

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. A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society.
- ✓ 2. History shows crisis either leads to solution or catastrophe.
3. Trust is the foundational principle that holds in all relationships.
4. Prayers come in variety of ways--- Help me! Enlighten me! Emancipate me! Thank you.

SECTION - B

- ✓ 1. Our outrage is not enough; we must take real and focused action to mend our societies' dramatic failures.
2. Industry revolution 4.0 has established that technology has become bigger than man and it needs serious attention.
3. A second opinion never hurts, not only in medicine, but also in politics.
4. Advertisement and its importance.

SECTION - A 2. HISTORY SHOWS CRISIS
EITHER LEADS TO SOLUTION
OR CATASTROPHE

It is famously said that
NECESSITY is the mother of INVENTION.
Crisis situation presents us with that
condition of pendency where we need to
find either a solution to it or
suffer through the crises now as well
as in future whose consequences may
be catastrophic.

Thus when Ottoman Turks
Occupied Constantinople, it was a crisis
for European countries as they needed

Remarks

Nice
example
from
History

access to east for trade in spices
and other commodities. Thus came

the Renaissance and consequently

Vasco-da-Gamma finding sea route

to east. Had this solution not been
found, European economies would have
crumbled in isolation.

The History has shown us

that there have been crises manifold-
from - personal lives of great people
to societal level or even economies.

How these crises were tackled, entire,
decided the course of history and
has presented us with learning lessons.

And now it is for us to take these

Remarks

lessons and prevent future crises
from turning into catastrophes.

In the history of world,
there are examples of ~~both~~ - either
crises leading to solution or catastrophe.
When there was civil war in America,
the northern & southern states were
fighting over the issue of slavery. In
this situation, Abraham Lincoln provided
the solution in the form of his leader-
ship and vision and with 13th Amendment
to the Constitution, abolished slavery
as well as united ~~two~~ warring halves.
On the other hand, there
is example of Peace Treaties after world

Remarks

War I... It is said about the Treaty of Versailles that - 'It was no Peace Treaty at all.' It put undue burden upon Germany and snatched their right of self determination. Thus it afforded no real solution to the world's problem and

After
W.W II
formation
of International
Institutions
Such as
IMF
&
WB

Here lay the roots of World War II - and it was a catastrophe with millions of lives lost and economies and societies shattered and people uprooted from homelands.

Thus, while a prudent solution of American Civil War led to United States which later emerged as world power; the non-resolution of world's problems after World War I led to

Remarks

Catastrophe of World War II

Further, in Ancient Indian history, when there was crisis of due to Alexander's invasion, the princes who united were protected and those who fought alone were defeated.

Then came Kautilya who united the Athanda Bharata under Chandragupta and provided strong and undefeatable kingdom.

However, in Medieval India,

after Bajirao II, there was no solution found to internal breakup of Maratha Empire and, the result was that the Empire crumbled in Panipat. It was

Remarks

a catastrophe for Maratha empire.

In pre-independent India,

in the crisis of colonialism's policy

of divide and rule and carrot and

stick, the moderates and extremists

split at Surat in 1907. The result

was catastrophe that national movement

was weakened and no effective front

could be put up before British power.

But then to this crisis too, a solution

was found in form of Lucknow Session

where they were united again

and also a pact with Muslim League.

This led to effective struggle in Non-cooperation

movement which had far reaching positive

ramifications on national movement.

More appropriate example could have been used. Split took place in 1907. Lucknow movement. Remarks book place after 9/11

In somewhat similar context but in personal sphere Mahatma Gandhi was presented with crisis of racial discrimination under imperial rule in South Africa. He found solution of Satyagraha which led to betterment of condition of indentured and ex-indentured labours there. That solution of Satyagraha he applied in India too and led to India's freedom in 1947.

There is also life of APJ Abdul Kalam. He faced poverty and many other crises in his life but despite of bowing down to them,

Remarks

he fought back and found solutions to tide over them. A particular instance is when he was rejected for being a pilot but then he tried and persevered and became the missile man.

On the other hand, there is example of students and people in general committing suicides rather than finding solutions to life's problems. A case of hand is recent suicide of Bastar District collector due to family crisis. Had the great personalities bowed down to crises like these, we would not have known any APJ Abdul Kalam or Mahatma Gandhi. They found solutions.

Remarks

In economic sphere too, history shows that when there was crisis due to speculation in 1929 or the subprime assets in 2008, the neglect of these led to catastrophes of global scale - millions unemployed, poverty, ^{& collapse of markets} hunger. However, after these crises, the solutions in form of regulations over insider trading, speculations etc have led to relatively stable stock markets in the recent past. And even now, the task at hand is to identify and provide solutions to averting crises to prevent catastrophes as in the past.

Further, the most impending crisis ~~that~~ we face is that

Work
on

Align
your

Improve
your
representa-
tion

Remarks

Environmental
dimension

of environment in terms of climate
change and global warming. In the
past, the incomplete solutions like
voluntary nature and non-binding targets
of Kyoto Protocol, we are facing an
upcoming catastrophe in terms of increased
natural disasters, rising sea levels which
would submerge coastal areas, increased
pests and diseases, threat to food
security. Many of them are visible
as seen in heat waves, floods and
droughts of 2014-15-16.

Thus it is time we

learn from past and also the

successes of Montreal Protocol due to

its substantial solution to Ozone problems

Now we are
dealing with
Paris Peace Summit
UNFCCC
Rio de Janeiro
Agreement
Remarks
all show concerted
efforts of all the nations
at international stage

and implement these learnings to prevent catastrophes in future. Someone had aptly, this, remarked, "CIVILISATION IS A RACE BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND CATASTROPHE".

Further is the issue of Terrorism. There has been no concrete solution to the problem in the past and result is killings and destruction in Middle East, Afghanistan, attacks in Europe, Asia, refugee problem. This is no less than a catastrophe. And even now we have chance to come together and fight this menace in the form of uniform definition of terrorism, binding

Remarks

responsibilities to act against terrorism under Comprehensive Convention against International Terrorism put forward as a solution by India.

Further crises we are facing and which need solution are the health risks like Ebola, Zika which were no less than catastrophes in poor countries of Africa and even better ones like South America. The issue of securing disasters and our complacent attitudes may lead to repetition of catastrophes like 2013 Uttarakhand floods or 2005 Mumbai floods.

Also, the ongoing crises in Korean peninsula in absence of

Remarks

a permanent solution may again lead to catastrophes of the kind of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The same thing can be said without using I or We in the Introductory Part.

Thus, in the summary, we have learnt lessons from history of how there were crises and how the outcome was either solution or, for lack in the absence of it, catastrophe. Therefore, our failures lessons should become our guiding lights in averting the crises at the first place and in case of occurrence, a prudent solution. This is indeed a necessity for sustainable civilisation.

History teaches us from our failures as well as our successes. It teaches them us to have a positive & cautious mindset to each & every problem.

Remarks
Good

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125

structured, descriptive, relevant Introduction & conclusion.

SECTION B: 1. OUR OUTRAGE IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST TAKE REAL AND FOCUSED ACTION TO MEND OUR SOCIETIES' DRAMATIC FAILURES

As Plato had said, Society is individual writ large. And hence, just as every individual has shortcomings and downfalls and failures, society too has them. However, as one has to come out of comfort zone to overcome these shortcomings rather than just bragging about the issues. Similarly, ~~the~~ we also need an effective and real action to tide over failures of our

Remarks

Society, rather than only outrage.

The cardinal virtues of our societies and systems are its value system's strength, freedom and openness about views, place, tolerance, co-existence and harmony. as also an education system which kindles the hearts and minds. However, these are the very places where we see our societies world over falling. These range from intolerance and hatred to degeneration in value systems; from weak education system to restrictions on free speech.

And a typical scene these days is of upturning social media platforms.

Remarks

and other mass media when we see debates and ~~outrages~~ and views and counter-views but no effective action on ground.

The glaring example of this is, recently a person captured and uploaded a video of a girl being molested in public place on facebook. People expressed their anger through comments and emojis. However, rather than such outrage, which is nevertheless needed, had the person capturing the incident and onlookers helped the woman, it would have been far better a solution.

This was just one case but the issue of women rights and

Remarks

Their safety ~~at~~ public spaces is one of our society's blatant failure. Last decade witnessed 80% rise in domestic violence against women (according to NCRB data). Also women still lag behind in health and educational indicators.

Their labour force participation in India shows is merely 24%. This issue has been ~~discussed~~ ^{discussed} and debated. However, ~~the~~ ^{the} need for action on ground has been lacking.

The societal attitude needs a change. There is a need for enabling legislations like Maternity Benefits Act (passed recently) and the pending reservation in Parliament. Gender budgeting needs to be taken up.

Remarks

The gender & development approach works in the same direction having multi-stakeholders agenda to uphold women rights.

You can also
mention
Annual
Survey
on
Education
Report 2016
(AER)

Our education system is
another place where we are failing.
We provide skill but not will to
the students. They are learning facts
and information but what they lack
is education to lead meaningful
lives and not just livelihood. This
failure manifests itself in the form of
pressure on students leading to suicides,
lack of access leading to inequality
and poverty.

Good
Spatial
Analysis
has to adopt changes. ~~through~~ Education
systems of Japan; community schooling
emphasises on quality and government.

Remarks

support (Subramanian Committee Report) should be the priority rather than ^{only} decade old debates over quality education.

Another failure of our society is lack of values of tolerance and harmony. These manifest in the forms of restrictions over free speech, terrorism, communalism, caste issues.

India ^{has} had a great tradition of free thinking as Amartya

Sen points out in The ARGUMENTATIVE INDIAN. However the attacks on free speech like banning the Murugan's book - Matruka bhagan, frequent use of

Remarks

IPC section 124 make us feel we are
the MUTE / UNARGUMENTATIVE-INDIANS.

Herein we need to adopt
the Voltaire's spirit when he said - "I
disagree with what you say but I will
protect your right to say it till my death.

A second opinion never hurts, not only
in medicine, but also in social and
political sphere.

Further issue is of our
failure to prevent social polarisation
on religious lines which has led to
menace of terrorism. Lack of real
action on ground - by world powers
has fuelled the problem further.

Remarks

Despite talks and discussions at global fora like United Nations, there is no tangible solution forthcoming. Here we need to adopt zero tolerance, uniform definition of terrorism and approving India's proposal of comprehensive convention on International Terrorism.

Another manifestation of intolerance is caste issues in India. This problem has been long standing and much talked but lack of change in societal attitude is what is needed apart from empowerment of lower castes. The surprising case is of a former Indian meteorological Department director filing a case against her maid.

Remarks

good
 examples
 Such
 examples
 provide
 objectivity
 to your
 essay.

on ground of being non-Brahmin
 and still working at her place by
 concealing the facts. The same caste
 discrimination creates fertile ground

for Dera chiefs like Ram Bahin in

Punjab and Haryana and it is only
 change from within society by awareness
 that can help us.

Another failure of our ^{global} society

is inability to handle refugee problem.

Global fora, newspapers, channels are

replete with outrage over killing of

Rohingyas, deportation of Syrian refugees.

But there is no action by India to

satisfy the 1951 Refugee convention or

by global fora to commit for specific

Remarks

action on the issue. Thus what we need here is understanding responsibility and ~~preventing~~ actions leading to such crises and commitments by global powers to tackle the crisis together.

Another broad failure is that of disarmament where the performance of nuclear powers over Article VI of Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is disappointing. Towards this, § 122 UN members have signed Nuclear Prohibition Treaty to completely ban nuclear ~~weapons~~. This is the kind of action that is needed to this end.

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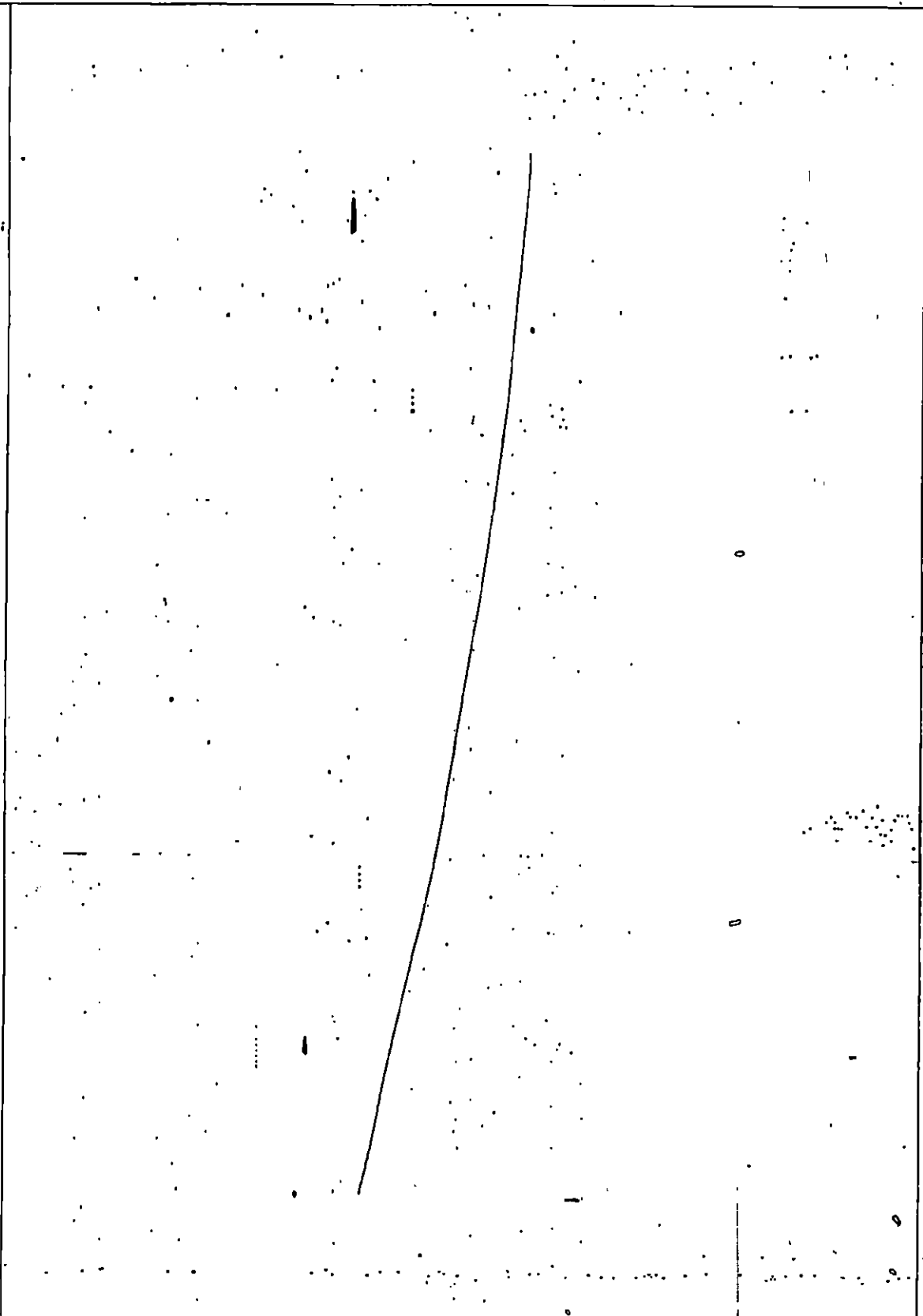
Thus, mere verbalism cannot be a solution to the problems and failures of our society. We need to get real and effective solutions to these problems. As Einstein had said, you can never solve the problem at the same level where you created it. You have to go a level beyond. Similarly, an effective approach is the necessity of our times to the failures of our societies.

Good
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you understood the topic well and provided good content with good objectivity. However try to

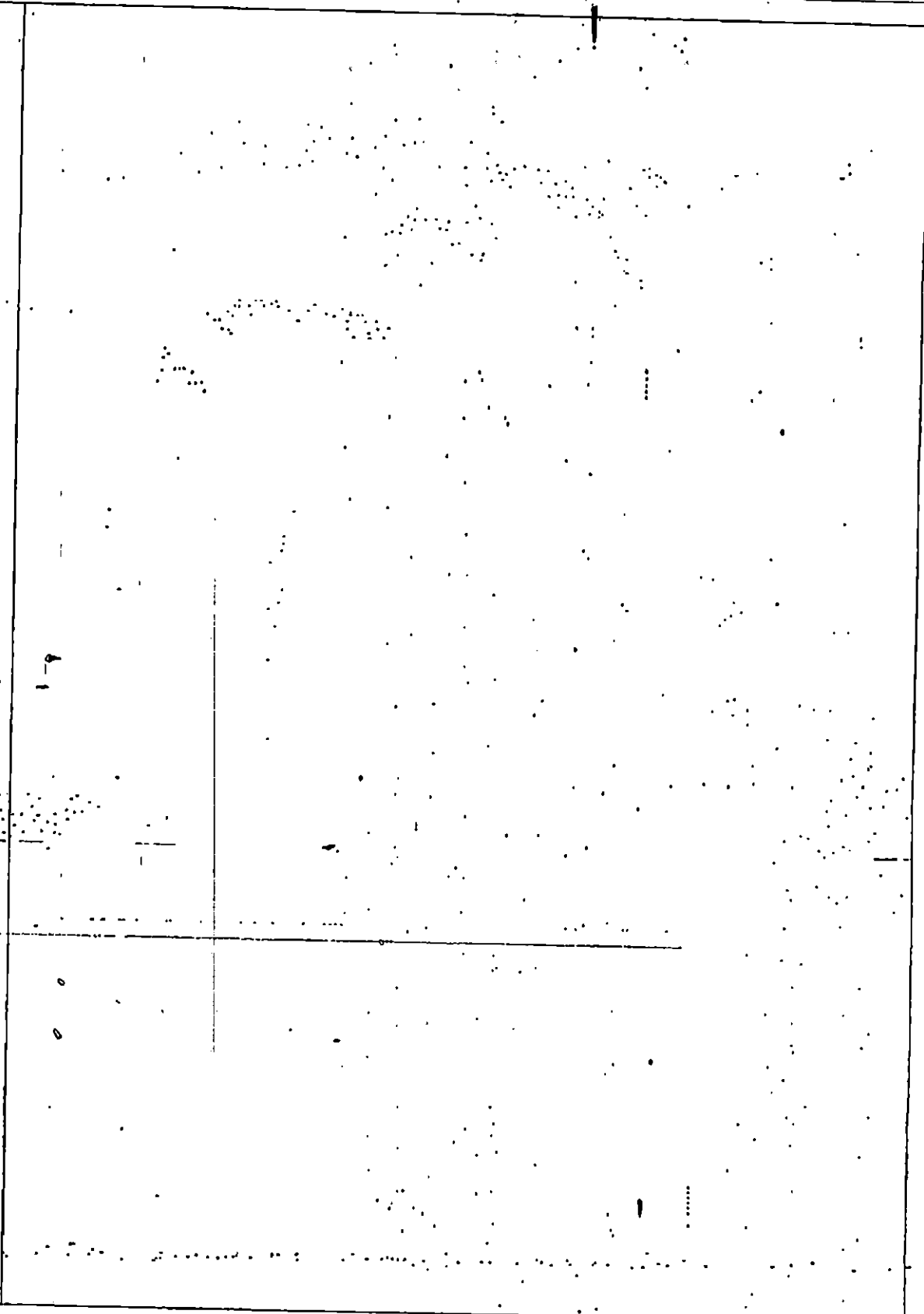
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cover more dimensions such as
 → Health
 → Employment, Crime etc.



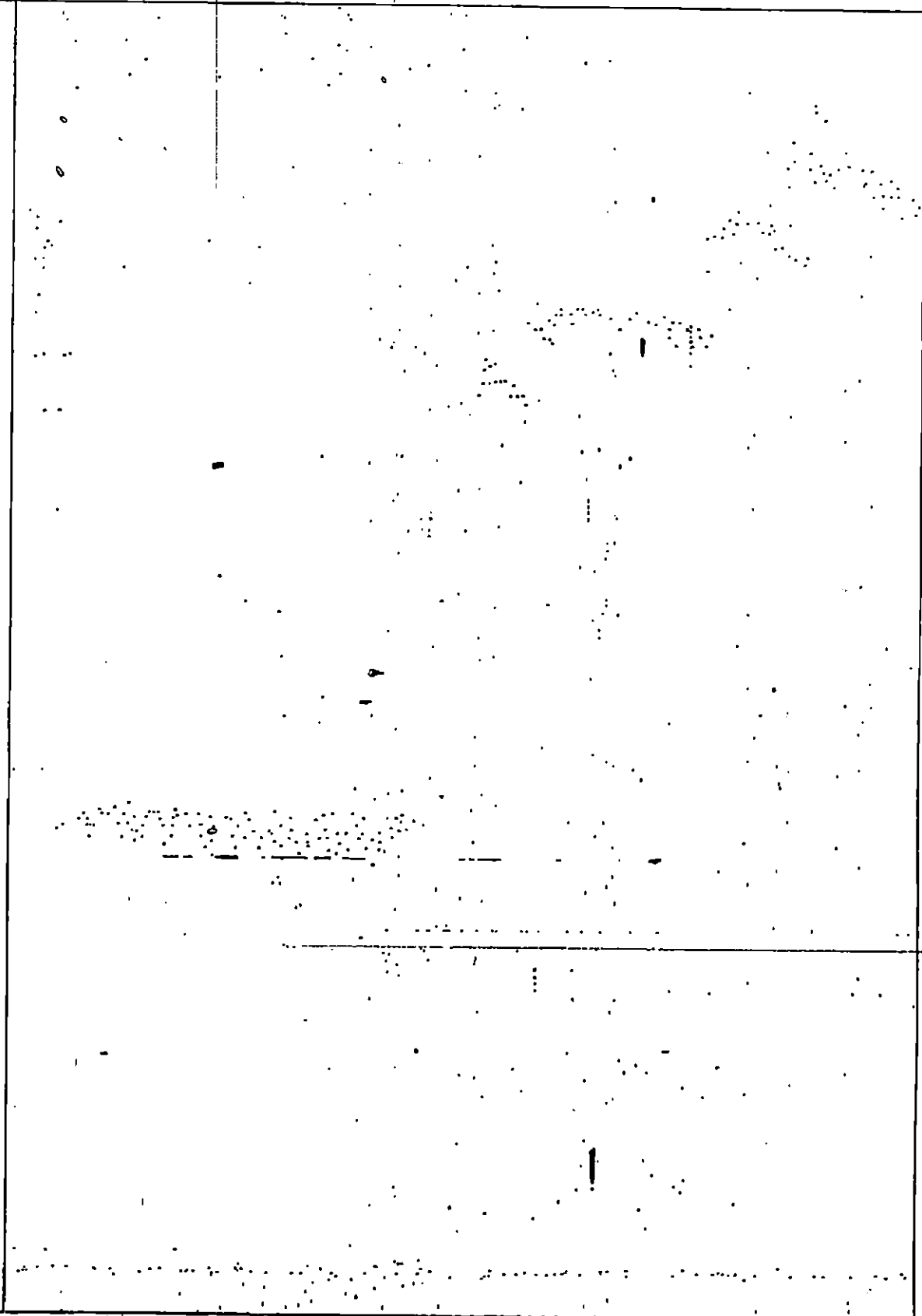
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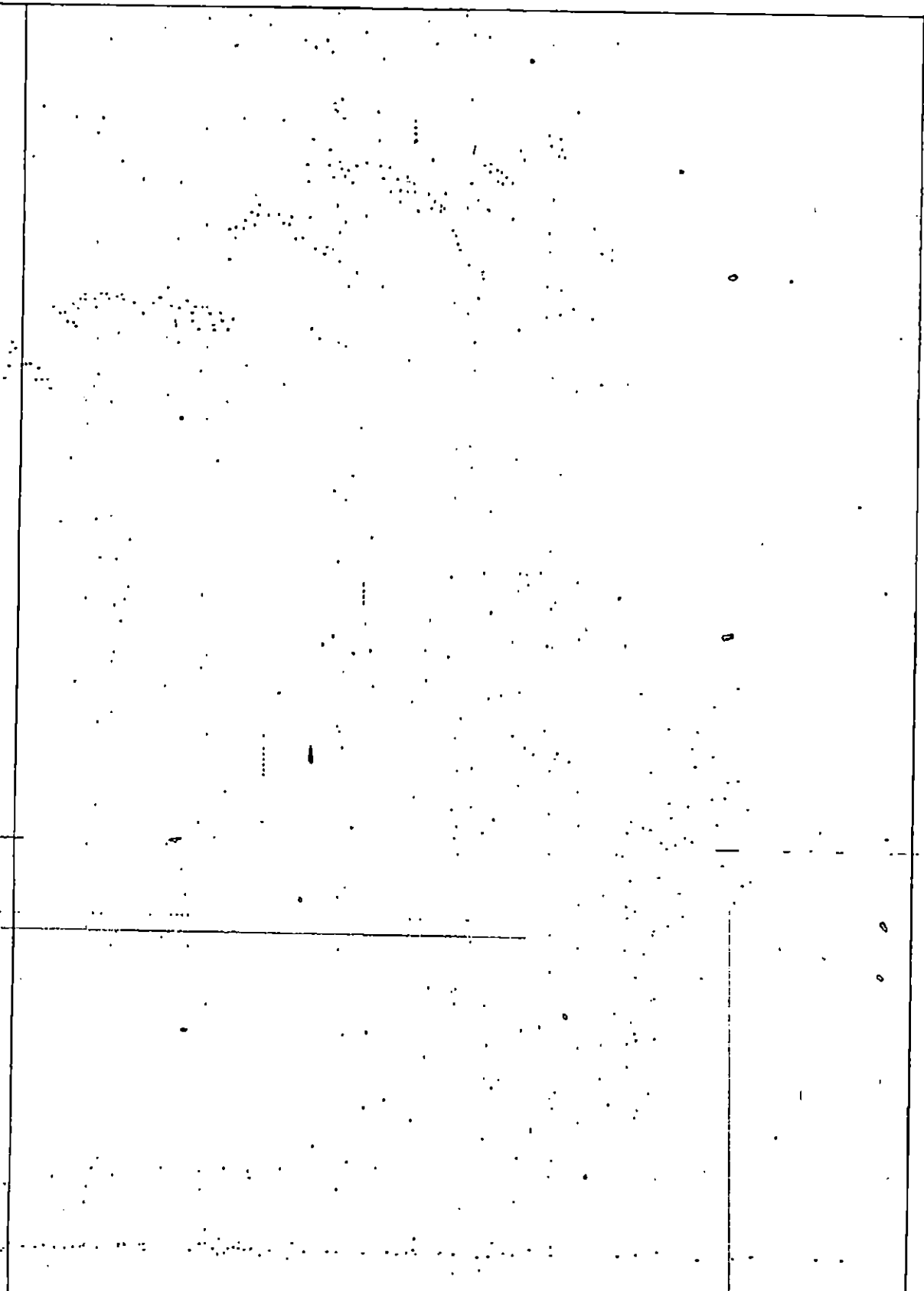


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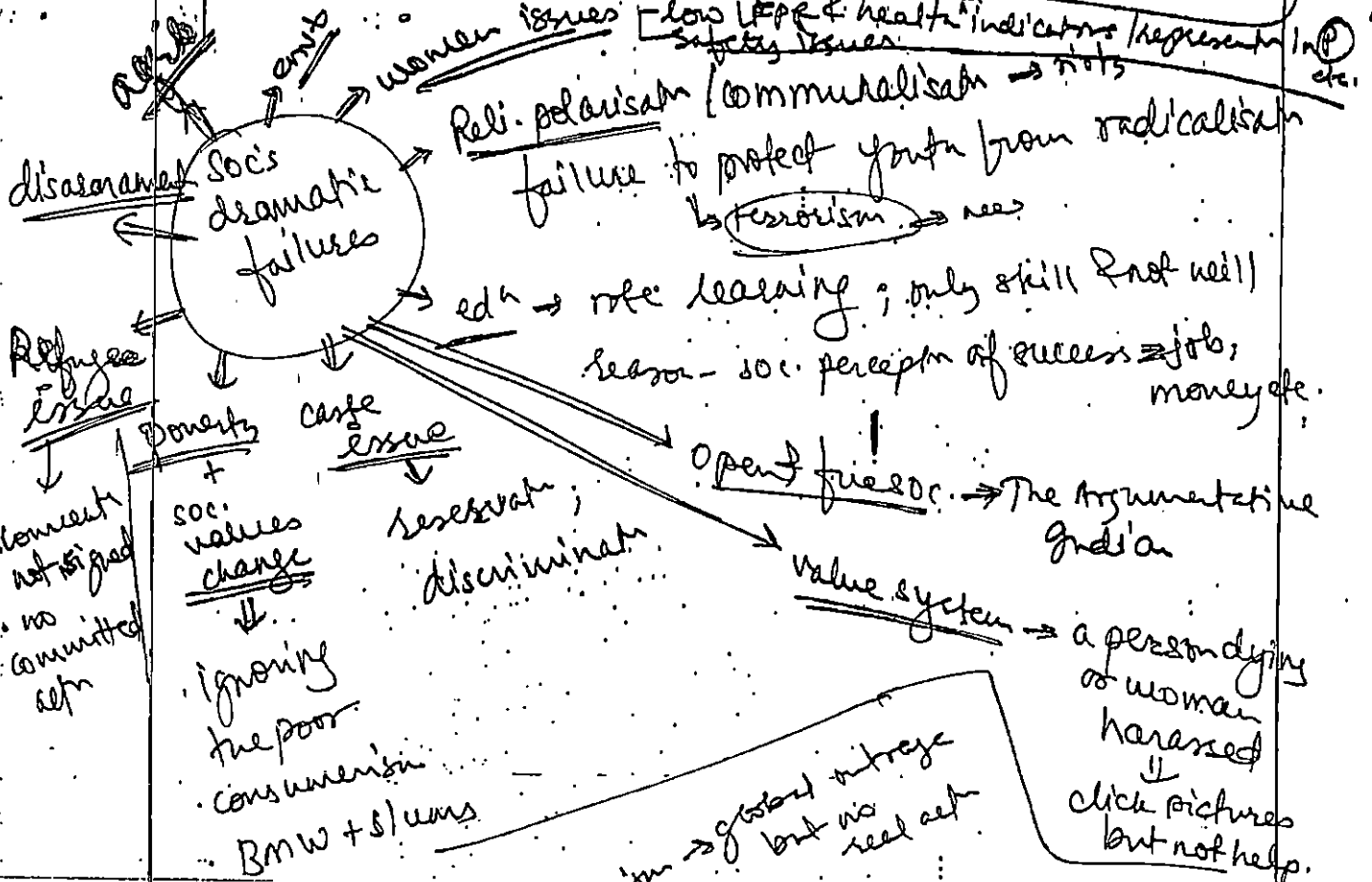
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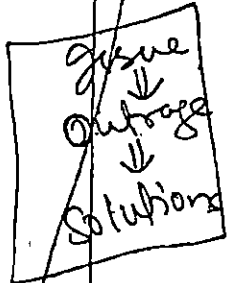
Our outrage

on terrorism → global outrage but no real actn
 only soc. media
 news papers
 candle marches
 issues of edn / health / women → reports / etc → but no actn
 we put blame on others
 but do we segregate
 waste at homes?
 do we not litter on roads?

examples of success → soc. actn → Kalyan Siddhi → water prob.

Intro failures of soc. & the way we do outrage!
But who really focused etc

- (I) value sys ; poverty ;
- (II) women issues ; eds ; open & press.
- (III) Race & caste issues → ~~terrorism~~ Tolerance → broad
- (IV) Refugee issue
- (V) Disarmament
- (VI) Agri & envt
↓
awareness ; agro-climate ; cropping ; support etc.
- (VII) ↓
do it ourselves!

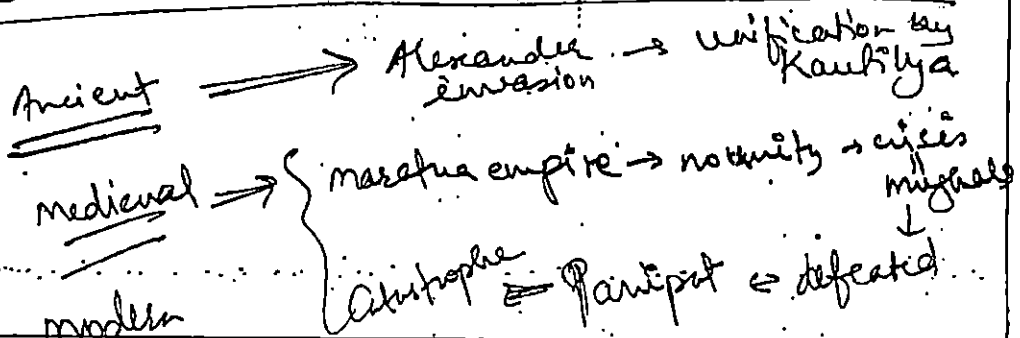
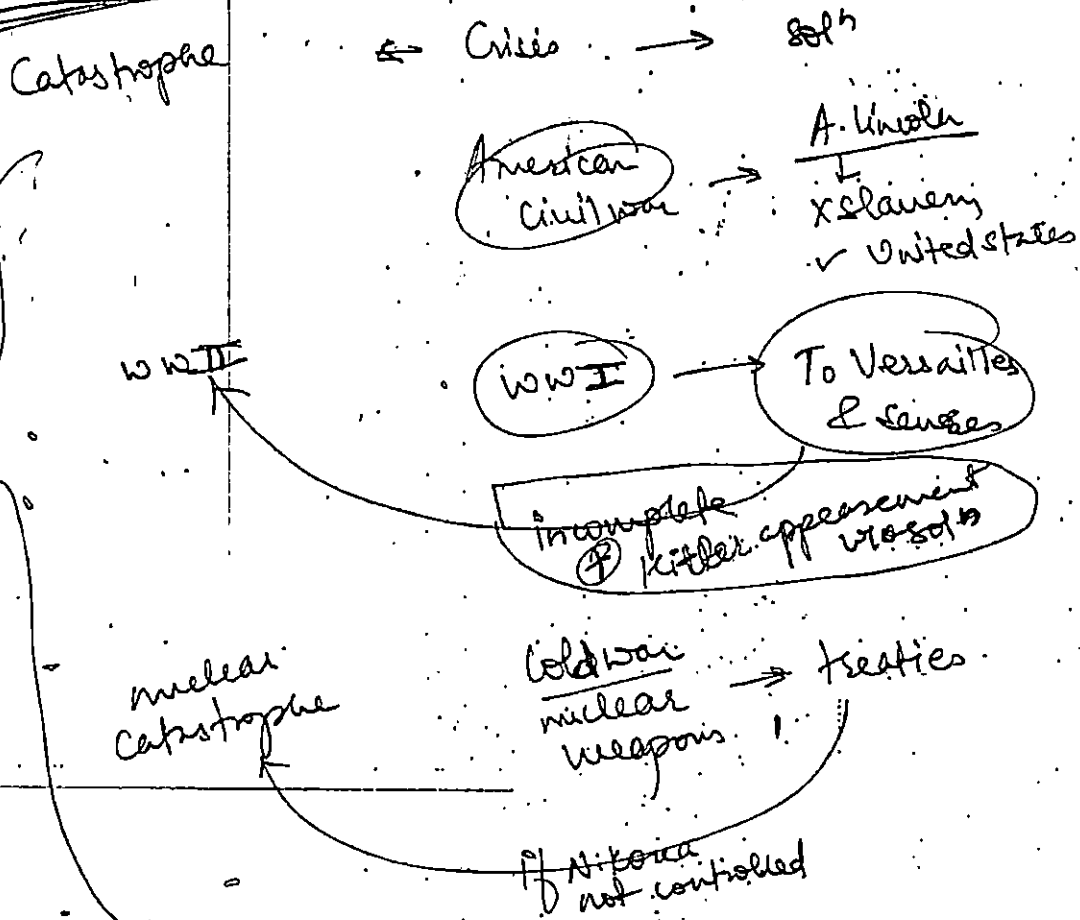


Conclusion Summary

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History shows crisis either leads to solution or catastrophe

- necessity is the nature of events
- civilisation = race betⁿ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{event} \\ \text{catastrophe} \end{array} \right.$



Remarks

Social $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Poverty} \\ \text{untouchability} \\ \text{women issues} \end{array} \right.$ / caste

now led but caste remains

Religious Polansan

catastrophe Ayodhya Issue

Personal level

Gandhiji

crisis in ... → gave ...
came to ... → gave ...

Bastar DM suicide → family crisis
↓
no ...
↓
catastrophe

APJ not selected as pilot
↓
80% missile man & president

economy

1929 crisis

Present crises
Terrorism, envt, cyber, IR 4.0, nuclear
Agricultural crises
Need & prevention of crises in place
→ learning from past

terrorism → no ... yet
↓
catastrophe

Ebola → catastrophe
↓
learning
↓
Zika → avoided

Health

Climate is a ball kept ... & catastrophe
envt

envt

Overprod & overpollution crisis
→ early signs of catastrophe
↓
if no ... then catastrophe.

Ottoman Turks → constantinople → Vasco de Gama route to east

Remarks

Mumbai floods ← 2005 crisis → no ...
2007 kind of catastrophe

Disaster mgmt : Uttarakhand floods } then Sri Nagar
continuing floods in B'putra, Bihar (Assam).



Remarks