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Batch II Test 2

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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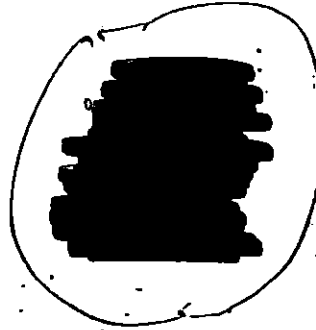
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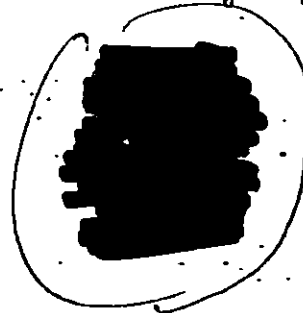
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A holistic treatment and absolutely focussed and contained. No deviation at all.

Excellent! Keep it up. The "feel factor" and "punch" can make communication more effective! If possible easiest way is to use some "quotes" for this purpose! God bless you!



Very good effort!

Expand the edgy points! you have touched them and not elaborated (2-3 lines more on such places can help improve the impact.

Please see inside!

SECTION - A

1. Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also ~~is a test of a nation's~~ ~~integrity 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 defence and patriotism.

Corruption is an evil that finds its roots in the minds of human beings. The consistent urge to improve one's present position with minimal efforts give rise to corrupt practices. Corruption as perceived in common parlance is embezzlement of money for one's own benefit. However, this perception is narrow. It is any activity that is unethical, illegal done to derive undue and undeserved benefits. It starts from speaking lies and cheating in exam to a big scam like Bofors. The impact may differ but the essence remains same. Thus fighting corruption involves much more than administrative reforms. Good governance is based on principle of citizen centric administration complemented with ethical values. However beyond this

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fighting corruption also results in saving oneself from unforeseen dangers and expressing love for the country in action and spirit

Plato was the first thinker to give a theory of good governance. The prevailing situation was not conducive for a happy society. Massive corruption in city states could only be rooted out through good governance.

In present time many ways have come up for reforming governance. Use of information and communication technology (ICT) has streamlined processes, ensured speedy delivery and infused accountability in the system. Transparency and accountability are two pillars of good governance. Right to information is another example of how irregularities in system can be tracked and reformed.

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However good governance is just one aspect of dealing with corruption. Fighting such an evil is also synonymous to self defence. Curbing corruption is about

saving lives and property of in the society from ~~the~~ getting misused and exploited.

It was observed by a report that around 40% food grains meant for public distribution gets diverted in black market. Thus if this

volume of grains is saved, it can be used to feed lacs of people and preventing them from burdens of hunger and disease.

} Such a direct appeal can be generated with by choosing good examples

Similarly money earned out of corruption is used in blackmarket. Here it is involved in funding of refarious activities like terrorism, Naxalism, organised crime like trafficking and drug smuggling. Thus

a large number of lives are under imminent danger which need to be protected. The recent

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more of demonetisation was able to curb these issues to great extent.

It is widely observed that a great portion of financial embezzlement takes place in construction and infrastructure sector. Thus it becomes imperative to curb

these malpractices as faulty construction is a grave danger which needs to be averted.

Also protection of biodiversity is essential for a sustainable future.

Environment clearances obtained as 'quid pro quo' result in clearing of forests, pollution of rivers and air pollution. All these are detrimental to human health and ecosystem.

Finally coming to personal terms, relieving one's mind from corrupt thinking can curb all the above issues. It saves the person from excessive greed and moral breakdown. It is believed that

V. good examples and your interpretation and analysis is well connected with the Central theme!

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'one has to pay for the sins in the same life'

Thus a key to happy life also lies in ethical life. ^{This is a hard statement, may be rephrased} Fighting corruption as self defense is well as self defense because it is fighting for your rights and doing your duties.

corruption is a negative concept, however treating it as pressure to patriotism is a positive concept. It is because ^{be sincere and honest and so everybody due from the system}

here corruption is not only limited but ^{gets his due} gives scope to express ones affection towards the country. Machiavelli is known as greatest patriot because of his desire to eliminate corruption by any means.

Similarly Kautilya said that 'It is impossible to keep ^{honey} ~~honey~~ on the tongue and not taste it'. But for him ending corruption ^{is self defense first, but it gradually eliminates} for the happiness of the subjects was prime goal. Thus those who take a step forward against corruption are doing service to their nation.

The anti corruption movement led by Anna Hazare spread a wave of patriotism among people of all ages. ^{a chain effect.}

^{5 - good points and arguments how it is patriotism}

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If the money is routed back into the mainstream economy, it has the potential to bring prosperity for the country. It can be used for capacity building of our youth who can drive the nation forward.

Whistle blowers are the modern day revolutionaries who risk their lives and bring out unethical and unwarranted practices undergoing in organisations at different levels. The recent death of Tejinder Louhriat is treated as supreme sacrifice akin to a soldier's death.

Corruption has a connotation of negativity attached to it. The recent ouster of Brazilian President and Pakistan's Prime Minister is a black spot on one's respect towards his/her country. Thus one need not go to border to show patriotism, it can be done by simple acts of honesty and probity in one's personal and professional life.

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The main question that arises is how to fight corruption. The solution lies in curbing the "corrupt mindset" as guided by Buddha. Right from the childhood the training of ethical behaviour, importance of hardwork and principle of equity needs to be given. This will make an individual respect the hard earned money and think twice before any misdeed. Education and upbringing has a key role to play in this transformation.

At the national level certain mechanisms need to be placed to check corruption. legal measures like Benami Transaction Act, Lokpal Act, Prevention of money laundering Act are in place. e-governance has also curbed cash transactions and coercive corruption from government offices. We all have to work in tandem and

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give up the 'Chalta Hai' attitude towards corruption as said by PM Modi recently. Thus one must act to defend the country from clutches of corruption and at the same time work for the prosperity and growth of our country to make it a 'New India'.

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(2) A Nation can remain free as long as it
continues to be the home of brave.

✓ good
 → Great punch!

"State is individual writ large"

And relevant!
 That is the
 effect of
 punch lines
 or quotes
 well
 placed!

are the words of Plato that describe how a
 nation is just a magnified form of an
 individual in terms of intellect, courage
 and appetite. There fore a free nation

comprises of free individuals. However

freedom is a relative term. Gandhi Ji has
 described 'Swaraaj' at two levels internal

as well as external. Internally it means
self regulated moral individuals and

externally it is the freedom from any
oppressive rule. Therefore there is a need to

understand the importance of freedom

at both levels for a nation to be free
 in spirit. Bravery implies courage but

it is not the only aspect, there are

Excellent!

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v- good!
Overall
n- good
centre!

multiple interpretations of bravery which contribute in sovereignty of the nation. Also when these brave men disappear it becomes a matter of concern. Thus ^{one} ~~we~~ needs to ~~to~~ understand how this bravery can be self perpetuating for freedom of the country.

Bravery can be equated to courage and strength which can be in any field. The prime ~~is~~ factors responsible for a free country is economic growth and sustainable development. ~~It~~ ~~ensures~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~nation~~ has adequate funds to feed its people and makes them capable human beings. Also it ensures that effective and strong military is there to fight in case of external attacks.

Also at times when the government becomes non responsive or authoritarian, then these individuals minister the

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courage to protest. The best example is India's freedom movement. Brave leaders like Gandhi, Nehru, Jinnah etc. confronted the despotic state and got India freed from shackles of colonialism.

give assimilative sentences to keep connected

In present time social movements like India Against Corruption, Justice for Shramik and Justice for Human Needs etc. show the brave character of people. All voices against injustice and exploitation and all efforts to deliver and dignity and equal opportunity can be interpreted as "brave".

Bravery in terms of military might can be seen from the enthusiasm in youth as to join the Nehruvian armed forces and ready to give the supreme sacrifice at the call of national pride.

However ~~only~~ bravery is not the only key for freedom especially in external sense. Hard power is complemented by soft power and diplomacy to secure national interest. Kautilya's sapt sidhant

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give equal importance to military,
intellect and diplomacy. If a country
possesses these three aspects it is rare
that it can be dictated by any other
country.

It is said that the strength of the
'leader' is the strength of the country. Thus
it means that even if the people are not
courageous, it is the bravery of the head
of the nation that can instill courage
in people. However such leadership
should be based on humani form grounds.
Hitler despite being a courageous leader
ruined Germany in second world war
because of excessive desire of power. On
the other hand stalwarts like Nehru
and Patel fostered strength in people,
gave them political right to vote and
the responsibility to steer the nation.

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Similarly present Indian leadership is also making an impact on the globe by making its people brave and pledging 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' for a new brave India. ✓

Uptill now it is understood different aspects of bravery and how individual contribute to freedom. However if these brave people start disappearing then the sovereignty of ~~any~~ country is under threat. It is said that "fear makes one blind". This can be applied on recent cases. It is the fear of poverty and destitution which makes a person to take up arms and get influenced by a radical ideology. The case of youth joining ISIS or stone pelting in Kashmir is not a good sign for our country. ✓

Corruption on the other hand blooms in the absence of brave whistle blowers.

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very good observation
 Relevant Expansion of millions of people everyday waking up with hopes and dreams and resolve to determine are brave people who drive the nation to new heights with passion for change and progress are brave the social activists and civil society are all brave in their own rights

It is said that problem ~~is~~ not when bad people commit a ~~sin~~ but it is when good people don't take any action. This shows lack of ability to fight for one's rights and dereliction of duty towards the country. Indian history is its example where in Mauryan empire collapsed due to lack of brave individuals and brave leader like Asoka.

and In terms of present global scenario Syrian crisis is perpetrating because the country's people are fighting among themselves. This situation is exploited by opportunist countries for vested interests.

Therefore it is imperative for a country to foster courage in its people. The two ways through which people can be made capable of defending interests are human resource

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development and human resource management

Human resource development entails value based education and skill development for ensuring productive population. The Platonic system of education gives equal emphasis on academic and physical strength especially for rulers and army. When a country is educated and skilled it is a sign of prosperity and beginning of global leadership. It is usually the poor and illiterate countries that become victims of exploitation from both inside and outside.

Human resource management involves healthcare and clean environment. It is imperative for individuals to remain healthy and strong to fight any unforeseen danger. India needs to focus on child

thinkers
intellectuals
soldiers
and
labourers
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travelers
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do their
duties without
fears are
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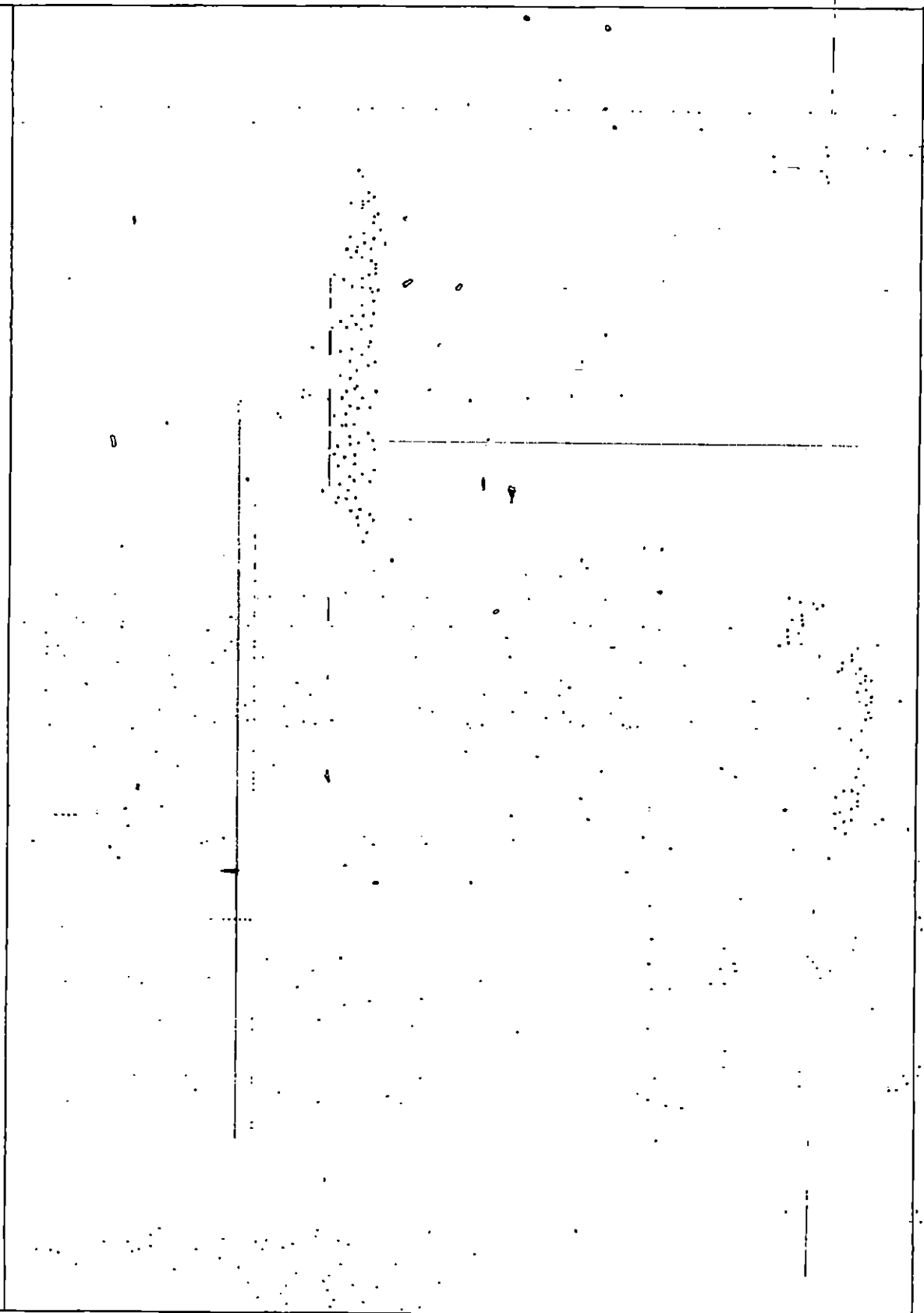
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healthcare for a stronger future of both India as well as the individuals.

Therefore as Mill said "the worth of the nation is the worth of individuals" holds true as brave individuals put their nation on path of freedom.

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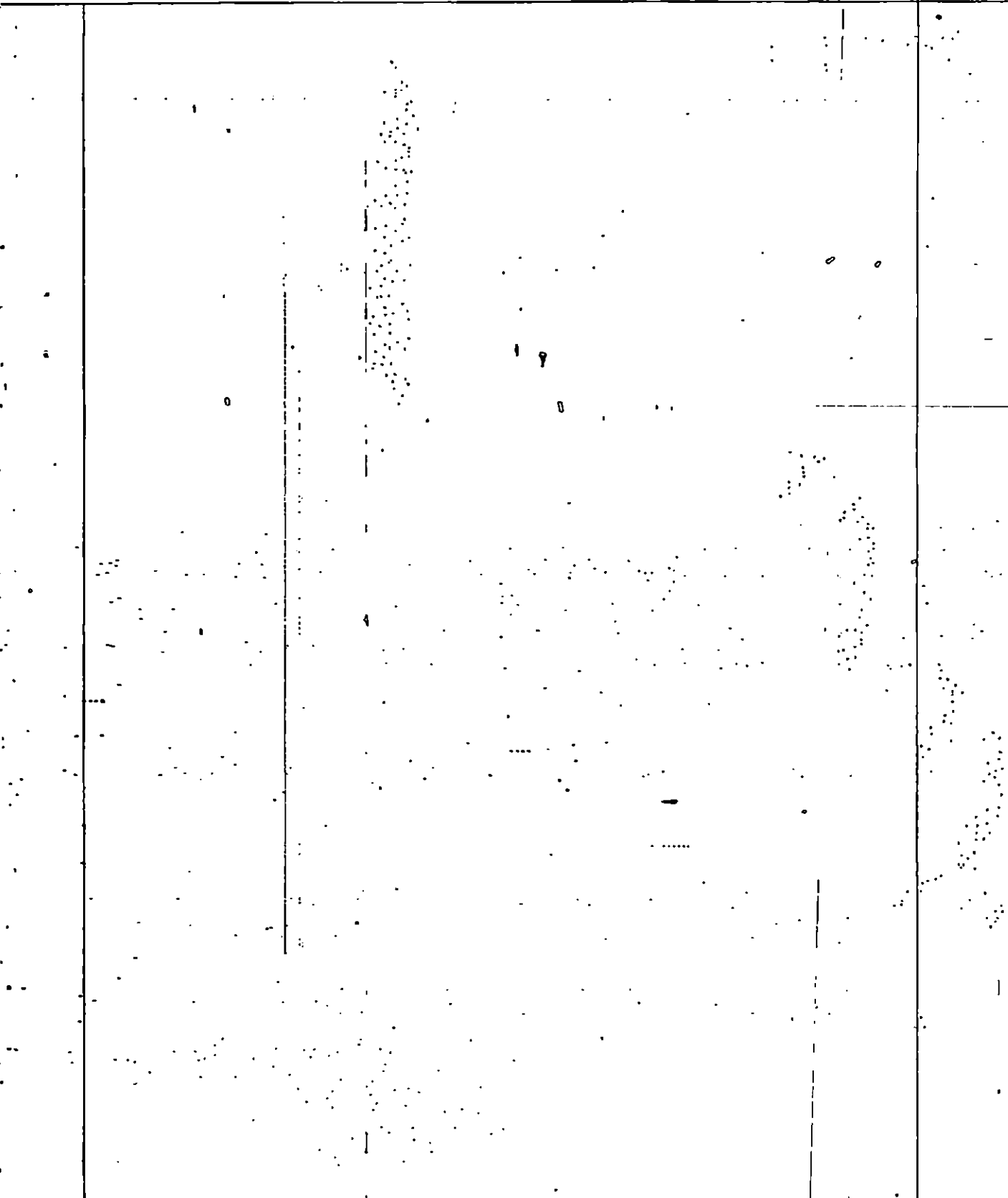
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when brave are not there

→ easily defeated

→ excursions

→ not ability to fight back (fall of ~~Atauryan~~
Mughal Empire)

→ exploitation of resources by others

↳ Syria /

Instill bravery

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Remarks

Nation can remain free as long as it is home for brave men.

→ what is a free nation

→ bravery → Nanda dynasty
↳ Machiavelli

Alexander

Colonial rule

different aspects of bravery

- military
- education
- health
- skilled

hard power
soft power
Gandhi (Chavaj)
freedom → external
→ internal

Not only bravery matters

→ soft power } hard power

→ brave leader can foster bravery

- whistle blowing ✓
- social movements
- economic growth ①

Person → fear
corrupt → makes man blind
Nehru → stop Nehru

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→ Corruption
↓
• roots in human mind
→ greed for money, power

Historical → French Rev | Plato
→ Kautilya | first one to give the theory of good governance. (P)

→ why fighting corruption is necessary
→ justice (P)
→ merit
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→ good governance to fight corruption
→ distributive justice
→ upliftment of poor
→ e-governance
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Citizen centric (P)
service orientation

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→ self defence

Patrolism

- terror funding
- hawala
- black money → traffic → drugs
- food security
- saving lives
 - ↳ targeting beneficiaries
- RTI → projects are safe
- defence deals
- army
- revolution - Aristotle

→ pride

Brazil, Pakistan

- ~~protect country~~
- cleaning eris (Chachavillo)
- Karatilya
- serving → similar to army
- Love for countries resources (A.P.A.A. Hazare)
- R
- equitable development
- Capacity building

Corruption as a mental tendency needs to be rooted out

Buddha, Gandhi → fight wrong thinking

- even small: tendency to break rules
- Individual level
 - "Chalta Hai" attitude
 - traffic signal
 - getting more done quickly
- National level
 - Lokpal Act
 - Benami transact
 - Demonetisation
 - PLA Act

Collective and serious comp

Remarks