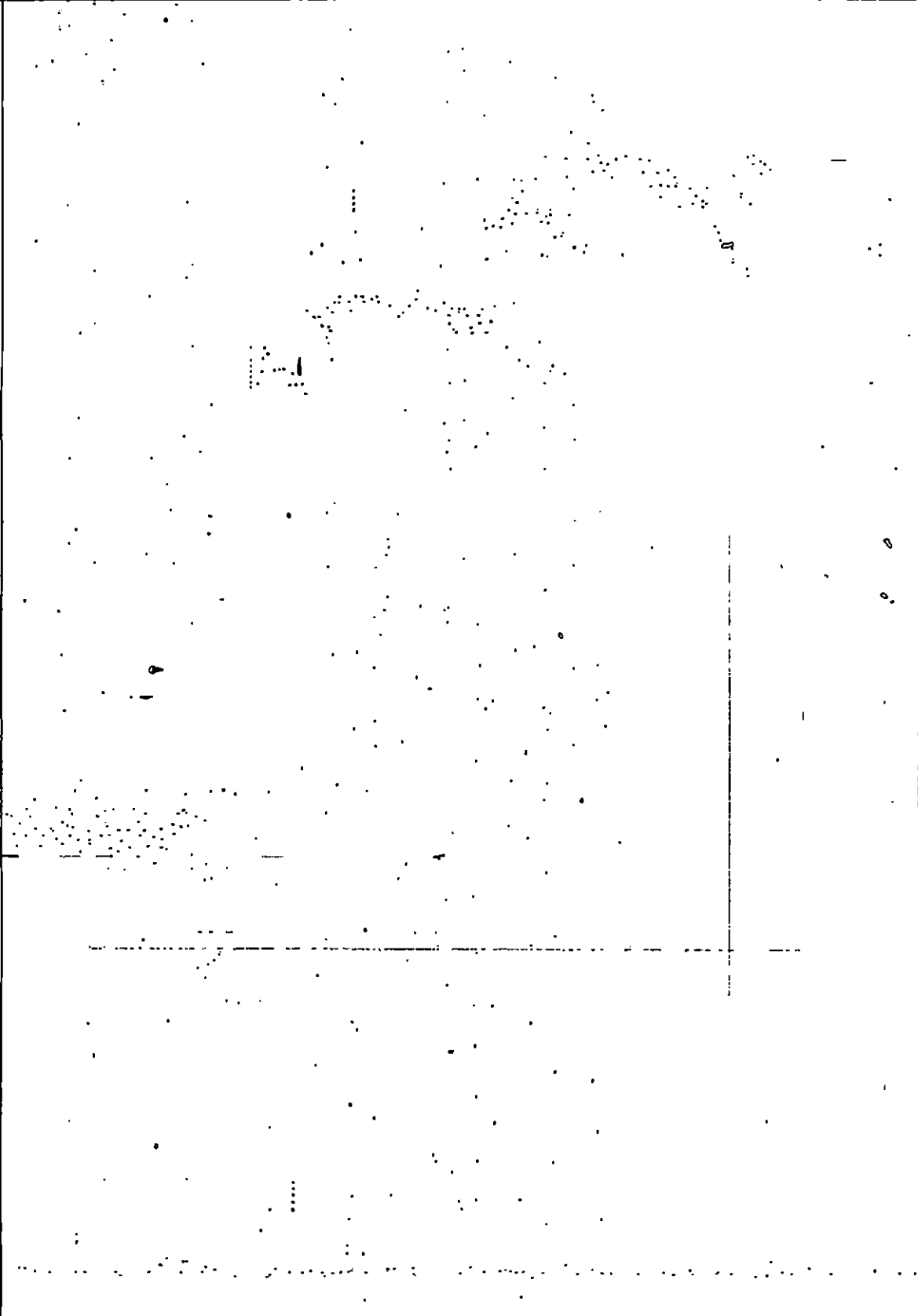
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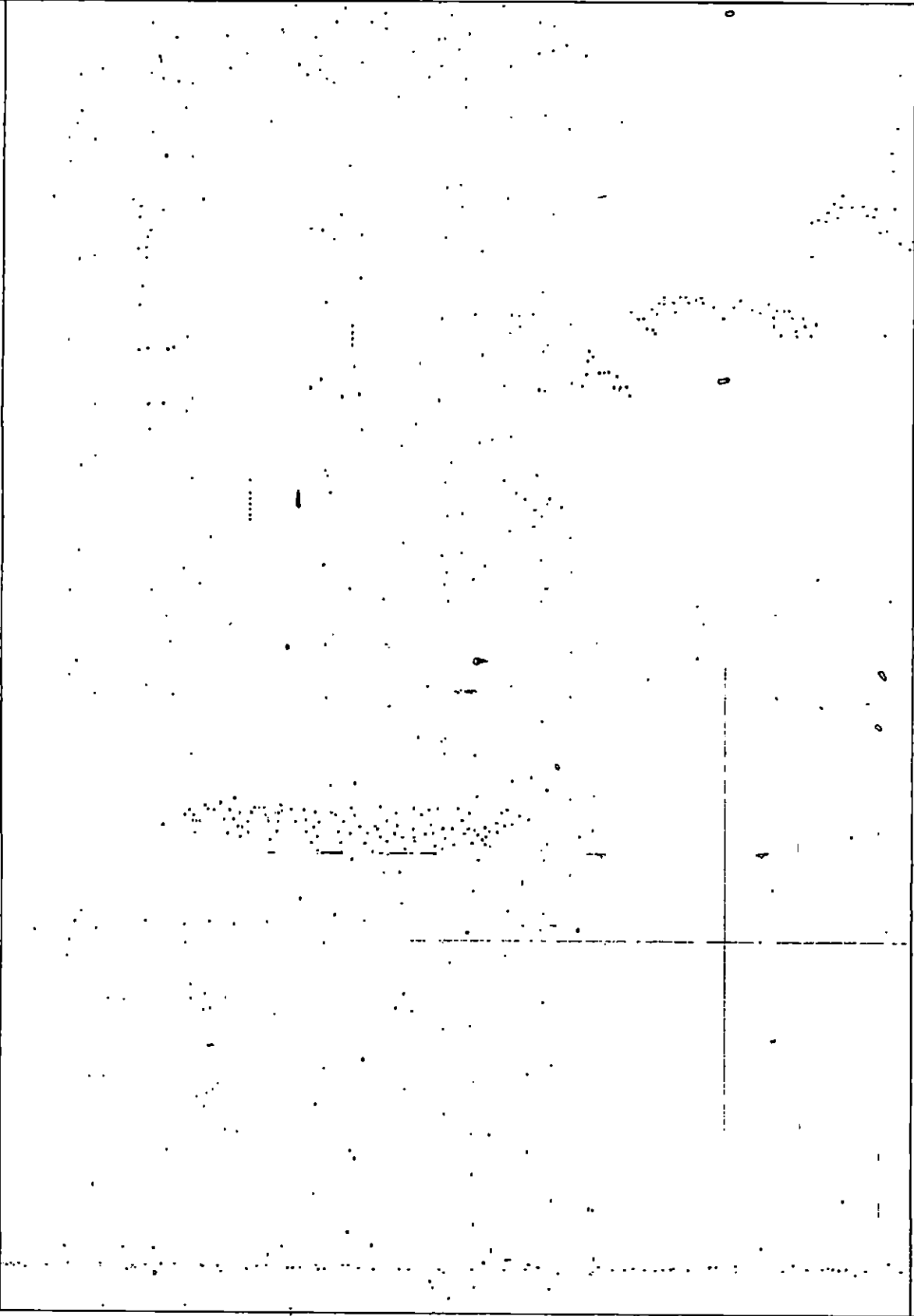
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The true mystery of the world is the visible and not the invisible

Man searching for ultimate reality / cause behind
on earth, God's existence

Mystery of world → Visible

1) 7 billion people : 2 billion sleep hungry every night.

2) Religion → killing in name of God.
Terror Org. ISIS

→ Social sphere

- ghettoization
- gated communities

3) → service to Man self. → R.K.P. → Vivek.

→ Economic sphere

4) Ethics
→ Mother Teresa... service to lepers

5) Artificial boundaries of Nations
→ territorial conflicts

6) India superpower → 30% pop. hungry
30% dark → surplus in energy

→ world - more advanced than ever → but we
are fighting for land / sea ter. which
belong to all

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Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism

- 1. Fight Corruption → Good Governance.
- 2. Fight Corruption → Self-defense.
- 3. Fight Corruption → Patriotism

Corruption: 79th Transparency Intl.
↳ deliberate abuse of power/position

Kautilya - Artha:
↳ Corruption is the evil fish which can spoil the whole pond

Forms:
Bribe - Collusive
Extortion: Coercive
Misappⁿ of funds.
Quid-pro-Quo / Favoritism: Int. Sec.
Abuse of office
Nexus.

Emision
Eco

Social
Dues

Good governance: provision of quality delivery of service, responsible acc. governance, citizen-centric approach.

What forms?
How fighting corruption brings good gov.
Does it also help in self-def. & patriotism.
How can we promote zero tolⁿ corruption.

Self defense and patriotism

Social level:
↳ Moral worth
↳ family values.

↳ Nat'l resources
↳ Nat'l Image
↳ FDI flourish.
↳ fellow brother citizen (Inequality)

Solⁿ: Yoga
↳ "Valueedu"

"When becomes need brings greed, greed spoils the whole breed."

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