

## 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 ~~the art of choosing between the disastrous and unpalatable.~~
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.

"People are sheep. T.Y. is the shepherd."

Where the mind is without fear and the head  
 is held high,  
 Where knowledge is free  
 Where the world has not been divided into  
fragments by narrow domestic walls,  
 Where clear stream of ~~rob~~ reason has not  
 lost its way in the dreary desert sand of  
 habit,  
 Where the world has been guided by thee  
 into ever widening thought and action,  
 into that heaven of freedom, My Father, let my  
 country awake.

— Rabindranath Tagore.

The above lines by Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore  
 contrast the irrationality, biased, one-sidedness  
 loomed large over India with the advent of  
 Television.

The essay attempts to elaborate  
 upon how different parts of our society are  
shaped by television positively as well as  
 negatively. In the later sections, it attempts to  
 understand if television is dictating people or  
 it is a mere reflector, reflecting our  
 social reality.

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In a country like India, where television and electronic media has fairly merged as a source of entertainment and information, Television stands as a symbol for entire electronic media.

POLITY is the most vibrant section of society, at least apparently. Television has played a significant role in our political preferences, our political opinions, our political participation and performance of body politic at large. The rigorous political campaigning, the concept of paid news, one sided news reporting, political sting operations and business houses investing in electronic media reflect the growing significance of media in dictating our political behaviour. On International front, Rise of right wing politicians has been attributed to electronic media.

On the otherhand, Television has increased political participation of common people, enabled them to decide their representatives, and have made democracy more vibrant. Further, pictures captured in Syria and Middle east have shaken the humanity at large. In this manner, Media has positively impacted people by raising pertinent questions.

Also discuss how to overcome negative impact of media/TV.

Such as people should take informed and educated decisions.

Television, as a shepherd, dictates the ECONOMY of a society, a nation and the world at large.

Sensex and Nifty, responding instantly to any development in the remotest part of world, itself ~~speak~~ for the growing clout of Television over economy.

Nice observation correct.

Veblen's concept of Conspicuous Consumption is prevalent today and television has assisted in the operationalisation of this concept.

Manufacturing houses, spend extravagantly on advertising campaigns for the reason that it is the television that has entered our kitchen and dictates our behaviour in consumption patterns.

On the other hand, it has helped to break monopoly of few houses, made the masses aware of quality standards (for instance - Does your tooth paste has salt?), offered choices and helps traders to prepare for negative forecasts.

Further, Media is a source of employment for quite a substantial section of society. It is a source of information for the farmers of the country who ~~to~~ have suffered from information poverty in terms of real price, crop suitability, soil type etc. Kisan T.V. and D.D. Krishi are positive steps in this regard.

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Television dictates SOCIAL patterns, social structures and social relations. The daily T.V. ~~soaps~~, serials and news ~~even~~ reports have raised the horizon of common man's aspirations but unfortunately, Television fails to emphasize enough on individual efforts behind success. This has led to widening gap between individual aspirations and actual reality, thereby leading to higher crime rate, suicidal tendencies and individual alienation from Society.

Television, on the other hand, has emboldened women to fight for rights, Gendered division of labour and patriarchy have been questioned and the labour force participation rate of 27% (much higher than single digit in 1947) speaks volumes for the positive role of Television.

Television has improved the access to EDUCATION and HEALTH too. The Health campaigns like Pulse polio campaign, DOTS, T.B. campaign, School Chalo campaign and other such initiatives have been made successful because of Television.

Television shapes our conception of our GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY too. There are many areas of our country which are covered with snow for entire 12 months of an year. But the television has engrained

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in our consciousness that such and such areas belong to this state or that country. For eg:-  
Amar Nath row - ~~an action~~ by J&K Govt. in 2007 that land near Holy shrine will be bought by Amar Nath Shrine Board, but as a matter of reality that land remains covered with snow for 10 months of an year and will serve no purpose other than for ~~what~~ it was being used. The matter was politicised and the state remained shut for two months.

Our conception of shared history is also shaped by Television. With a large section of country only functionally literate and reading literature still a leisure, Television is the source of history. It can serve as a medium of patriotism as well as a source of communal divide.

Now when it has been clearly established that Television shapes our behaviour and our thoughts. It is yet to be investigated whether it is the source of these currents or is a mere reflector of social currents.

Television has been presented by many as a reflection of society. The argument can be substantiated by the fact that people like to watch what they can relate with. It clearly implies that Television is reflecting social reality only.

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For instance, Television news reflect actual events, Television serials depict Indian family structure and Television actors share individual aspirations and insecurities. Further, it has changed significantly with changing social reality. It is continuously responding as a perfect mirror whatever comes to its front.

However, on the other hand, to consider Television as a passive reflector would be demeaning to the role that Television has played as an agent of change.

For a pluricultural country like India, Television has diluted boundaries, broken stereotypes, raised our aspirations and has been actively involved in changing the face of our society.

Television programmes sharing stories of Dowry victims getting justice, or a lady fighting against infanticide has stimulated the conscience of different sections of country.

It is the television only which has integrated Hindustani music with Dravidian music - Punjabi songs being played across the country reflect social integration. Further, mental divides based on stereotypes of South and North have been bridged significantly through Television.

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Therefore, it can be concluded that Television is a shepherd but an ~~an~~ active shepherd that is negotiating social currents with innovation. It is not just reflecting social reality but is dubbing these realities with developments from different parts of world. Further, Television, as a shepherd, is attentive to forecasts too and through widespread telecasts, it prepares masses for forthcoming change. It is a source of change which presents a contrast between present and the future and stimulate the masses for the same. Therefore, it is an "active shepherd" and masses are shaping television as well as are shaped by television positively as well as negatively.

Television and the masses have a word of caution in Dr. Martin Luther King's famous speech — I have a dream

"We must remember that we shall not quench our thirst from the cup of hatred and bitterness. We shall always struggle from higher planks of dedication and discipline."

your overall performance is very good in this essay. You understood the topic and provided good content with good objectivity. You provided comprehensive issues and challenges. However, try to add more points such as flow media has become king maker and other negatives.

Good Conclusion  
Format and content both are fine

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"Life teaches us many lessons, but the final lesson is, there is no final lesson."

The only thing I know is that I know nothing  
- Socrates

What Socrates said more than two millenniums ago is true even today and will surely hold ground as long as humans exist.

The essay attempts to elaborate upon continuously changing natural reality, material reality and the corresponding conceptions of reality, that is, "the knowledge" at the "Societal level" and the "individual level."

Man has an inherent tendency to better his present. This tendency manifests itself in the form of attempts to improve his control over nature. Consequently, the new material conditions develop and the knowledge of yesterday becomes a trivial reality and the new knowledge becomes relevant. However, this process keeps on going continuously and is expected to continue for the times to come.

The primitive man, in the wilderness of distant past, realised that community life would be better, easier, riskfree and more enriching. As a result, the communal

Good grasp and understanding

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life began and pastoralism continued.

Time passed by and later humans realised the need of a "State" to put an end to war of all against all. The communal tribes were replaced by monarchical state and the new lesson was "Monarchy - as ultimate society".

Gradually, Renaissance and French Revolution made people realise that "representative democracy" is the goal to be pursued.

Representative democracy, being too aloof from masses, has been questioned and now the focus has shifted from just democracy to participation in democracy - democratic decentralization and accountability mechanisms.

At ECONOMIC front, the early classical economists conceived of a free market as end to woes of man. The Great American Depression of 1929 and subsequent developments created fertile ground "John Maynard Keynes" and Keynesian economics advocating state intervention took the centre stage.

The acute inequalities of Cold war era made Keynesian economics dysfunctional and concept of "Welfare state" and Democratic socialism took centre stage. Even today, there is no end to challenges and the knowledge of today is going to become redundant tomorrow.

Try to avoid too many short paragraphs. Similar ideas should be kept in one para. and if gets too lengthy then change it.

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At the level of SCIENCE, the story began with man relying on muscle power to meet his bodily demands. In some time, he accidentally came across fire and "fire" fired his imagination and he learnt that "wood" can be used as a source of energy. From wood to charcoal, from charcoal to coal, from coal to steam, from steam to wind and water, from wind and water to electricity, from electricity to sun, from sun to tides, from tides to geothermal, from geothermal to "SHALE". Though the trend is not that simple and spans across centuries but the underlying theme remains active that today's knowledge will become tomorrow's common sense.

In HEALTH sector, man has witnessed radical developments. From god as a cause for plague and epidemic to microorganism as the cause, from microbes as cause to vaccine and drugs, from drug to Multi drug Resistance, from Multi drug resistance to extreme drug resistance, the evolution keeps on going. Man's conception of his reality keeps on changing. The standard charters of society keeps on changing and are expected to change hence forth.

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The EDUCATION as a social institution has not been left untouched by this ever evolving reality. Learning purely based on observation of elders was replaced by <sup>formal</sup> learning for upper classes in Gurukuls. It gave way to School learning for all. The idea evolved further to Home-tutions and of late, we have realised that Technology can be a better and efficient source of learning. The way we learn lessons has also learnt lessons across time scale.

The TECHNOLOGY has also witnessed that there is no final learning and it has to be upgraded continuously. For instance, Information Technology has witnessed growth from discovery of waves to, tele Radio technology, to Television to Mobile, to virtual reality and is undergoing rapid changes.

The scale of nanotechnology is minimising and the picture it presents is continuously maximising. There are always certain human needs and instincts left unfulfilled and Technology will keep on fulfilling them and simultaneously giving birth to new ones.

An individual is a basic unit of society and is subjected to the evolutionary process. An individual's personalised opinion about life and reality also undergoes similar changes. The section ahead elaborates on learning across one man's lifespan.

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Nice example  
Such examples provide objectivity to your views/essay

When Mahatma Gandhi was asked about inconsistency between his two books "Swaraj" and "My experiments with truth", he replied that an individual evolves over one's life cycle and therefore his latest writings must be referred to understand his world views.

Further, the idea that "Success is not final and failure is not fatal" also resonates with the idea that there is no finality of knowledge and the process continues as long as one is breathing.

The same can be learnt understood by observing views of freedom fighters by Bhagat Singh. In his last few writings, he emphasised that freedom can't be won through violence by a group of men and masses are must to earn freedom. Further, he emphasised that freedom would be political only and the real freedom would require further struggle.

Not just the great personalities, every individual goes through this process. Hindu philosophy emphasises on "Varna ashram" where an individual learns different types of knowledge during different life stages and

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performs different duties.

An infant has different conception of pleasure and pain: His only material need is food and only emotional need is "the mother". Gradually, the social circle expands, needs proliferate and his conception of world changes. Education is the only duty and play - only pleasure for him. During adult stage, one's world view expands further and one realizes that material goals are the only goals worth pursuing.

During old age, one realizes the futility of one's efforts all his life to earn a better tomorrow. Ultimately one realizes, that the ultimate satisfaction is self-satisfaction. His material needs shrink, and supporting needs increase.

Lessons keep on changing throughout life and one's conception of Self and the world keeps on changing.

Bhagwad Gita, emphasizing on the need of continuous efforts, also reverberates the same idea. One must keep on working without being affected by external or internal factors. The religious prescription holds significance at the societal level and at an individual level.

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From the quote discussed in the essay, we, as a society and as a nation have a lesson to learn. That is, we must not accept stark inequalities as a way of life or an eternal reality. We must fight to make voiceless exercise their choice, help the poor improve the standard of life and improve as a society. Humans have improved over time scale and there is a hope for further improvement. No night can be long enough to withhold sunrise, no misery is unmountable and no challenge too big to be scaled by man. With this, it can be concluded in the words of Pt. Nehru's Independence speech - A trust with destiny -

"Long years ago, we made a trust with destiny and now the time has come when we shall redeem our pledge... The future is not of easing or rest but of incessant striving to fulfil pledges that we often make and will make. Today's service to India is the service to millions who suffer. It is a fight to end poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our century has been to wipe every tear from every eye."

Also discuss with suitable examples what How individuals, Society of nations who thought that they have clear final lesson perishes as they fail to learn new things

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That may be beyond us but as long as there are deals, so long shall our work continue."

Very good,

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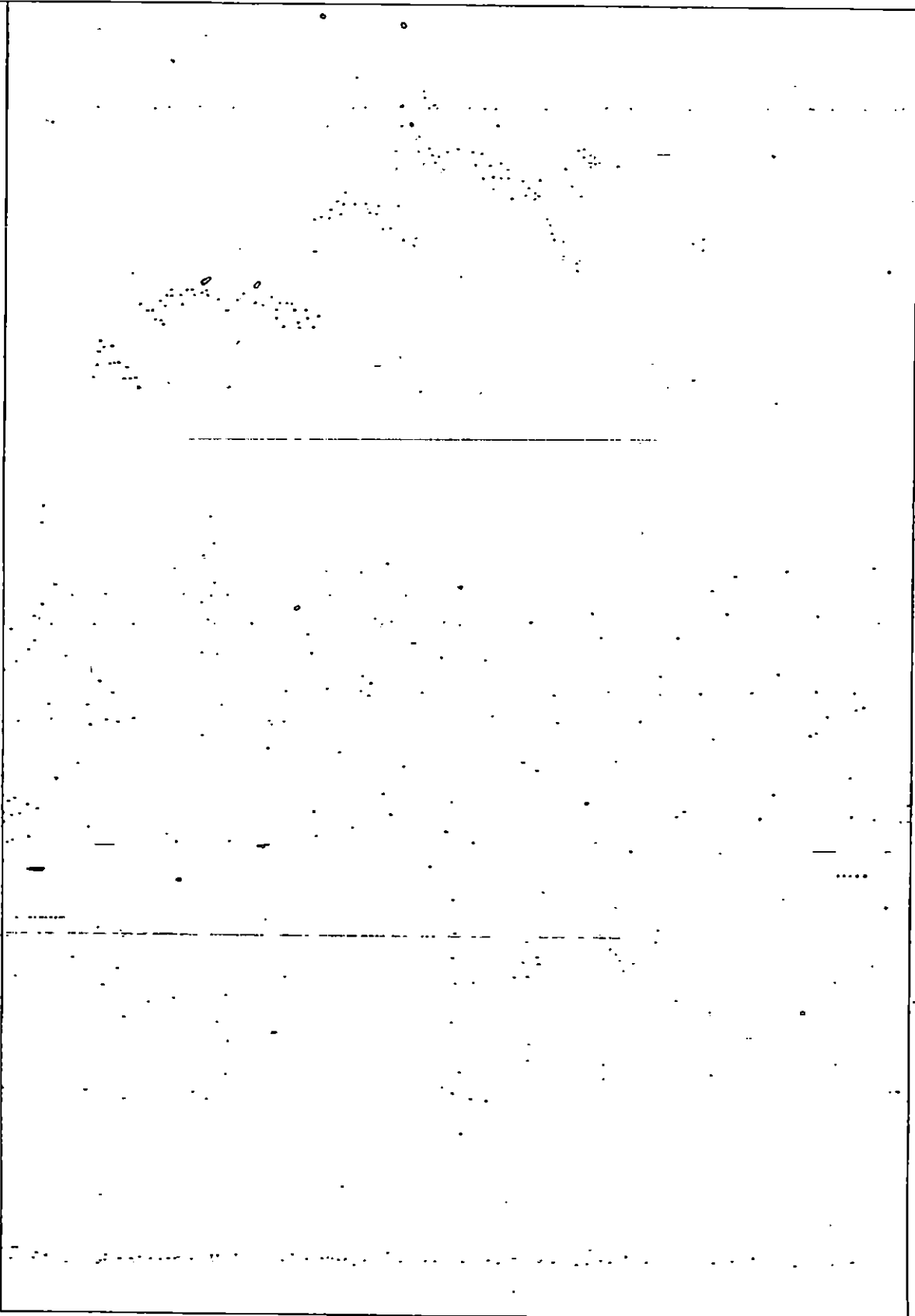
'very good marks'! Keep it up.

- Structured, descriptive & relevant introduction & conclusion.
- Good writing skills - simple, lucid, easy to understand and grammatically correct language.
- Excellent grasp and understanding.
- You can fetch more marks by taking the write up to next (higher) level by

- Adding force to communication by punch lines
- Adding feel by choosing appropriate words & ideas or style.

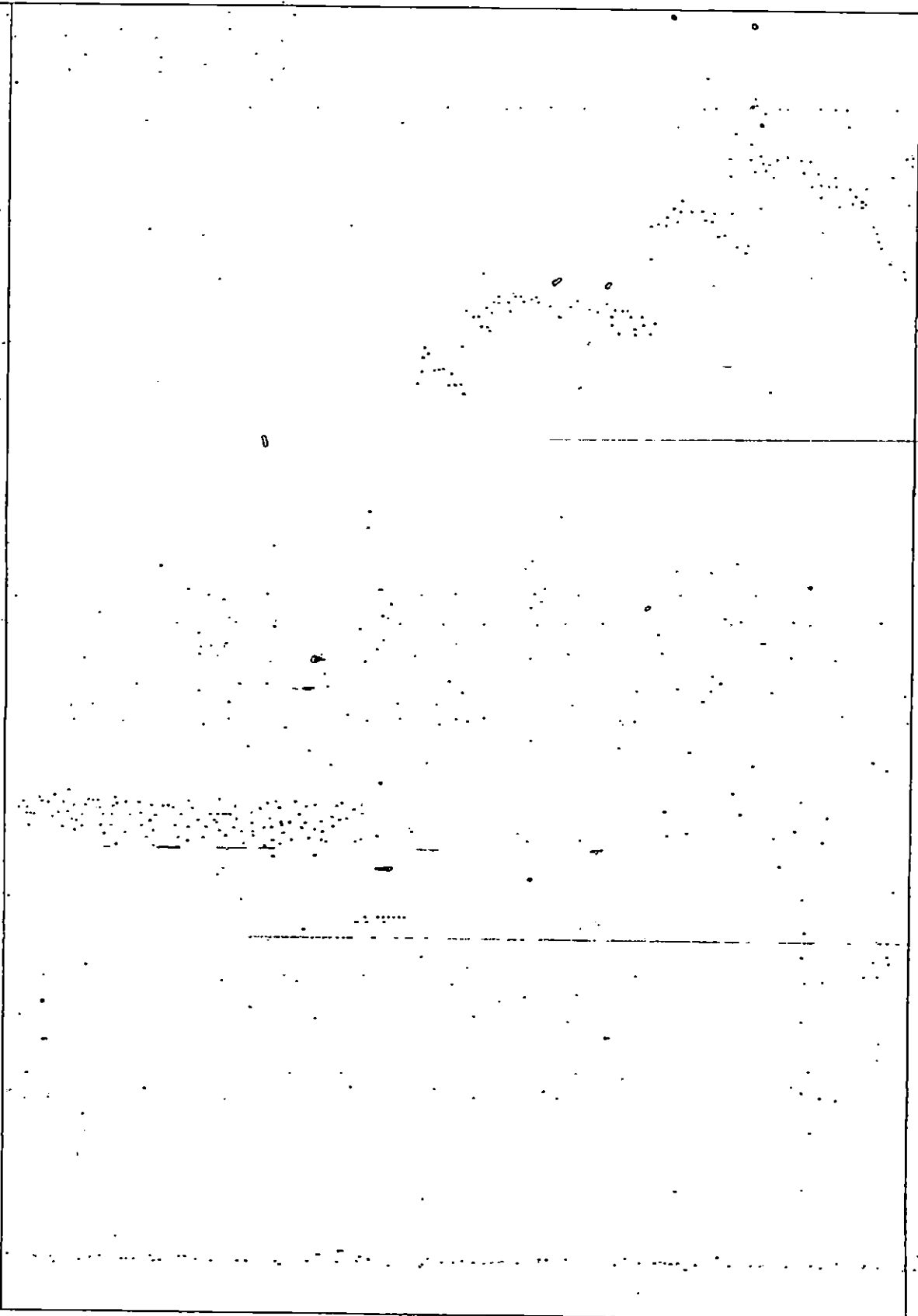
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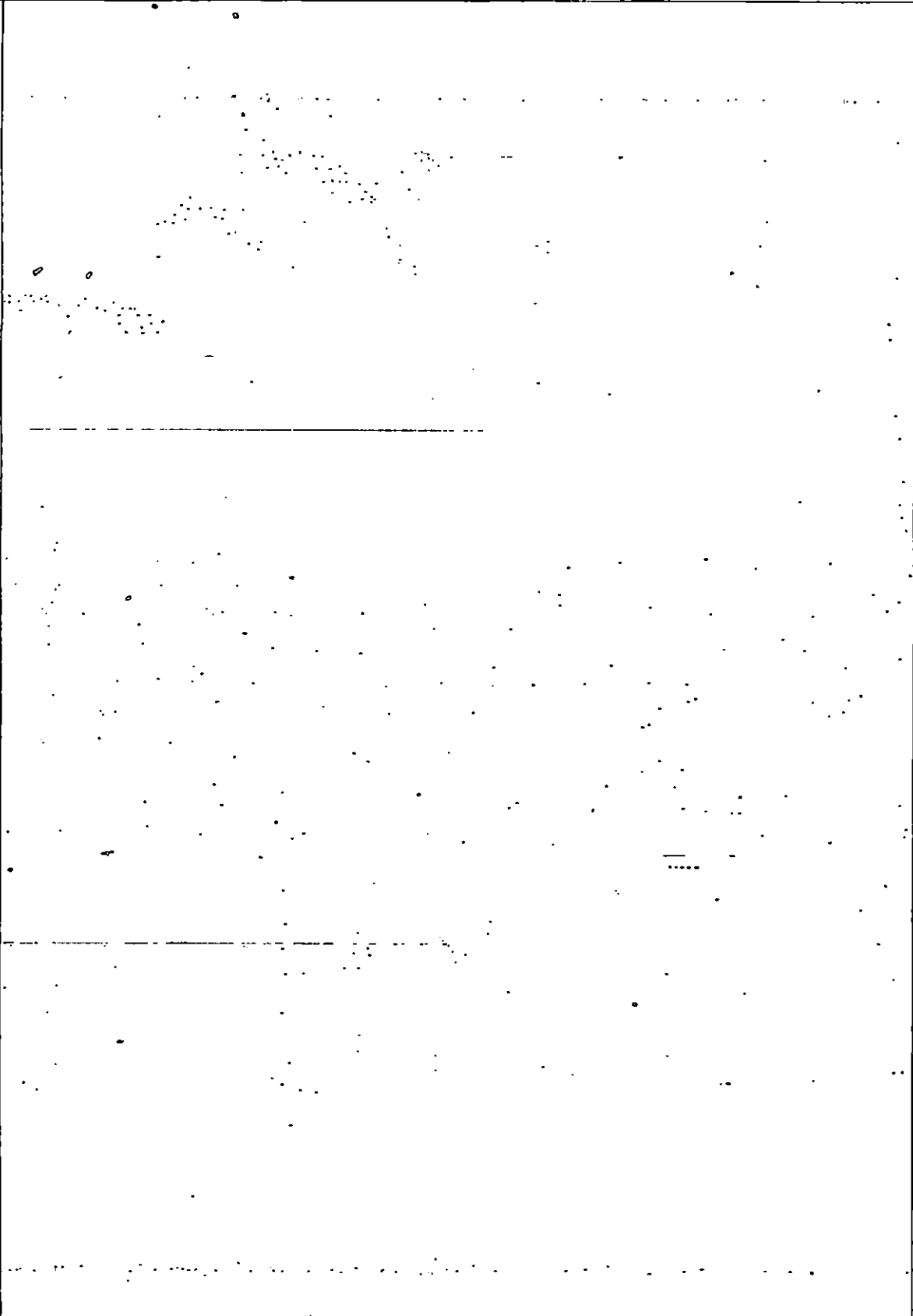


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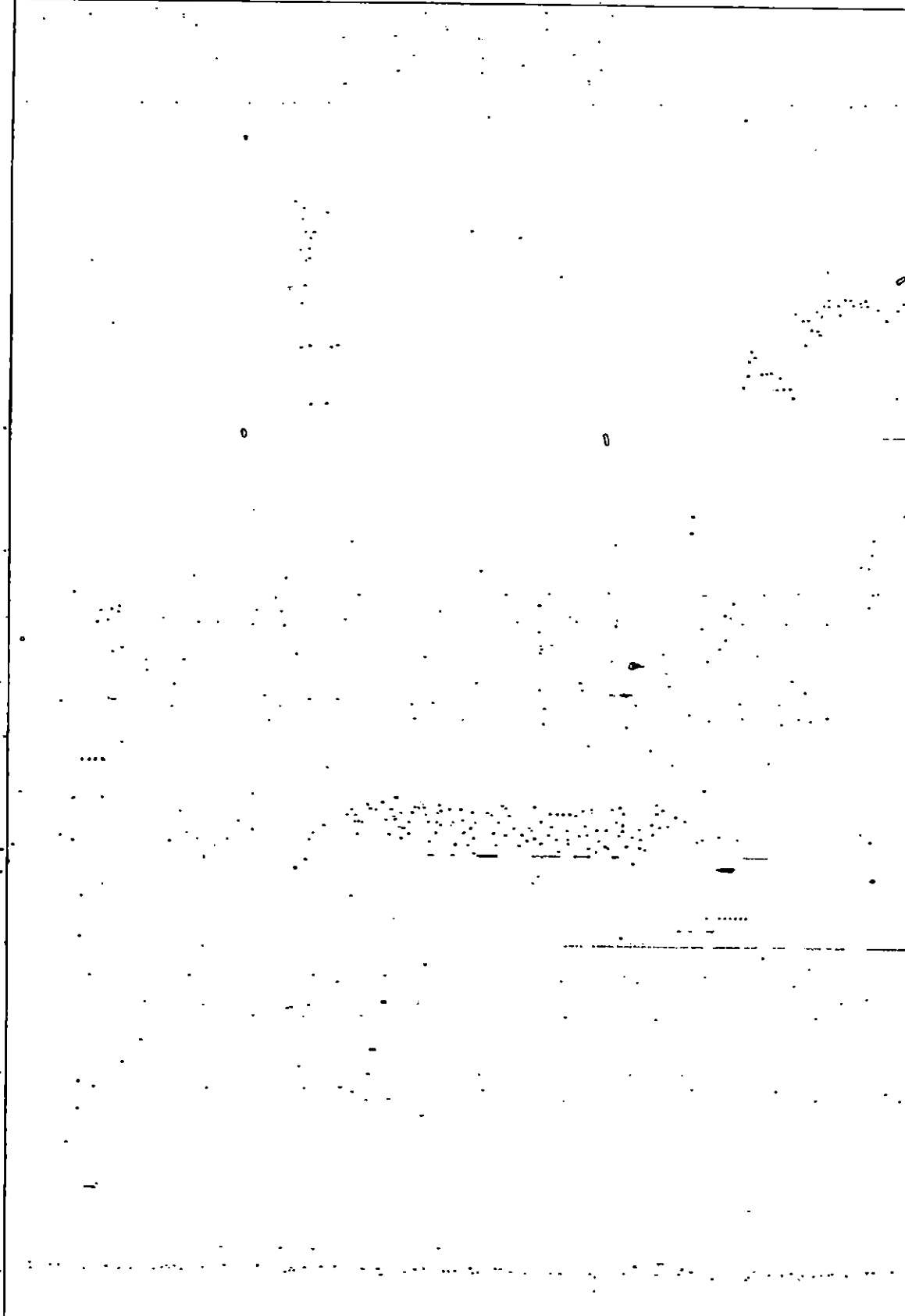




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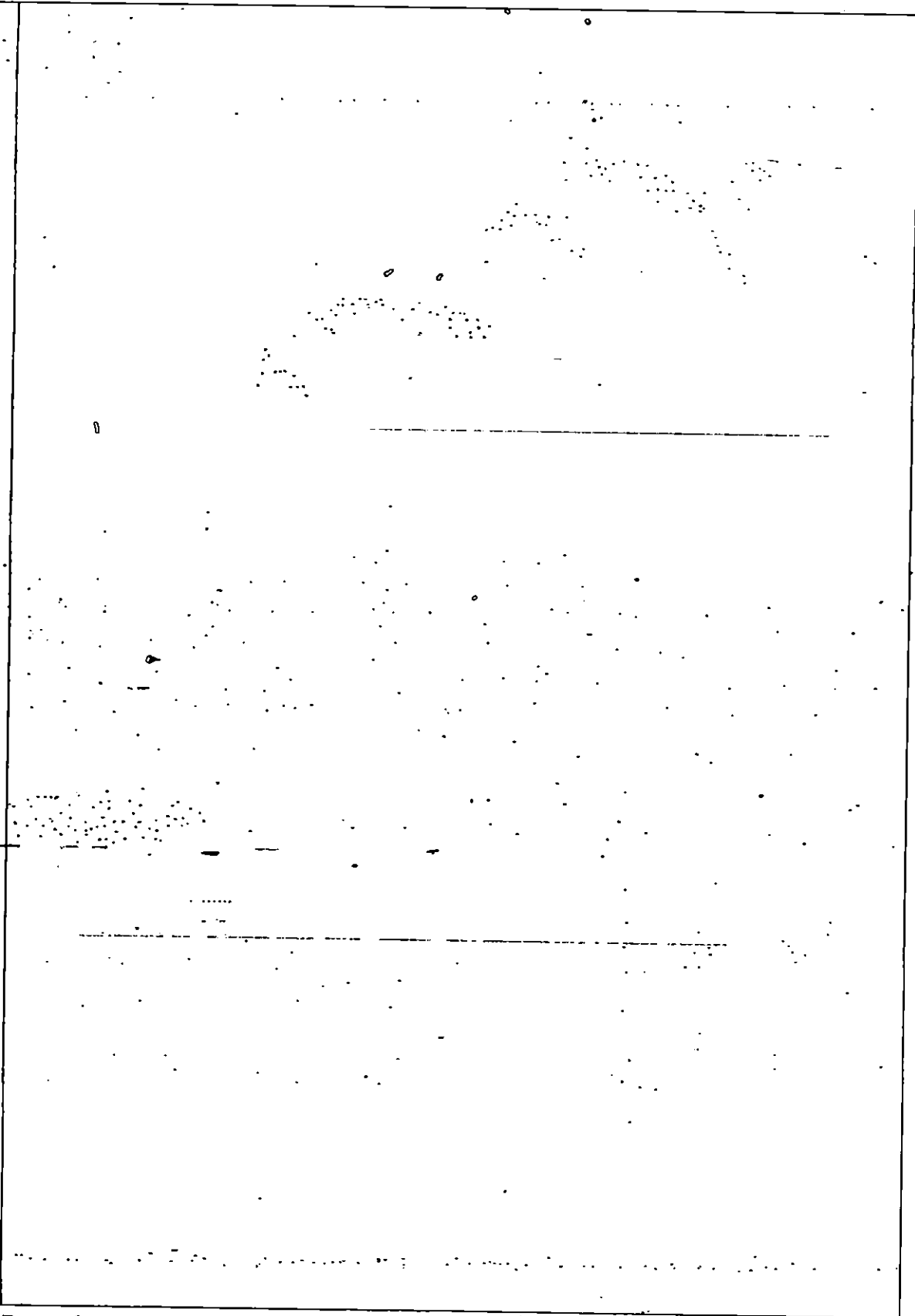


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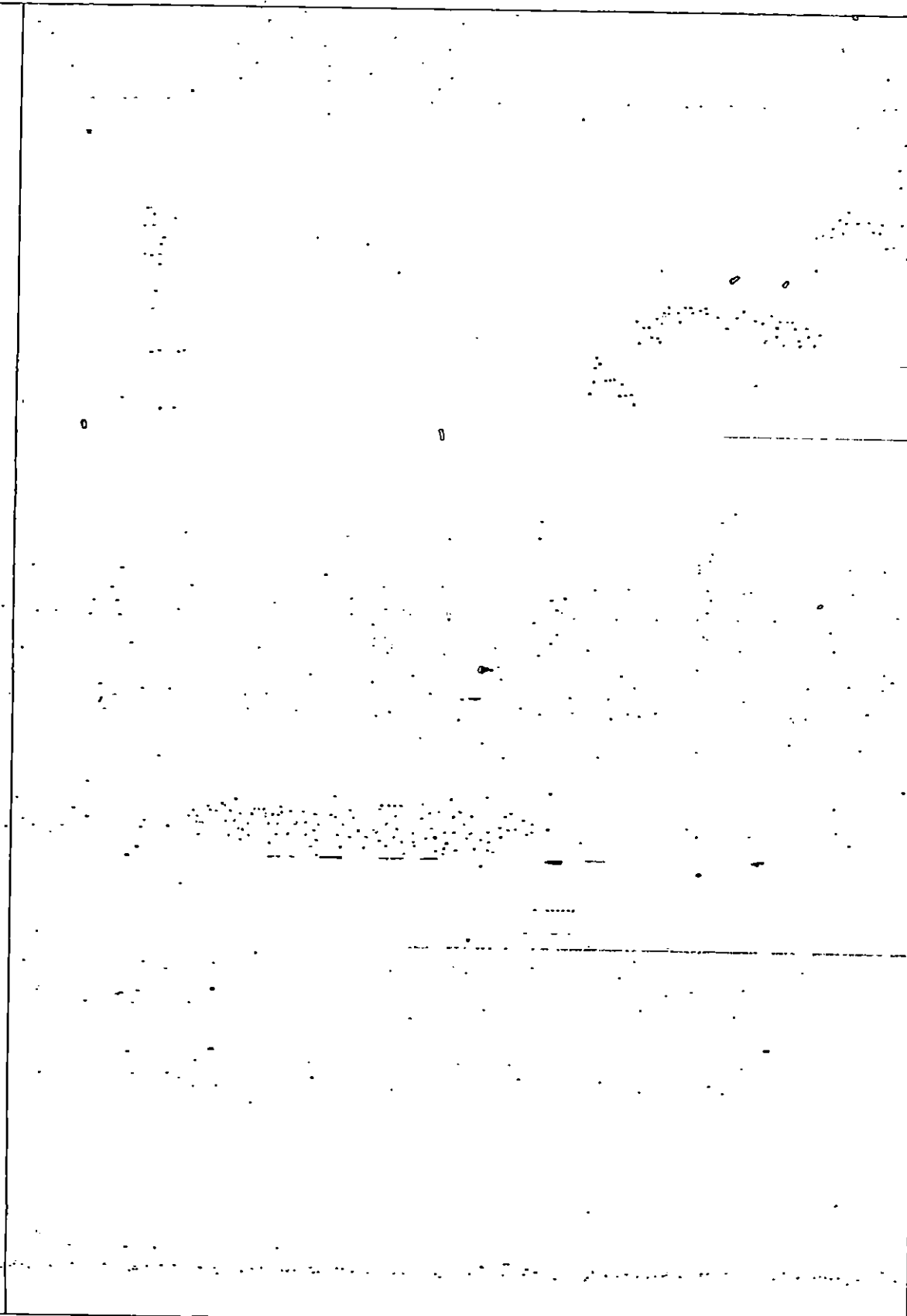


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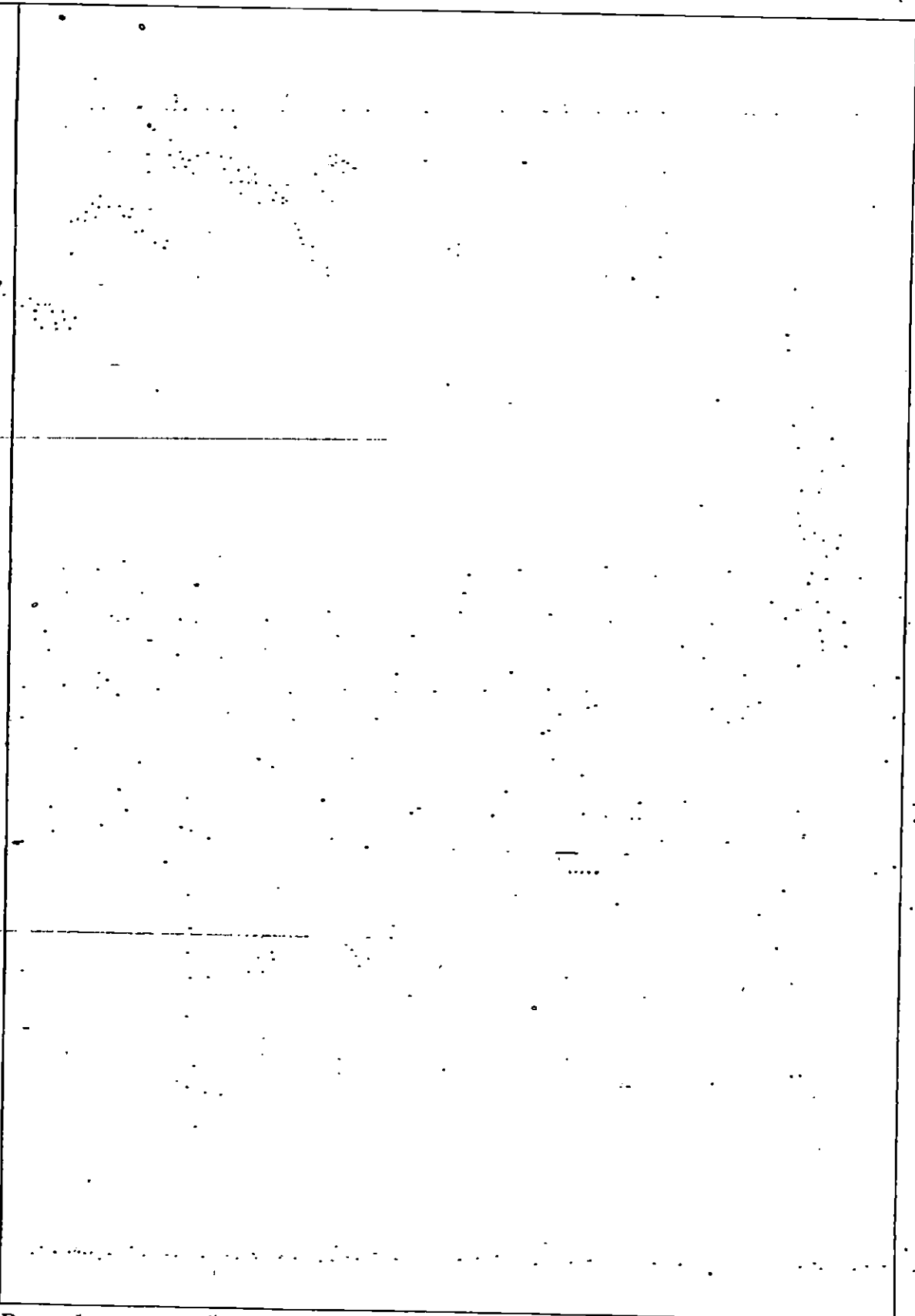
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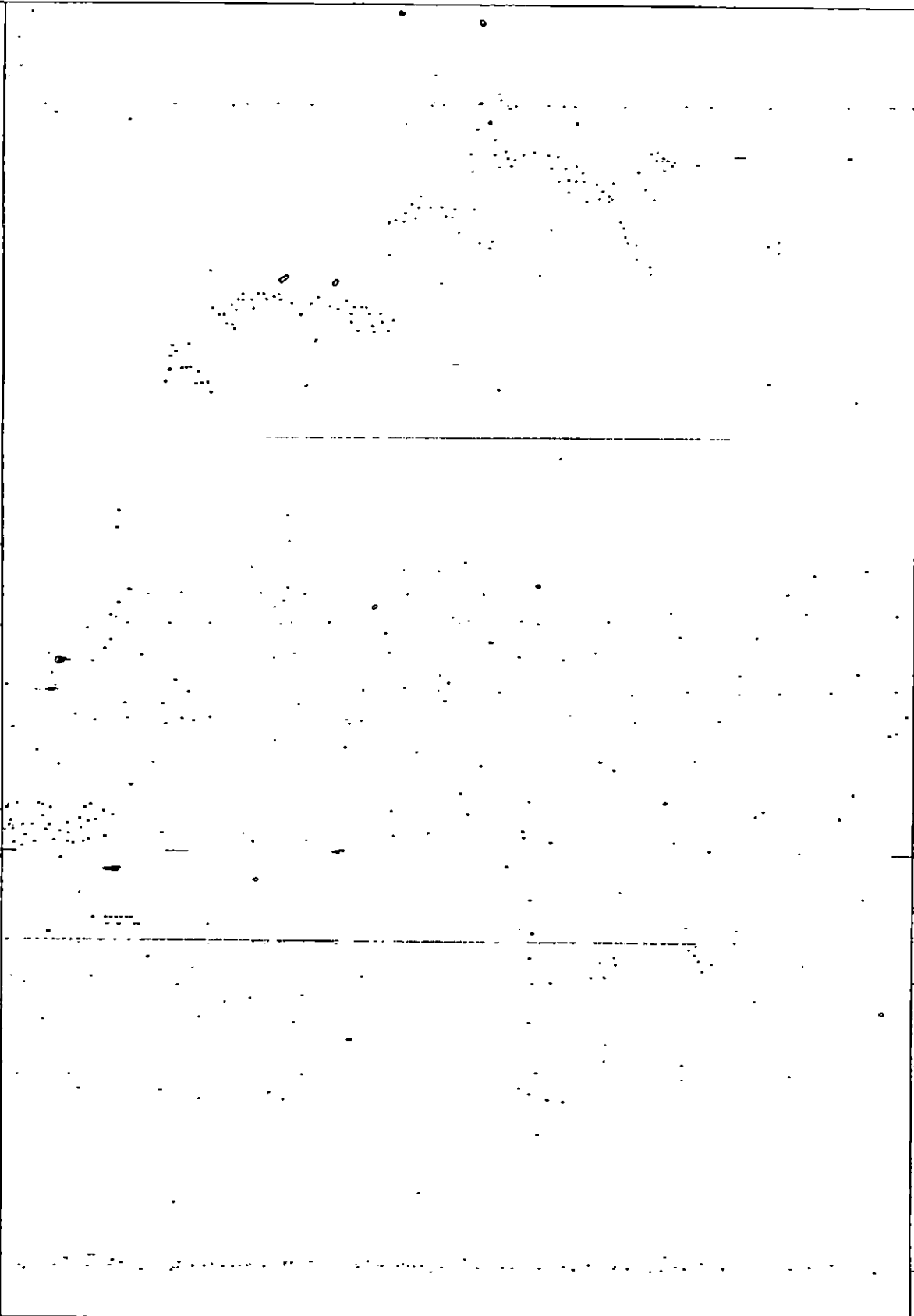


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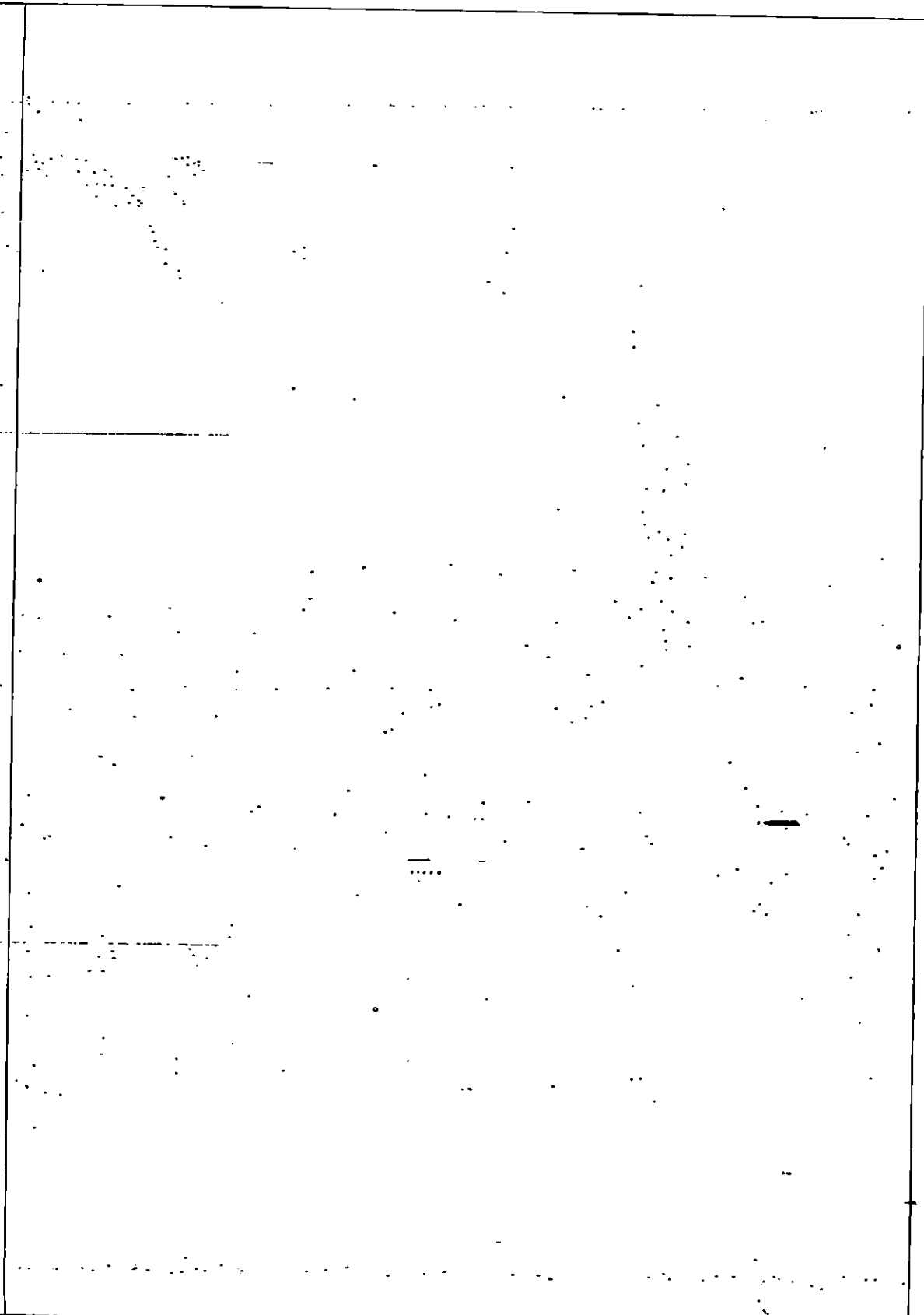
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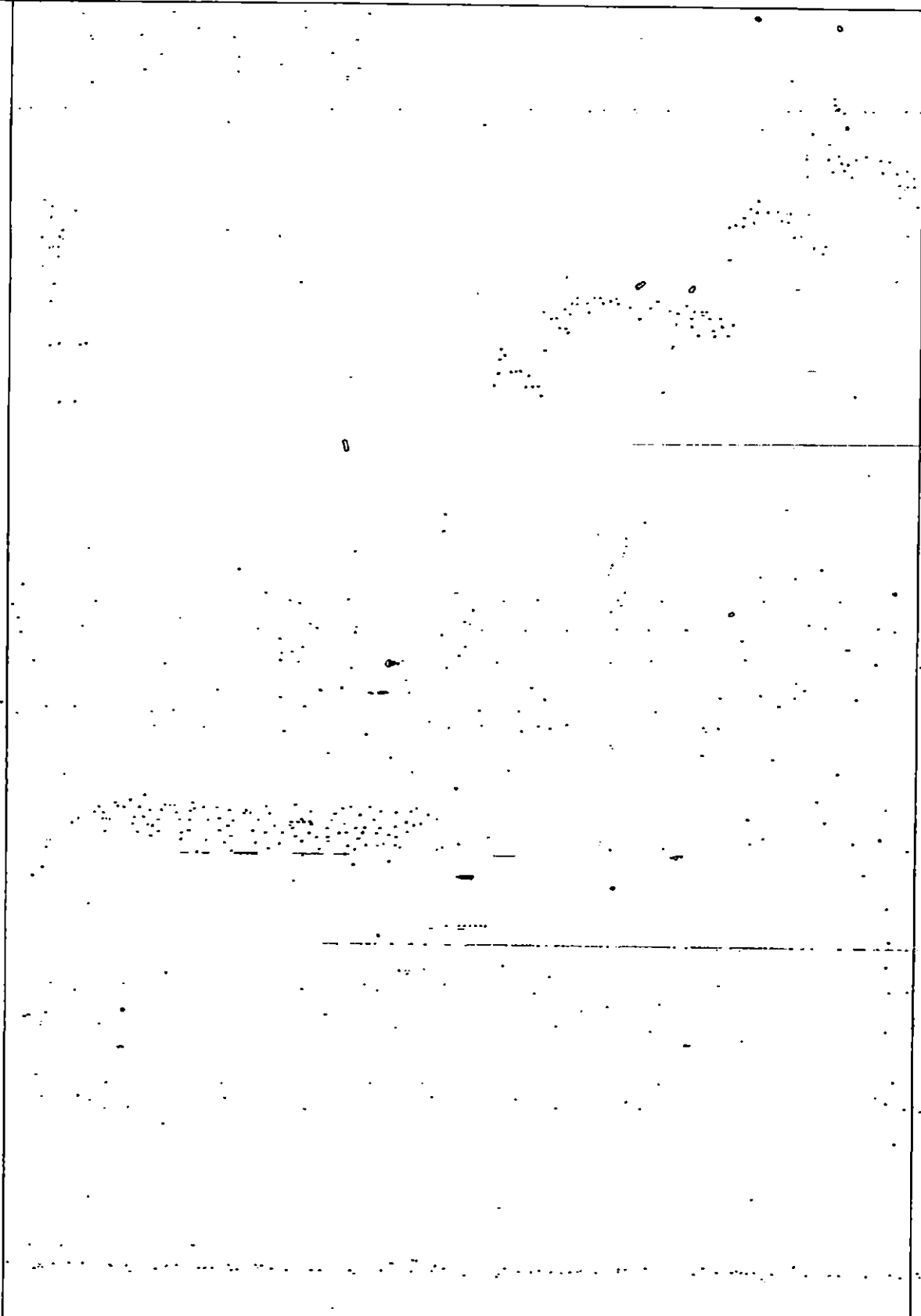
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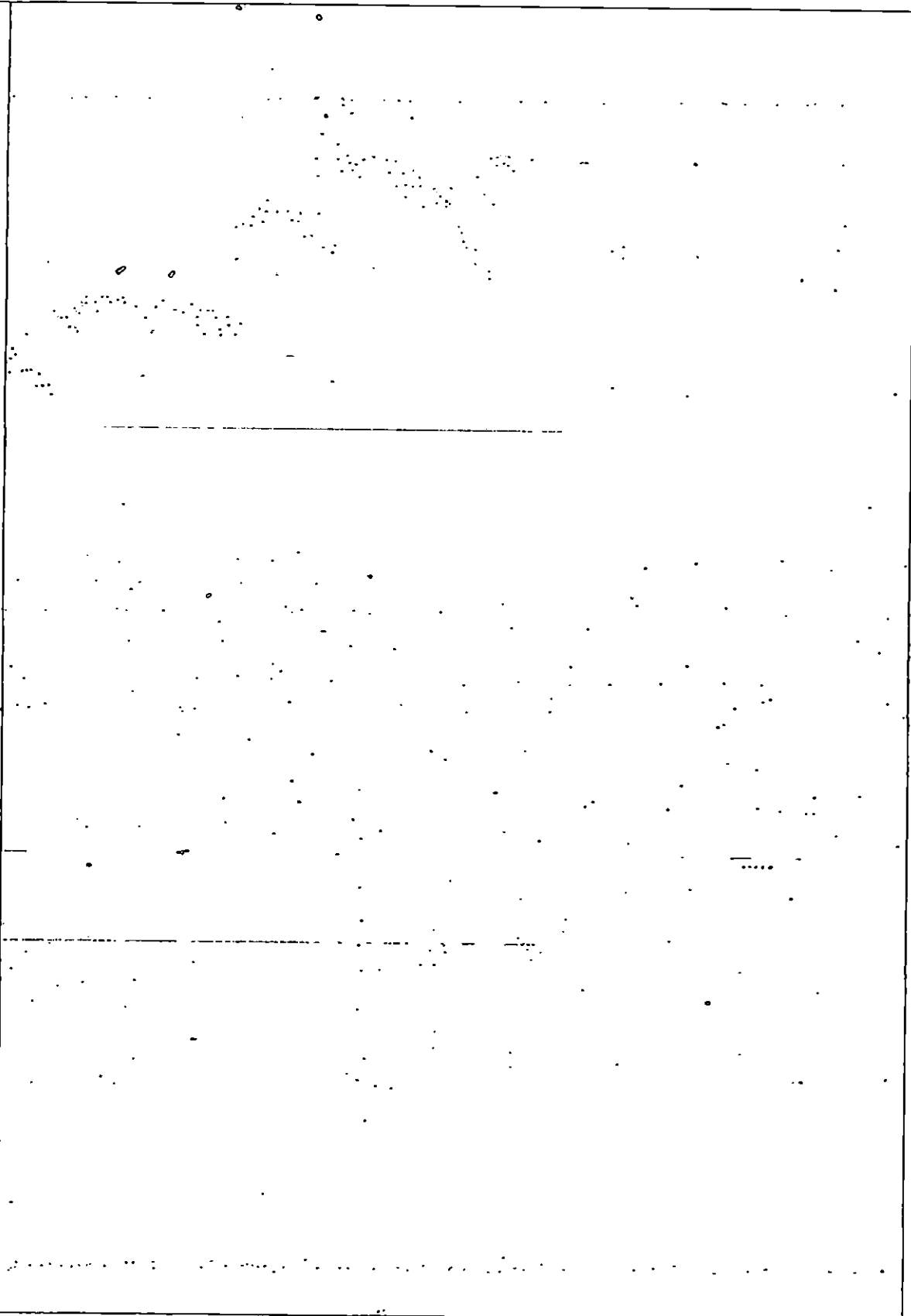
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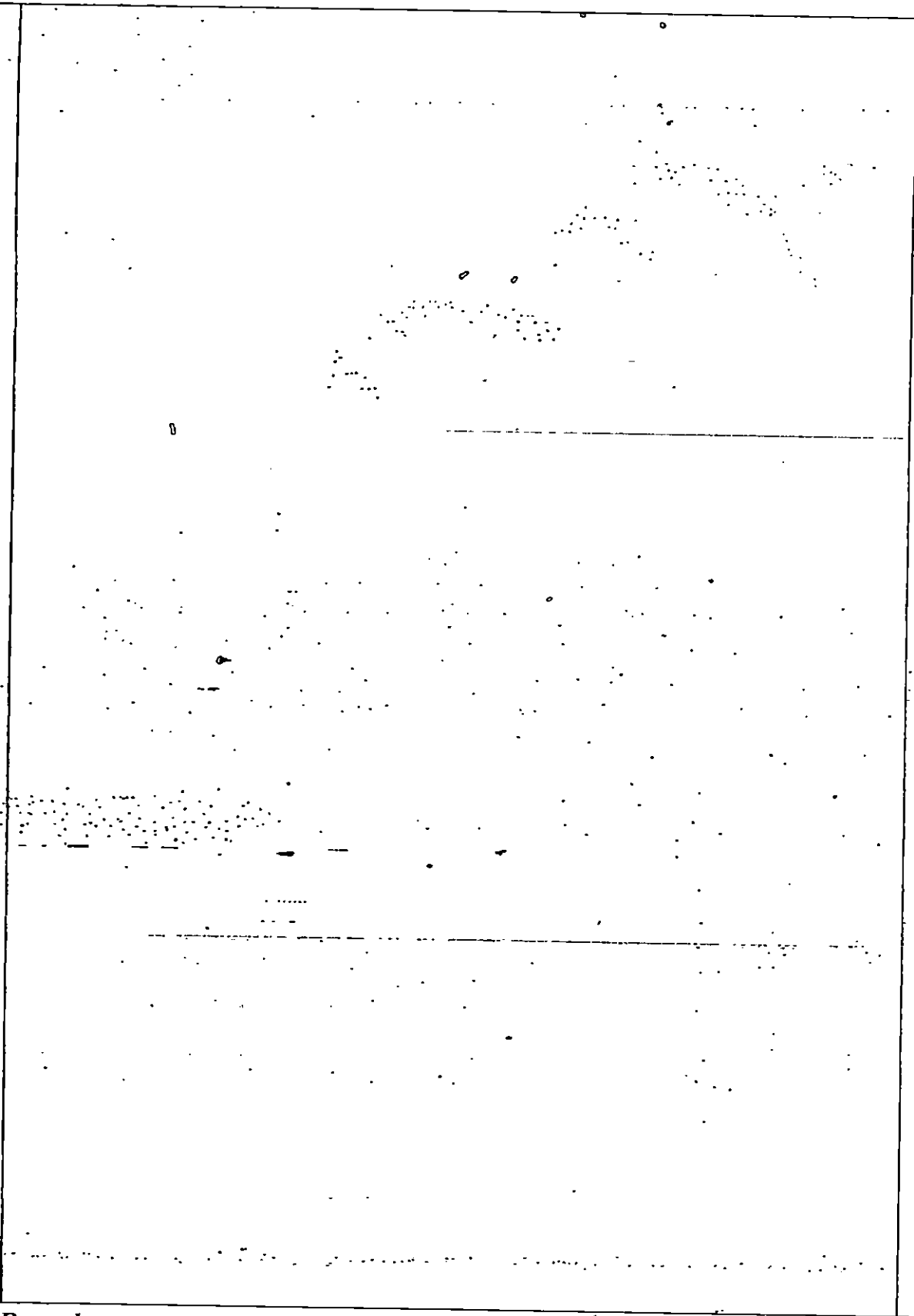
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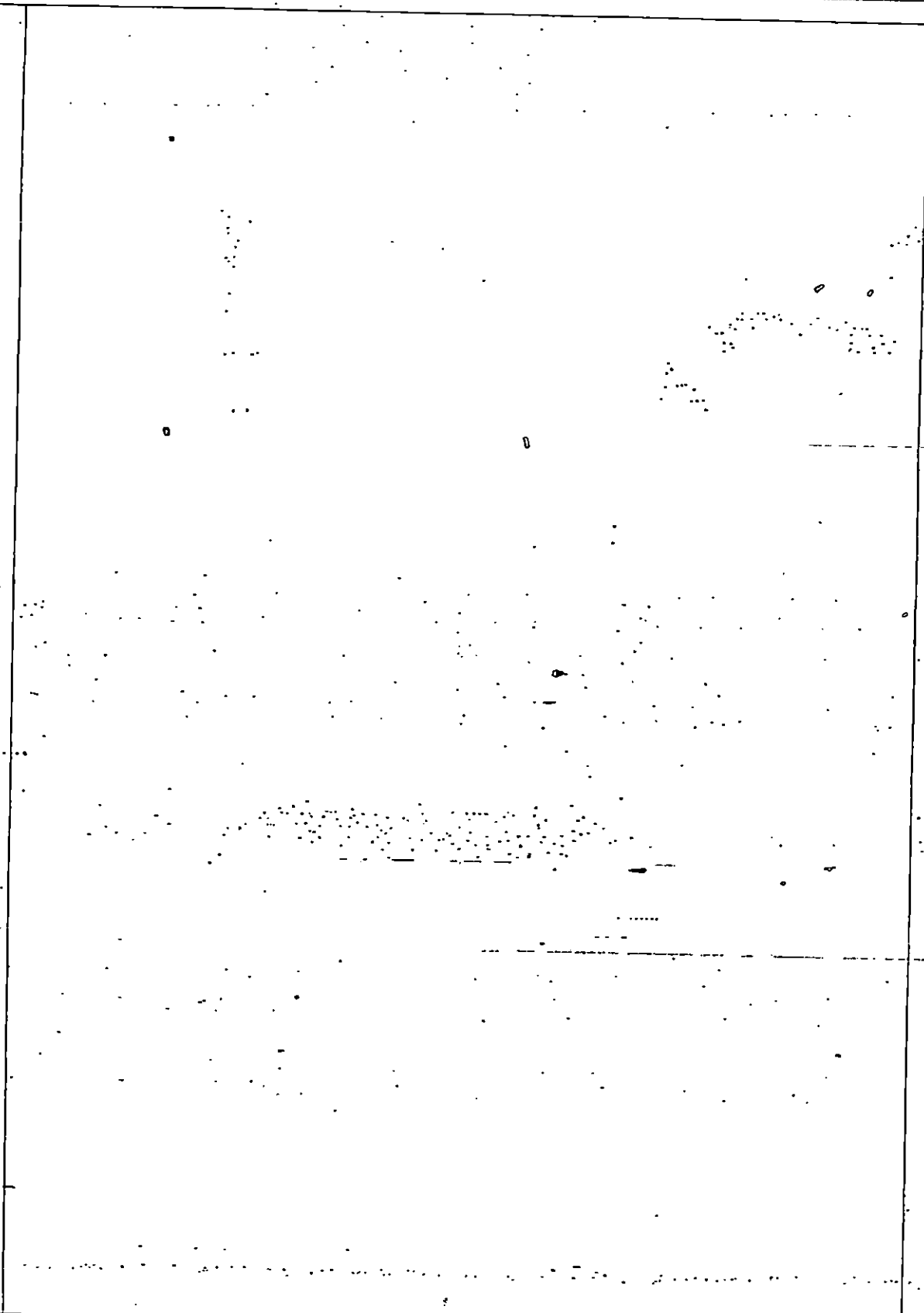


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People are sheep and T.Y. is shepherd

↳ Rabindra Nath Tagore

↳ Media, T.Y. - how it shapes politics - People's choices are shaped  
T.Y. How it shapes Economics

↳ Drought Hoarding  
T.Y. How it shapes Society - T.Y. seeks  
- Ambitions  
- Aspirations  
- desires  
Leisure - Cricket

To V - Geography -  
T.Y. - History -

However, other side of coin  
- Employment  
- Information  
- Governance  
- Health campaigns - DOTS + Pulse polio  
- Political consciousness  
Fair Price -  
Industry -  
Exports -

To conclude - T.Y. is not bad, it is people running  
T.Y. -  
Intentions matter -

Martinduthinking -  
We shall not quench our thirst from hotbed - but from

Education  
↳ Quality  
↳ all classes  
↳ Teacher: student ratio  
↳ Technology  
↳ Individual level  
↳ Choices  
↳ Aspirations  
↳ Status  
↳ conception of knowledge

Health  
↳ Cause of epidemics  
↳ Communicable diseases  
↳ Vaccination  
↳ Drugs  
↳ Multi drug resistance  
↳ Xtreme drug resistance

Scarcities, the only thing that we know is / know nothing.  
SOCIETY - Feudal -> Capitalists -> Social class

ECONOMY - Adam Smith -> Free market -> Keynes -> Welfare state -> Liberal

Science  
↳ Manpower & Capital  
↳ Water, wind, solar, geothermal  
↳ shale gas  
↳ Technology - Mobile - 29 - 34 - 44 - Virtual reality

Free -> Community  
Monarchy State -> Democracy  
↳ Representative  
↳ Participation

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