

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.

SECTION - A

People are sheep. TV is the shepherd

The term 'herd mentality' is often used to describe a pliant, easily influenced group of individuals who prefer to not act contrary to the group's behaviour. They are being compared to a herd of sheep; with no individual characteristics, but one common group behaviour of following the shepherd.

The Television represents one such shepherd that has successfully learnt to control its audience. The audience lacks original thought and critical thinking capacity. It unquestionably believes what it is shown. People adopt the way of life that is shown on the TV and soon it becomes a mass culture that no one is willing to alter.

The colour television first came to India during the 1984 Asian Games. By the mid 90s, they found their

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Way to many urban homes and today have a universal presence throughout the country. What makes the TV more influential than other forms of mass media can be explained through this quote of Cesta 'where the eyes go, the mind goes.' This individual representation has a greater impact than print. This is also the reason why motion pictures in India are pre censored while books are not. Moreover, in a country that still has a large illiterate population, the TV has a universal reach. People watch TV in the privacy of their homes and are thus more connected to it than ever. movies

In this essay, we shall examine how TV influences people in various ways. We shall also analyse the underlying issues that give rise to this scenario - both on the demand and supply side. Thereafter, we will see if and how it is possible to find solutions to this situation.

The same thing can be said without I or we i.e. in Impersonal way

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In the world of 24x7 news cycle, perhaps the most important and influential factor is the quality of news channels. The content of the news is skewed away from problems of health and education, issues of marginalised sections and towards sensationalised political news. This impacts the ability of the people to question the government on aspects that actually affect their lives. The way TV shapes the national discourse is visible from the greater coverage to Mumbai floods in comparison to Bihar or Assam floods, or analysis of statements of powerful individuals instead of the underlying issue.

Media plays a very important role in a society. It forms opinions, does propaganda for the political & business player.

A new factor that has emerged for news channels is the lack of distinction between news and views i.e. representing opinions as facts which many unquestioning individuals take at face value. Similarly the era of post truth and alternate facts further complicates the reality behind news and the audience is left to decipher the truth themselves.

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In the case of entertainment channels, there is monopoly of regressive content that objectifies women, perpetrates ~~misogyny~~ misogyny, glamorizes health hazards like drinking and smoking, etc. Such content is widely viewed in the form of TV shows, movies, music shows, etc. In the name of depicting the reality of society, it ends up shaping the reality, instead.

For example, the culture of stalking women in the hope of courting them, has its origin in movies. A judge in Australia recently acquitted an ^{Indian} man accused of stalking when the defence argued - it was under the influence of media. TV therefore dictates the fashion trends, the language, practices etc of a large section of society that has little contact with the ~~poor or Urban~~ world.

A recent trend that has been seen - is the influence of sports channels. With the advent of commercialised sports events like the IPL, and other such events in wrestling, badminton, etc the stakes of this industry have gone high.

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Nice connect with the topic

There is a huge role of advertising revenue, sponsors, etc in shaping the sports events which become bigger than the game. People are forced to believe the reality of scripted events that are no different from reality TV shows.

Misleading advertisements and peddling untruth should

The TV has even greater influence on young minds. TV shows for children are rare and are unable to cater to their demands. However, children are rarely supervised under parenting and parental control and are drawn to content not meant for their ages. It also impacts their education and health.

be avoided

Even the spiritual sphere of religion is not left untouched and has become commercialised. Sermons by supposed Godmen on TV are followed by a large audience unethically of fraud. After leading to different forms

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There are structural issues behind this trend. The funding of the TV channels, especially news and religious channels is by large corporates with cross media ownership and lack of transparency. There is also a role of political funding and affiliations of shows through shell companies giving preference to particular ideologies. As a whole, there is a complete lack of accountability of TV channels regarding the accuracy of their content. The regulatory body, Broadcasters Association, lacks sufficient power to impose penalties. At the same time, too much government regulation and control is seen as antithetical to freedom of speech and expression of NOTV case.

On the demand side, we need to include the role of expansion of market of TV to villages in all corners of India. Therefore, the content that is appreciated and brings revenue is different from the pragmatic urban elite. Moreover, people use TV to unwind, relax and entertain themselves and therefore demand content that helps them relax. TV shows driven by

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TRPs and rankings, try to cater to this demand.

Hence, TV is not a complete one. objectives of way street and people do exercise media some control over the content they should not receive. But overall, the situation is ke TRP skewed towards the content creators. In order to democratise the scene, there is a need for effective grievance redressal mechanism, where people can point out their problems and they are handled by independent regulator in a transparent manner. Similar mechanisms should be there for fact-checking along with provisions also educate for penalty. people who it is needed

However, the underlying idea should remain that sunlight is the best disinfectant. Self regulation should be encouraged and it should be the responsibility of all stakeholders to show good content. If there is a requirement to step in, the government should do so in a limited manner. For example, a TV serial was accused of sexualising children and a petition was signed by citizens after which the 12 B ministry ordered a time slot change. Eventually, the show was taken off air. in line of the

Entertainment provided by media should be

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in line of the Social & Cultural heritage of the country

people should
also not
take everything
in media
as true.
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Nevertheless, TU should not be
seen as an evil machine, influencing
people only. It is a part of technological
revolution and globalisation that should
be introduced by us all and used in
a proper manner. In the past as well,
the media was? able to successfully
mobilise public opinion in cases such
as 2012 rape and eventually also
led to legal changes.

If the media highlights the right
issues, the 'idiot box' can also be
educative, progressive and a game changer
in social reform. However, people need to
be vigilant, participative and critical in
their approach to not end up as sheep
once again.

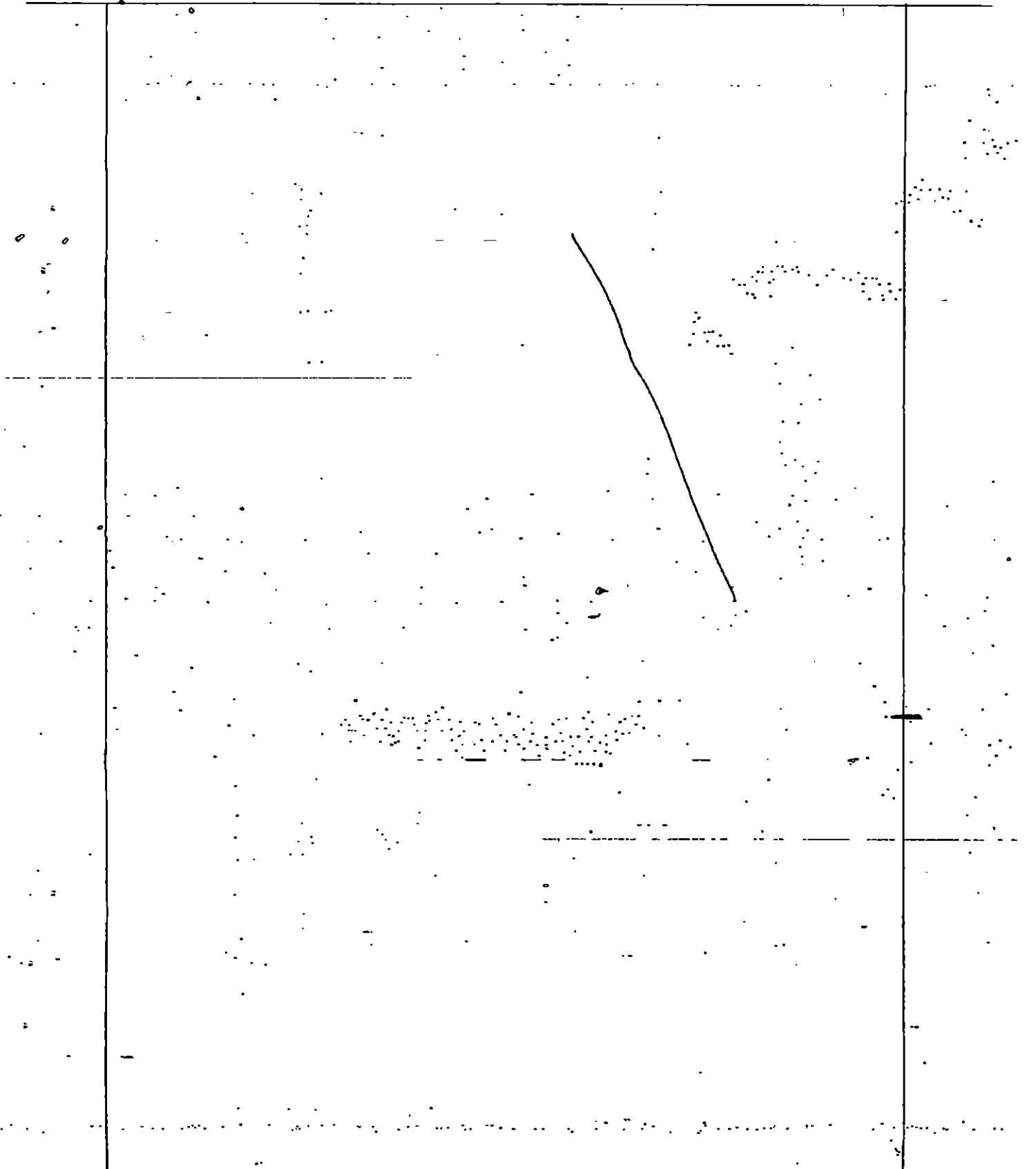
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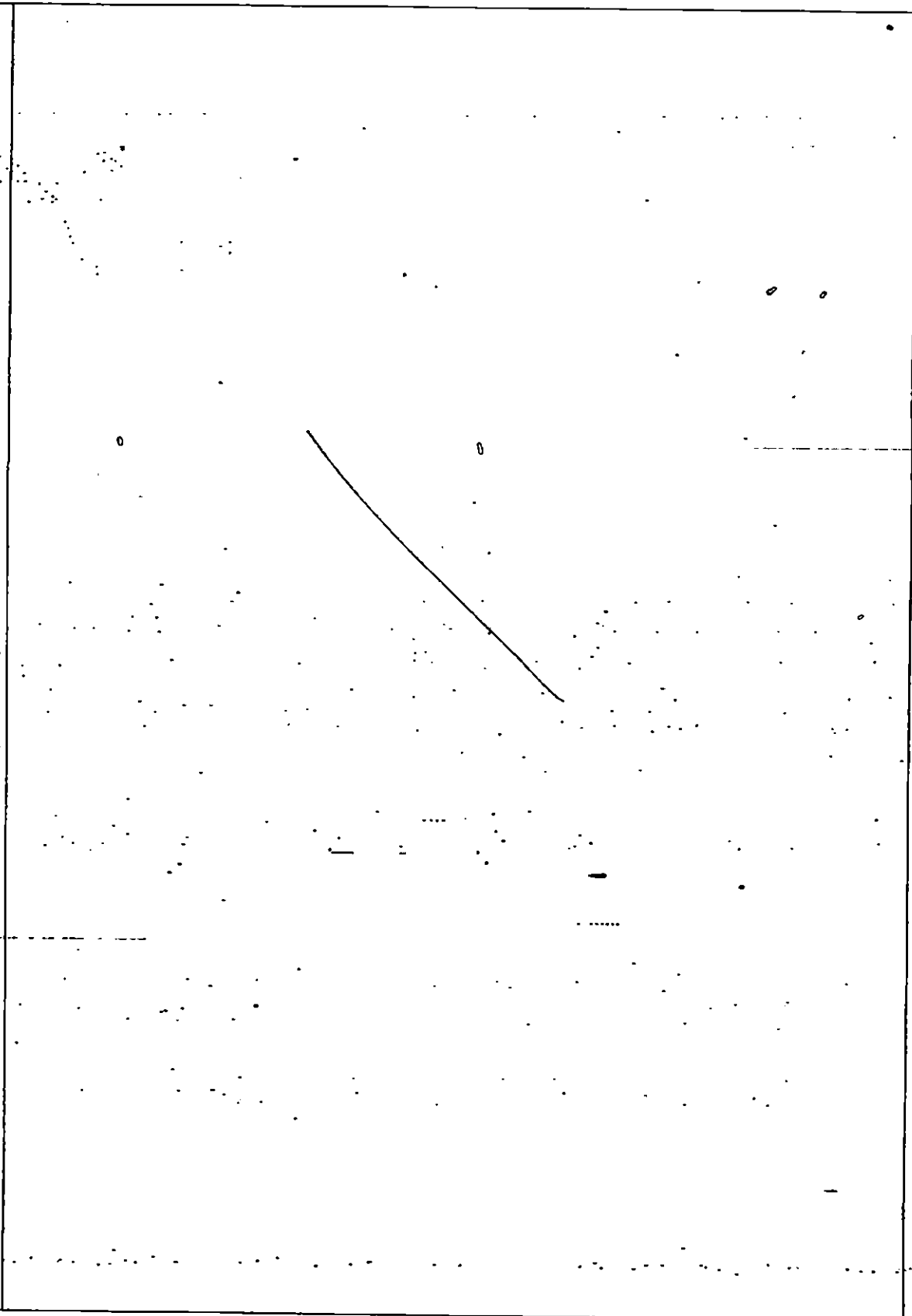
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• Language is simple, lucid, easy
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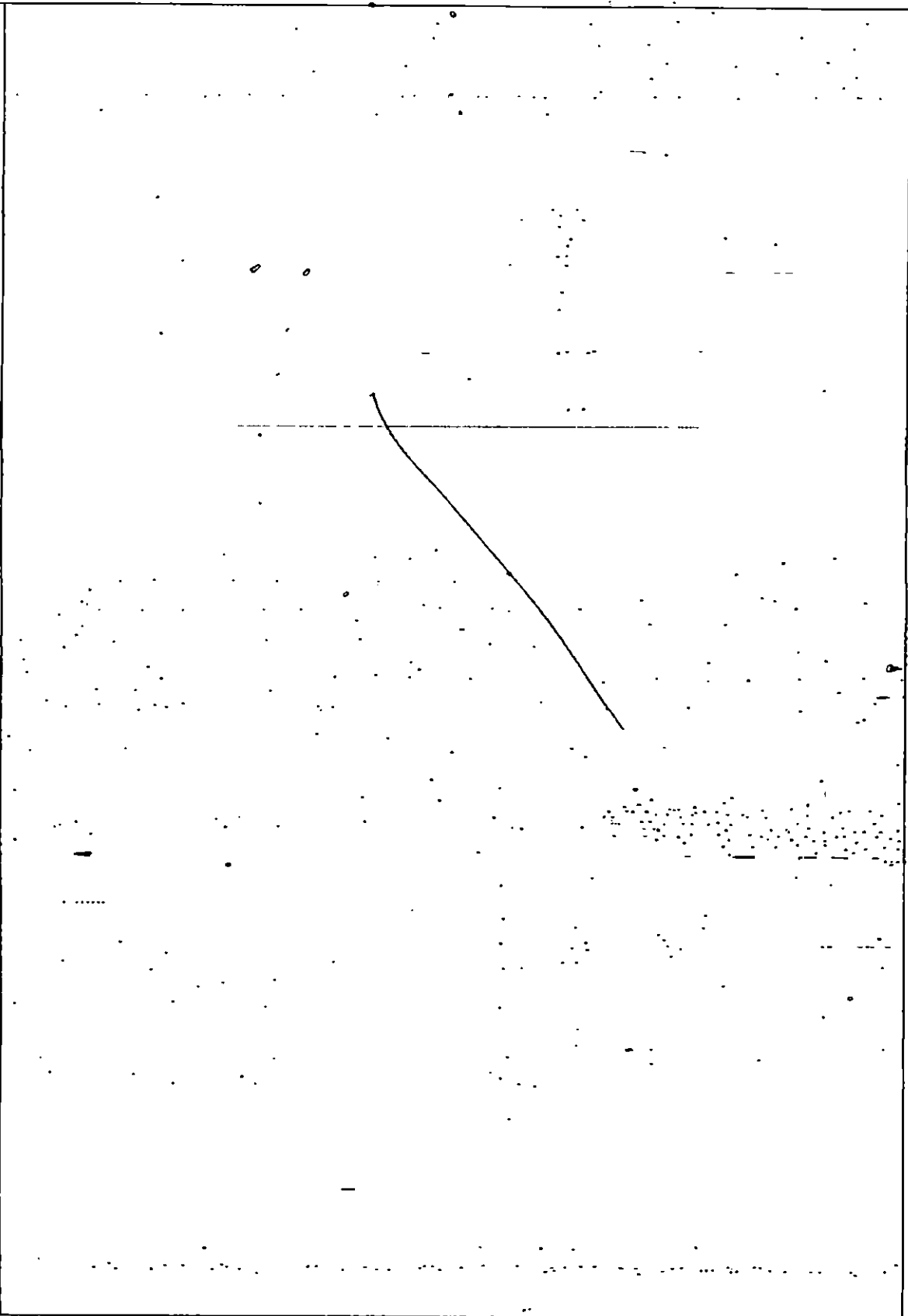


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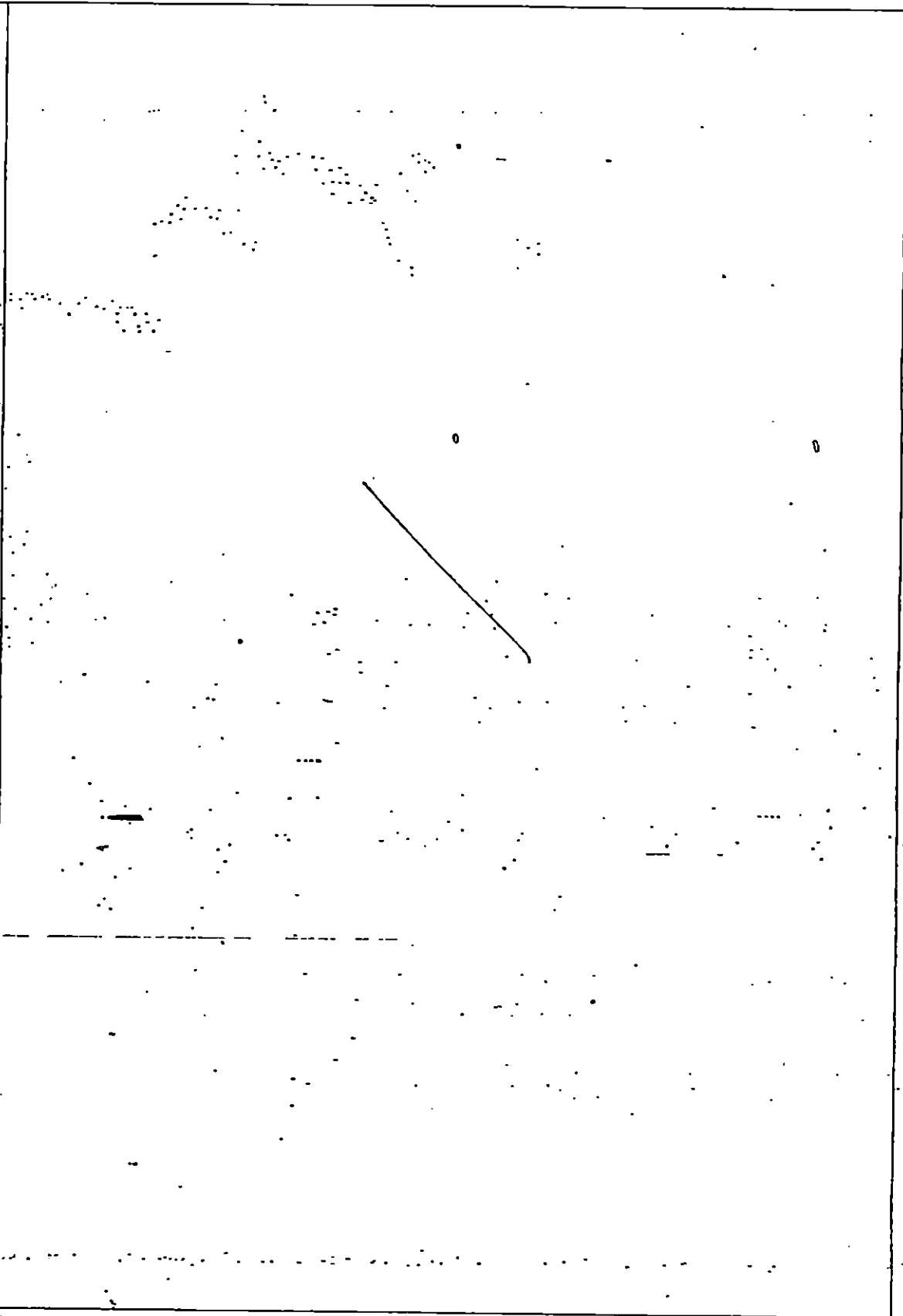


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SECTION-B

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A Nation Can Remain Free As Long As it Remains The Home of The Brave

Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time has come to redeem our pledge. Not wholly or in full measure but substantially. A moment comes which comes but rarely in history where we move from the old to the new and when the soul of the nation, long suppressed finds utterance.

Former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru's historic speech signifies the importance of freedom. He defines freedom as the utterance of India's soul after years of suppression. At the same time, he emphasizes the need to redeem the pledge i.e. responsibility of the leaders and the people to utilize the freedom. Hence freedom was not just a right but a responsibility that fell on the shoulders of the brave. And freedom should not be taken as a gift, but a victory hard fought that needs to be maintained.

quotes should be brief and should be used for inference only

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Freedom is ability of a country to secure its boundaries, to protect its values, system which it holds in high regard, is able to carry out its affairs in a sovereign manner, is able to ensure dignity to its people.

Freedom should not be seen ~~totally~~ solely in its political aspect of liberation from colonial rule. Even before independence, leaders like Ambedkar said that political freedom without social and economic freedom was a contradiction. Gandhi described Swarajya as the wiping of tear from each eye. In today's world, it is said that women are still not free in the country, as they are held back by the chains of patriarchy.

Neither should we restrict the to their physical acts. Mahatma exemplified breaking every time from courted arrest during his non-violent movements. Sophie Scholl, a German student during World War II became an icon of bravery when she distributed anti-Nazi propaganda at the height of Hitler's power and was able to influence many fellow Germans.

It is true without doubt that no nation can attain freedom without brave men and women. Bengal was lost

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to the British during the Battle of Plassey when some men showed great and cowardice and joined hands with the enemy. A few years later, American Citizens lost won against the same British when they bravely violated the governments authority in an event which came to be known as Boston Tea Party.

Good example
Such examples provide objectivity to your essay.

However, it is even more interesting to analyse how bravery is essential to maintain and expand freedom. America gained political independence in the American War of Independence yet millions of black men and women, female citizens and propertyless white men still did not have the right to vote. The leadership of brave men like Martin Luther King Jr. or the bravery of the feminist movement was essential to expand the idea of civil rights, abolishing slavery and universal adult franchise.

Explain what is Bravery

In India the importance of the freedom attained was almost forgotten after a couple of decades. It was the era of emergency that reminded people of their rights. Thousands of brave men and women

How brave can help in ensuring what freedom is protected

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were sent to jail, majority of them students who protested against the unjust suspension of rights and that re-established the significance of freedom in people's lives.

Brave are those who are able to lead the country in the time of crisis. Those who are able to build trust into institutions.

Hence the quality of government and the rights they bestow depends on the character of a nation's people. As long as there are men and women who are strong and brave, they can stand up to unjust practices. However, when a population becomes much subservient and greedy, it can lead to dangerous consequences for the nation. The best example is Germany, Spain, Italy where the use of fascism was linked to the decline of rights. When our people were easily swayed by rhetoric.

A similar situation is visible today in many parts of the western world including the US where people have kept their self-interest as superior and politicians have exploited the fears of people with unmitigated consequences to the nations and the world as a whole.

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The significance of brain thought and action should therefore be instilled in children from a young age. They should be taught how to take choices, how to question established order and how to follow their conscience. They should be given the right role models in all fields, as brain action transcends boundaries of discipline.

At the same time, it is essential that privacy be protected and rewarded not taken to task. Edward Snowden's actions resulted into the uncovering of several truths regarding the privacy and freedom of people, yet... the US government is trying to prosecute him. In India, the whistleblower bill is not yet passed and men trying to expose corrupt practices are undermined by the system.

Moreover, the ideas of freedom should be centralized and expanded by institutional practices. The SC judgment is fundamental right to privacy is landmark in this context as it provides people with a right they did not know they

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possess. Similarly, the decision of the Supreme Court to allow PILs provided freedom to millions of underbills in India's jails who lacked access to judicial system.

Aurobindo Ghosh, the Prophet of Indian Nationalism, explained freedom as a desire in each one of us. Art 51A of India's Constitution declares as a fundamental duty of every citizen to abide by the ideals of the Constitution that inspired the path to freedom. Hence it is a fundamental duty and responsibility of each citizen; as Pandit Nehru so eloquently explained, to follow those noble ideas and maintain our freedom. The path may be full of obstacles, but none that a brave heart can not conquer.

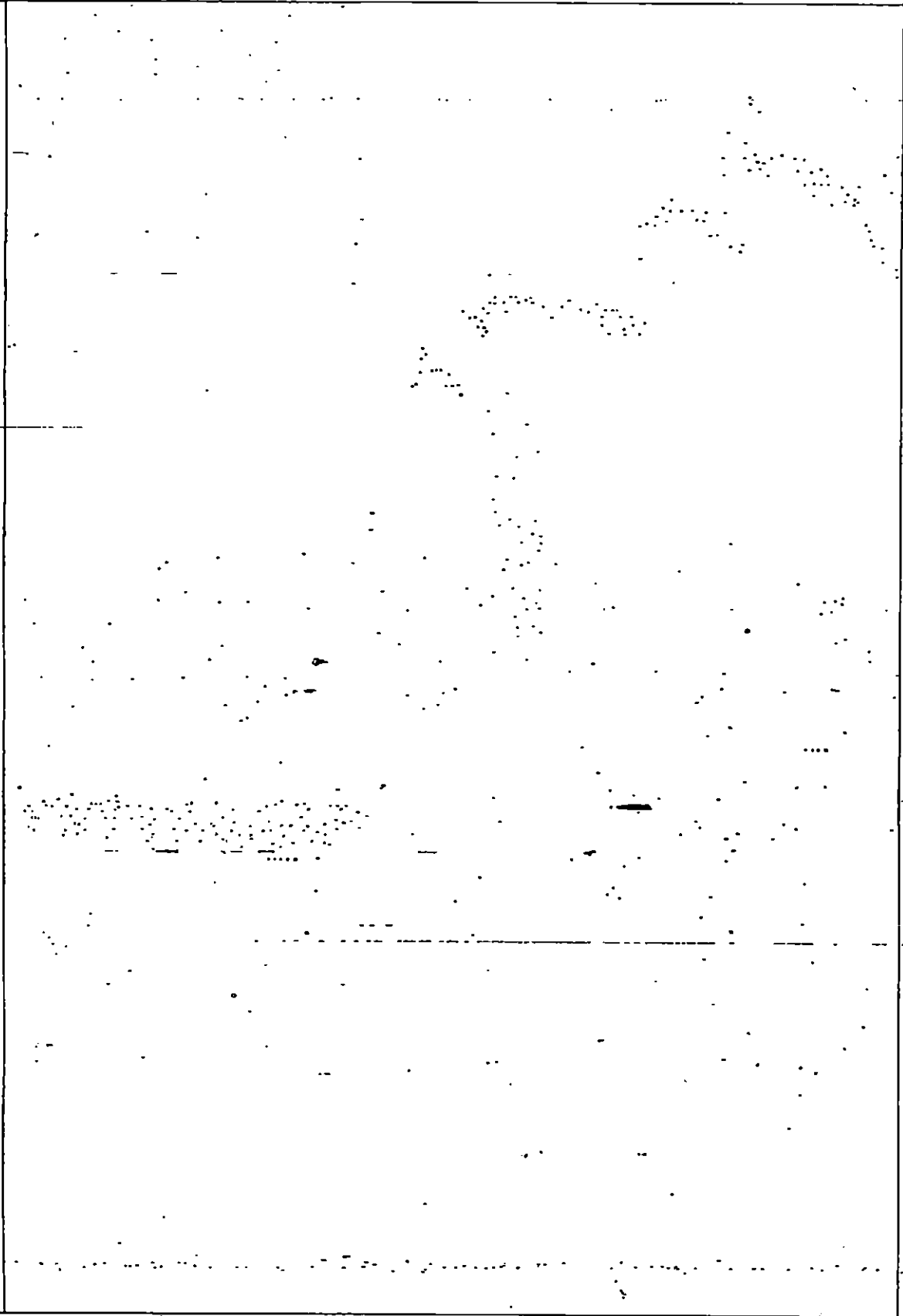
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are the threats to freedom.

→ such as Individual weakness amplified by Political, Social and economic weakness



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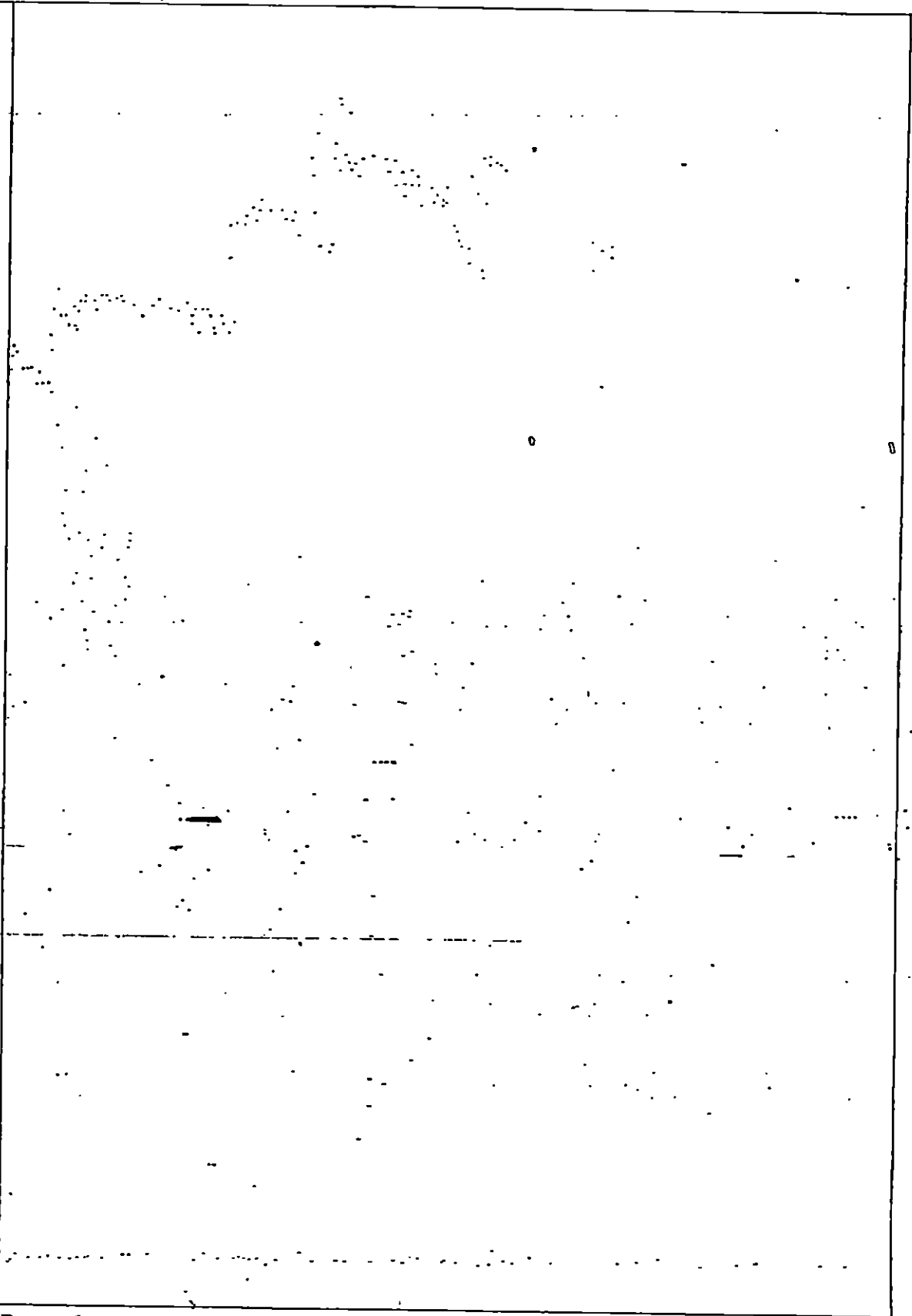
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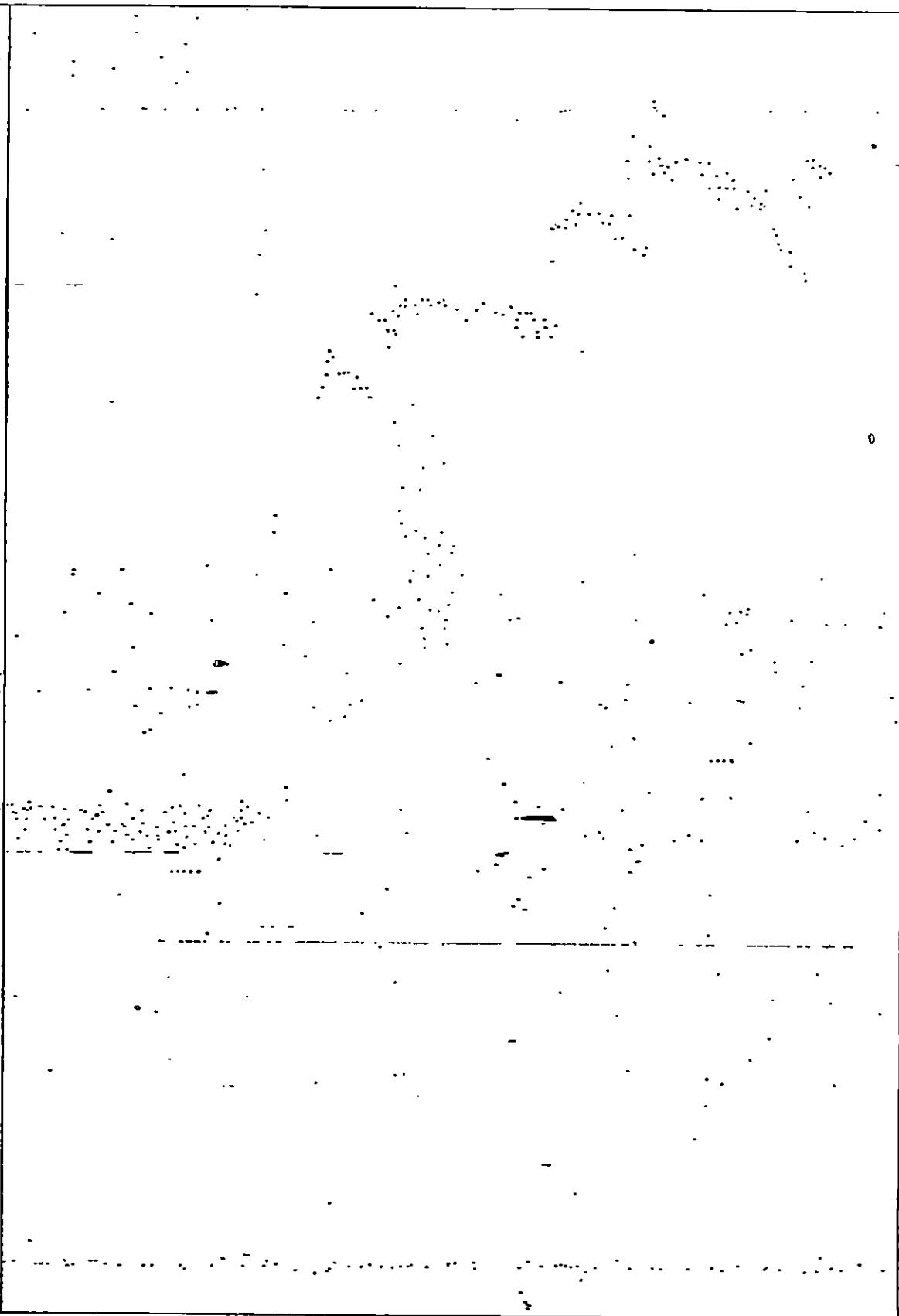
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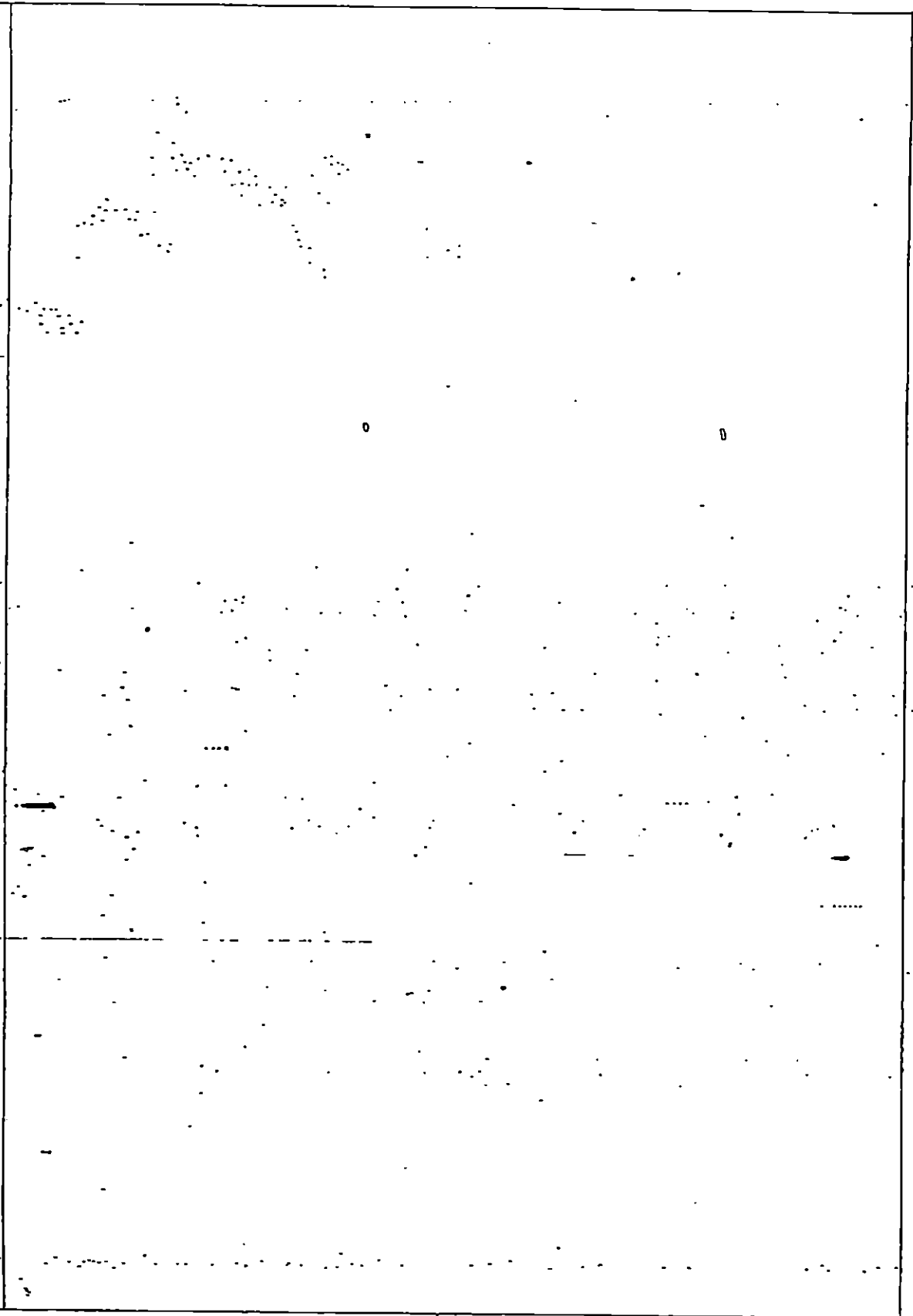
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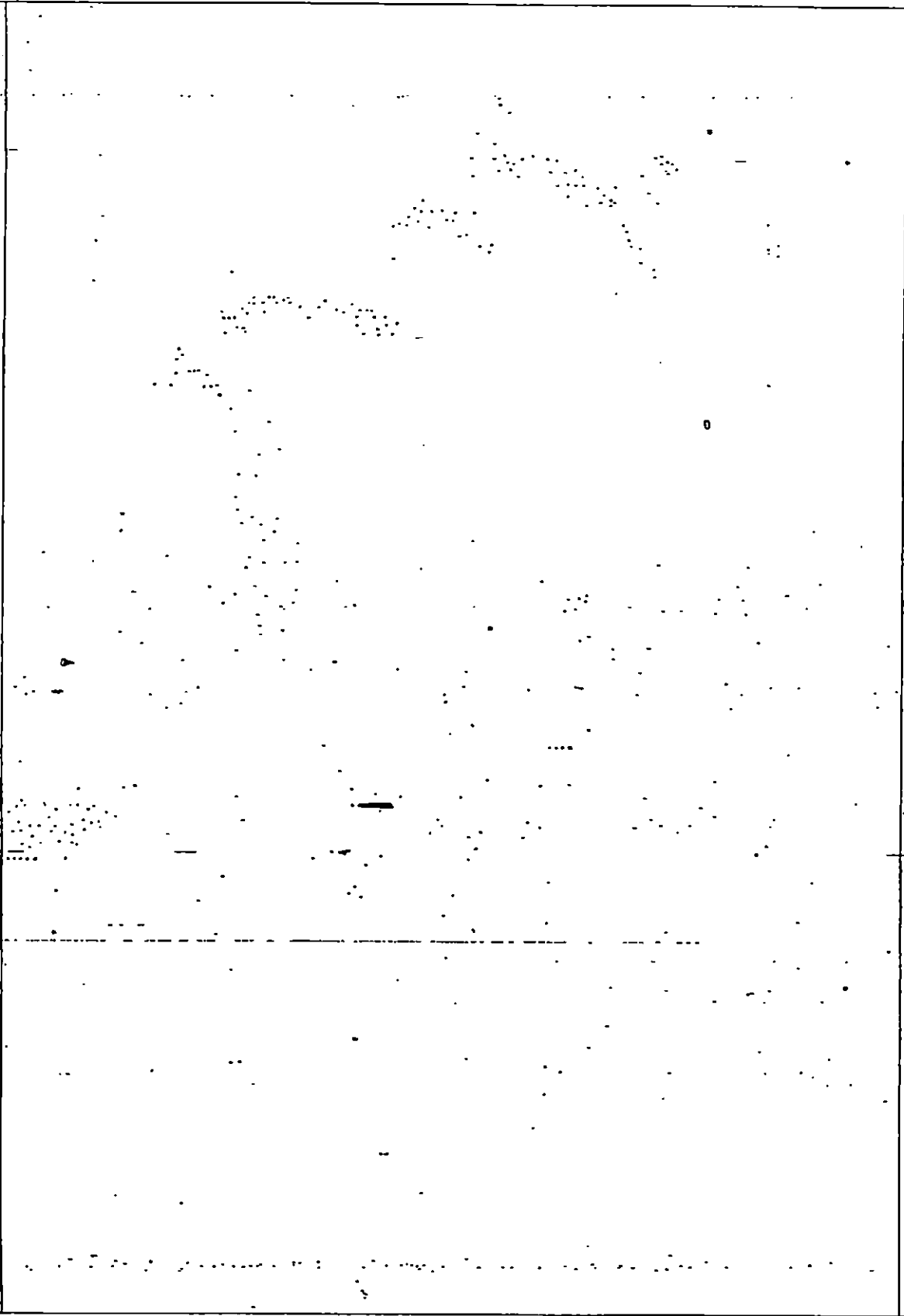


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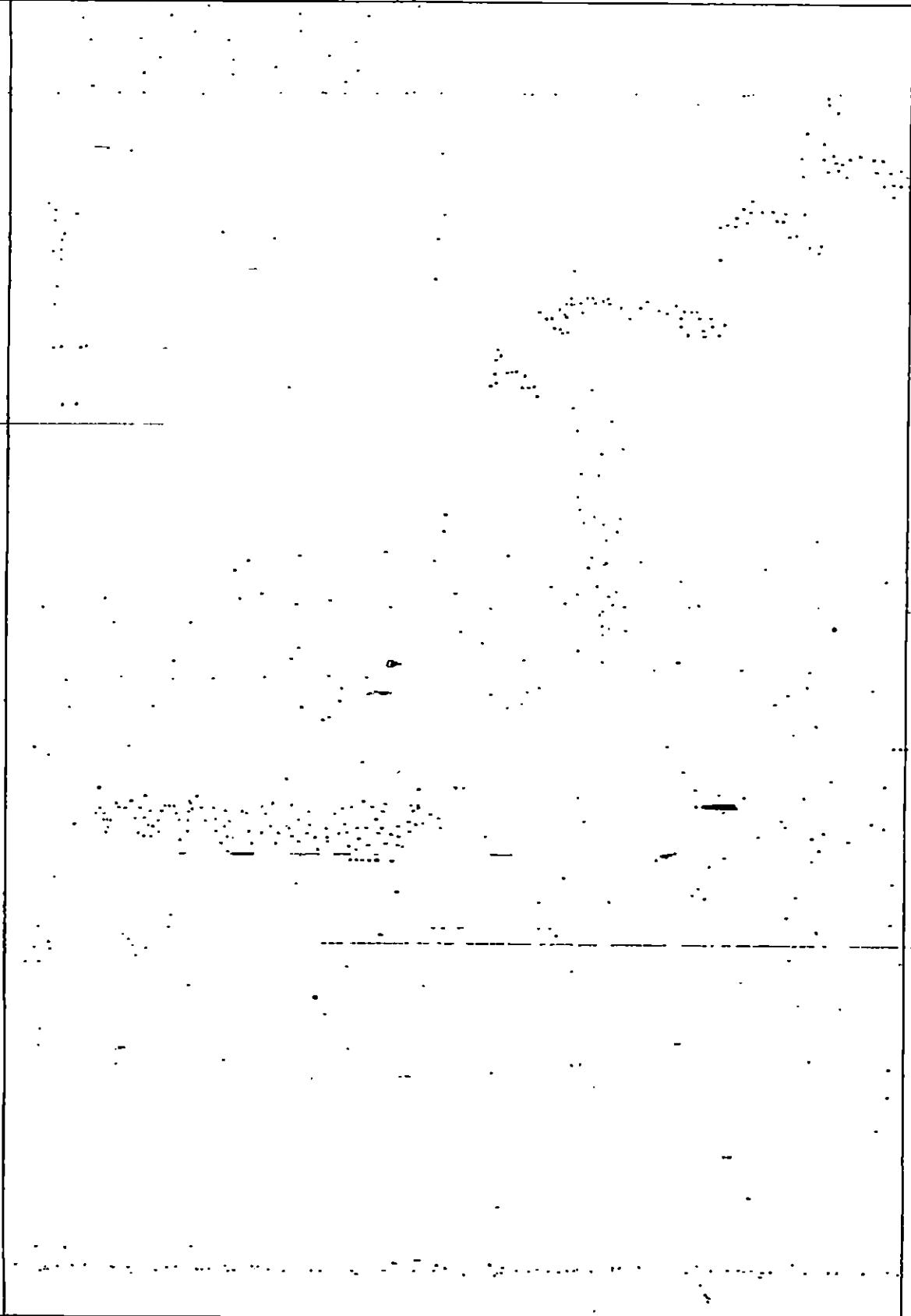
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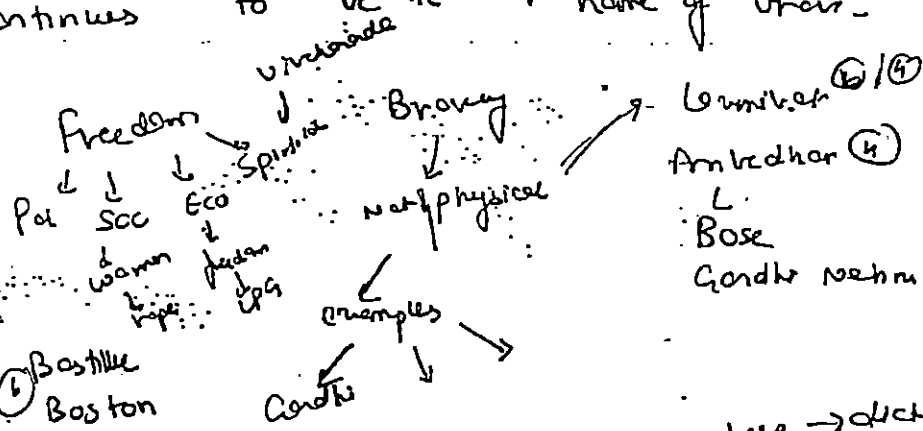
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A nation can remain free as long as it continues to be the home of brave.

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if not have brave → cowardly → sheep → dictation

eg Germany
eg US

Trust ① with destiny
At the stroke of midnight hour

Self interest
multiphase
Bicent

...Need leader - MLK Jr
Abraham Lincoln → slavery abolished

- Intro
- ①
 - ② Explain structure
 - ③
 - ④

How brave men brought freedom ①

How brave men maintained freedom ②

Less of freedom due to lack of bravery ③

How to instill bravery ④

⑤ Conclusion

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

Scams
↳ Gov
↳ defence
National security

Chanakya
↳ no fish/water

...PDS ← GG

offices both/all

Pos

What is GG
↳

Transparency & Accuracy

Democratisation
Black Money

[Intro

- Historical
- Spiritual
- Political
- Geonomic
- Social
- Environmental
- Inten Security
- Scientific

What is Corruption
- Crime - impacts everywhere
Not new - Historical

Good Gov

Self defence

Patriotism

Solutions Challenges in dealing

Solution

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