

## ESSAY

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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### Remarks

Strengths: Introductions and points relating to the central theme of the essay have been tackled well.

Weakness: More in depth study based on news papers is required to strengthen the essays. Always go for Indian and latest examples collected by you from the Hindu and other papers. Prepare your own notes.

### Suggestions:

Required suggestions and points to be added are given inside.

You need more improvement

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**SECTION - A**

1. Will man ever find peace beyond himself?
2. Music is the greatest communication in the world.
3. The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.
4. Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

**SECTION - B**

1. The Indian democracy has fallen into the 'morass of power play' and the politicians have become 'gamers' rather than 'servants' of nation and its people.
2. Economic reforms have ignored agriculture and the farmers of the country; both are, therefore dying.
3. There are not enough jails, not enough police, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people.
4. Social media websites are no longer performing an envisaged function of creating a positive communication link among friends, family and professionals.

Will man ever Find peace beyond himself?

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 Things are created to be loved and  
 people are created to be loved; the problem  
 with our time is that things are being loved  
 and people are being used.

This above quote clearly brings out problems  
 of humanity today which is more driven  
 by "self love" than desire of collective good as  
 they have fallen too much in love with  
materialistic pleasure that they have forgotten  
moral pleasure. Man was considered  
 to be different from animal on ground that  
 man have inherent tendency of socialisation  
 and Man is a social animal. But present  
problem of world indicate that man's  
nature of finding peace in himself has neither  
left him social nor human. good intro

Remarks

It has almost become certain that man today prefer to find peace within himself. This essay will try to analyse reason for man cocooning himself in egoist desires, the problem created by ~~desire~~ such desires. It will also touch upon individuals who had went beyond themselves to find peace and finally it will ~~touch~~ try to put forward some viewpoint which may help men to find peace in society and as a social being.

There ~~to~~ Always there had been a debate about human nature whether it is egoistic or it is altruistic. Though general conclusion that has <sup>been</sup> arrived is man's nature be somewhere between two. In other words man many time think about global peace, social peace, world free of war

Identify and establish that peace vision is imminent

Remarks

make efforts towards humanism but at the same time his desire for self aggrandisement finding peace within himself pulls him back

### # Reason for Peace within himself

It is general human tendency to go for wealth maximisation but to use this desire to help only near and dear ones create problem for society

Men <sup>are</sup> surrounded by multiple identities as a son, father, mother, husband etc. as a family member. His desire to provide maximum happiness to family is one of the reasons for peace within self. The other reasons arise from idea that our primordial identity like caste, race, religion, clans etc become part of our extended self and our tendency to help them create problem of favouritism, nepotism etc

peace  
within  
himself  
is the voice  
of consciousness  
which  
guides  
self  
towards the  
path of  
enlightenment

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Third reason is decline of social capital and growth of individualism. Increasing use of technology, growth of urbanisation, industrialisation has left little time for individuals to engage in social activity and he remains aloof from larger social world; only thing that worries him is self and peace for self ✓

# Where this peace within self is leading to us?

Martin Luther King once remarked that "our scientific power has outstripped our spiritual power. we have guided missile and misquiled man". This idea clearly indicates that man's tendency to understand <sup>help</sup> without worrying about other has created problem for existence of civilisation itself ✓

If we go deeper into history all the wars in world, all the crimes in world are caused by tendency of man

We also need to ask ourselves that  
1- if I have more money, would I be more peaceful?  
2- if I achieve my dreams, would I experience

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to find peace within self <sup>or</sup> make peace?  
Hitler's idea of Nazi Germany with pure Aryan world,  
his habit of excessive expenditure and  
degradation of church's pastures, bishops to  
go for type of luxury and lust <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ cause  
of all great revolution and world wars.

Coming back to present times  
the problem of corruption, crony capitalism,  
nepotism, casteism, communalism, xenophobia,  
crime, refugee crisis etc. all are in one  
way or other related to our human  
tendency to find peace within himself.

While dictatorial regime and sectarian  
divide in middle east reflect too much  
attachment to power and parochial identity  
which have given rise to ugly war and  
terrorism, the idea of family attachment  
especially in oriental societies has created

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- 3- Will I enjoy a state of inner peace, only after I am financially secure?  
- Do I believe that inner peace is dependent on external circumstances?  
- inner peace comes from within only.

trouble of corruption and nepotism.

People think that they will realise true peace after securing life of all his coming generation by making lots of wealth.

This idea keep on growing and his desire never comes to an end. This goal of peace remain elusive because individuality was searching for peace in idea which itself was/is reason for global crisis and violence.

As Mahatma Gandhi clearly puts out that in order to make wealth and prosperity you have to go for violence in one form or other. Thus non-violence can only be practiced if your needs are limited and limit to needs is story of peace and prosperity.

Very good analysis for global crisis & violence

Remarks



# All is not <sup>all</sup> Bad with Mankind

As it is said that every cloud has a silver lining and we too had/have our silver lining. In past and in present times we have examples and stories where man has transcended barriers of self love and peace within

himself to go for larger cause of humanity. There

If there have been any tyrant then there had been saints too who worked for

global peace and tried to find out peace

beyond himself.

Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Florence

Nightingale ("lady with a lamp") are few example to mention of people who worked for global

peace and tried to establish a society free of problem and crimes. They all carry

idea of "wiping tear from every eye."

Remarks -

Thus it is not always that man can not find peace beyond himself rather it is more easy or only way to find peace

Perhaps none other person would be able to find peace like Mother Teresa who find founded peace in servicing diseased ; Mahatma Gandhi

who founded peace in service of country (or)

Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King who founded peace in social justice ✓

## # Realisation of Problems and global efforts

The problem created by man's tendency to find love within himself, has greatly attracted attention of society and responses and global leaders; Today people are taking effort to amend their ways and methods of living. ✓ ✓

The problem of war, makes climate ✓

Remarks

ultimate goal is  
are but they have  
chosen different  
paths  
good analysis

Change, refugee crisis, terrorism has drawn attention of mankind in past few decades and efforts have been made to come out of our chimera of peace to real peace which will help mankind to grow together in a aesthetic and spiritual manner. ✓

Paris climate summit, New York Declaration <sup>to solve</sup> refugee problem, global condemnation of terrorism and global and local effort against corruption reflect changing environment where a realisation has been made that today self peace is intertwined with social peace and social peace is intertwined with global peace. Yet much needed to be done.

# Men will be able to find peace Beyond himself  
for sure if!!! ✓

There will always be ifs and buts when we try to envisage a society where man will give away his egoism and will make effort for global peace and will look for peace beyond self. But every if come with a solution, only when condition is fulfilled and this condition lie in our education system, our family system, our value system, our moral principles.

✓ Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once remarked that if society wish to change itself for good than three key members that will play important role are mother, father and teachers. This change must begin from home and primary effort should start from our socialisation process where child will be taught about love, compassion, affection, not just for family members but

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mundkind at large. ✓

Similarly, our education system should play role of "guiding lamp" which will help us steer towards virtuous path where everyone

will be loved without adhering to self love.

Education should be of mind, heart and

soul to make this happen because only value

education can make us think for larger cause

of humanity. Otherwise the same educated

minds which discovered penicillin also discovered

nuclear bombs. ✓

Man will be able to find peace beyond

himself if he replaces family with "global

family" (Vasudhaiva Kutumbam), if he replaces

individual happiness with "global happiness"

(Sarve Bhavantu Sukhina = सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः)

and if he replaces "me" with "us" ✓

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~~other than~~ helping masses and take out the pleasure ~~so~~ when the masses feel happy. The other one is physical possession of money and feel that they are happy - They do not realise that

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They can  
not take  
money  
with them  
when they  
die.  
The  
perceiving  
imagination  
Things  
will be  
different  
from person  
to person.  
The man  
with  
a vision  
and a man  
without a vision.  
The vision of  
Shri. A.S. Abbot  
is different as he  
had  
aimed the  
well fare  
of the  
masses only.

For this to happen the idea of two greatest persons may serve guiding light. One is Gandhian Talisman where he asks to visualise the face of poorest person we ever saw before contemplating any action and think that our action is going to help him in any way will it only sway for that person. This will always help us to take decision that will benefit everyone not just individual self.  
Second idea is of Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi who remarked that Let us globalise compassion, Let us universalise knowledge, Let us democratised justice.  
If we think on these lines, if man take these into consideration before making any decision he will surely be able to find peace beyond himself.

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The vision of Shri. E. Sridharan, who visualised the transport problems of masses in Delhi city and gave metro to them and he is a happy, and man with people.

- perception depending on APTITUDE is more important.

- Sri. P. J. Kurian perceived that working in and around ~~the~~ ASANS can be done ~~at~~ which will help master and eff. achieve his goal he derived peace for himself - by helping others.

- for this discipline and meditation are the two important things.

- These can be achieved through Yoga, which Indians invented 5,000 yrs. back.

- meditation on the ever peace for self or ATMAN / ATMA

That dwells in the chambers of Heart.

- Individual peace can lead to establishment of Universal peace

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"Economic reforms have ignored agriculture and Farmer of the country; both are therefore dying"

Finance Minister in 1991 while presenting under shed budget quoted Victor Hugo - "No power can stop an idea whose time has come".

The power in above quotation was perhaps socialistic aspiration and wisdom of country and idea was marketism which was ushered in with 1999 HPC (liberalisation, Privatisation and globalisation reforms). People may call it "IMR conditionalities" (or) "washington consensus" (or) "need of the hour"; the idea remain same that a new era in Indian economy had begun.

Without going much into mitigations

Remarks



of reason for LPGI reforms and types of reforms, this essay will try to analyse the impact of LPGI reforms on agriculture and farmers who in most cases has been at receiving end. Though reforms may have revived economy it missed a important support mechanism for "tiller of land". Essay will end on a positive note of recent efforts made for farming sector and will try to look for a candle of hope which may save almost half of our population from crisis.

~~When~~

What reforms carried for Agriculture?

Though it was argued that reform will open new market for farmers who will further be able to basket the profit of earlier "green revolution" <sup>that began</sup> in 1970s and it will provide a whole new set of technology

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The "Green Revolution" took place after a severe drought in India during 1964-65. ~~After~~ Along with Green Revolution the Govt also realised that the multipurpose dams are to be built

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along the major rivers. Big dams like Nagarjuna Sagar etc were built. and quality seeds. It will help in reduction of cost of farm input; will help in mechanisation of our farming; will reduce fertiliser cost as more investment will flow

The pitiest part is in all these sectors. Thus farmers will be happiest lot among all as they have the NRECA contribution of ICAR, CRRI, ICRISAT, DRDO, etc. win all situation

Yet what we have witnessed in India is gradual withdrawal of State support to farmers; gradual rise in dumping of cheap machine produced goods in India and various restrictions put on farming export in name of 'Essential Commodity'. Farmers have been victim in both ways as one side increased competition other side ended hope for competition in global market.

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Another major problem for the farmers <sup>are</sup> the MARKET COMMITTEES. These committees are full of politicians as the appointments are made by the concerned Chief Ministers. These political unemployed spoil the market yards for their personal gains.

Another major reason for suicides is the fixation of MSP and also the exploitation of them at the Market yards.

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The MSP, like some other countries,

# Extent of Problem in Farming Sector <sup>had to be fixed before</sup> the rising <sup>season</sup>

As per NCRB data on farmer suicide nearly 3 lakh farmers have committed suicide in 2 decade post reforms; in 2015 alone more than 12,000 farmer committed suicide with  $\frac{1}{3}$  rd of farmer in Maharashtra state alone

These statistics present a horrifying picture where we witness death of breed quies because of partial cause of LPG reforms and multiple cause of structural problem in farming sector.

If we go by share of agriculture in GDP; it has declined to 17.1. (approx) as per Economic Survey 2015-16 and may decline further; agriculture seldom witnessed a growth rate above 4% in post-reforms scenario because state farm has been tied by WTO (World Trade Organisation) subsidy norms

Remarks

The WTO norms on farm subsidy had not been accepted by India and the under-developed and the developing countries. These countries are supporting India to fight at the WTO. However, at present

there is no effect relating to this on our farming community.

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and marketing norms.

Absence of marketing support, poor backward and forward linkage, lack of value addition has broken the backbone of our farmers. Other side which is often overlooked while judging the root cause of farmer suicide is problem of "Relative Deprivation" & "conspicuous consumption".

LPG reforms has given rise to an aspirational middle class which riding on wave of service led growth has greatly improved its standard of living. This result into false comparison where a farmer found himself relatively deprived and his desire to match the living standard, aspiration to make quick wealth put him into trap of cultivating cash crops without worrying

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Instead of waiting for reforms and other chance taking crops like commercial, the farmers should go for inclusive growth to support their regular income. They are: 1) bee keeping, 2) rear, 3) rear, 4) rear, 5) rear,

much about input cost. Thus a single crop failure put him into never ending debt trap causing farmer suicide!

# Love for cash crops, water table & LPG refills

This new found attraction toward cash crops is much highly witnessed in Maharashtra and region around M.H. This love for cultivation of cotton, sugarcane in search of better market price take away traditional rationality of farmers and he works hard year long taking credit <sup>even</sup> from relatives & friends (40% credit in India is from non institutionalised source as per NSSO 2013).

✓ This result into cultivation of water guzzling crops, highly intensive crops resulting into overuse of fertilisers and pesticides. All this raise input cost to great

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- 2) Poultry
- 3) Fishery - small ponds can be developed near the houses, like that of W. Bengal and the coastal areas are most suitable.
- 4) Plover & Fruit - the vacant areas near the villages can be used. →

Extent which coupled with water distress turn into a cause for suicide in case of "poor market price" (OR) climate led disasters.   
 (~~as GST area is still merged~~).

This attraction towards cash crops, GM crops is in a way result of LPG reforms. Further input cost has rose to a great extent. For instance as per National Sample Survey, 2013, DAP cost has rose 300% and Nitrate cost has rose up by 600% as compared to 1993 prices. ✓

# WTO ✓: A Trouble Maker for Indian Farmers

Subsidy norms of WTO classified under various categories like Amber box, Blue box, green box etc prohibit government support to farmer in a great extent. This has resulted into gradual withdrawal of state

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- 5) Sheep rearing - Telangana and the hill type areas are most suitable. 6) Hitching: even the 2<sup>nd</sup> report of Economic Survey Norway - 2017-18 released in <sup>July</sup> Aug, 2017 said that the rural

The Agreement has been criticised for reducing Tariff protection for  
23 small farmers which is a key source of income in developing countries to continue subsidy in Agri.

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investment in agricultural infrastructure and most of the support remain in form of populist measures like Farm loan waivers. Along with subsidy norms countries bring various non-tariff barriers justifying them under Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures; public health reasons etc. thus denying us market access. For eg. European Union put a ban on import of mango from India.

at Home  
The 2005  
WTO Ministerial Conference at Hong Kong  
the developing countries were allowed  
appropriate number  
Photo of Tariff lines as special products  
based on "Food security & Rural Development"

Moreover WTO effort to support least developed countries increase competitiveness challenge for farmer as our farmer have to compete with almost zero percent tariff treated good of Vietnam, Bangladesh while accessing market of developed world. Thus so called openness of market has backfired upon India.

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women be trained in modern and latest techniques of milching for additional income

## # Liberalisation is Missing in Agriculture

already  
commented  
that  
Market  
Committees  
are a  
thorough  
failure  
in  
INDIA

After putting lot of criticism to LPO reforms this might sound paradoxical but this is equal culprit for deaths of agriculture as well as farmers. This has been said because of restrictive Essential Commodity Act Agricultural Product Marketing Committee Act (APMC) and near failure of land reforms (market driven) too.

Under essential commodity Act we have put a ban (or ceiling) on price as well as amount of export to ensure greater food security. But this idea of food security wanders in air when we talk about wastage of food and rotting of grain in godowns. Farmers are denied true price and market - in name of Essential Commodity. For eg when Shale reserves

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Another area where the farmers can be helped is the COLD STORAGE. At present the number of cold storages not increasing as they are being supplied power at Rs.12/- per unit of Power, which is a



revised price of 'guard guns' upto ₹40,000/100kg  
farmer gained prosperity but soon a ban on  
export was put. ✓

Further Model APMC and Model Land Leasing  
Law only remain 'model' for the reason  
of agriculture being a state subject. Thus farmers  
are denied to sell their own product  
in market other than state 'Mandis' by APMC  
Act of state. Fragmentation of land holding  
resulted into more than 80% marginalised  
and small farmer who can not use modern  
machinery because of size of land.

All these problem collectively  
culminate into farmer protest as reflected

in various parts of country. For eg. —

Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra etc. in Western  
Tamil Nadu  
districts the  
ground water level  
has gone down  
to 1200 feet

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Commercial rate. The Govt can do in this is organise farmer co-operatives  
Co-operatives and lend them loan at 7%. Through NABARD. Being  
a farmer co-ops provide power at Rs 4/- or below. Then you can  
enjoy additional income and save a lot of Rs 40,000/- Cross due to  
non-availability of C-steps

water use efficiency, absence of proper insurance regime, lack of value addition & problem of land erosion due to alkalinity, salinity & flood etc.

However, in recent past government had taken significant steps to improve health of agriculture and handle the problem of Farmer suicide. ✓

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Suktai Yojana (PMKSY) seeks to improve water use efficiency by promoting "sprinkler and drip irrigation" to realise goal of "more crop per drop". Scheme has already brought 8.13 lakh hectare land under microirrigation as of recent data (May 2017). ✓

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) seeks to relieve farmer distress due to crop

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damage and <sup>set</sup> target of bringing at least 50-l. farmer in insurance cover by 2019. Scheme also cover post harvest loss in a specified period. Similarly investment has been greatly increased in Food Processing sector, cold storage chain, Mega Food Parks (target of 42 by 2019) to ensure value addition to farm product. Contract Farming is making quality seed available to farmer.

Soil Health Card, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, National Food Security Mission, use of satellite technology for farmer information, crop survey, watershed development is gradually providing a lease of hope to farmer. (How National Food Security Mission is helpful to farmer?)

Perhaps government has gradually realised the World Bank idea which says that Agriculture have twice potential to

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Reduced poverty compared to any other sector. ✓

← The idea of Doubling Farm Income by 2022 may become a reality if significant effort were made in APMC reforms, land reforms, corporate farming and climate smart Agriculture. ✓

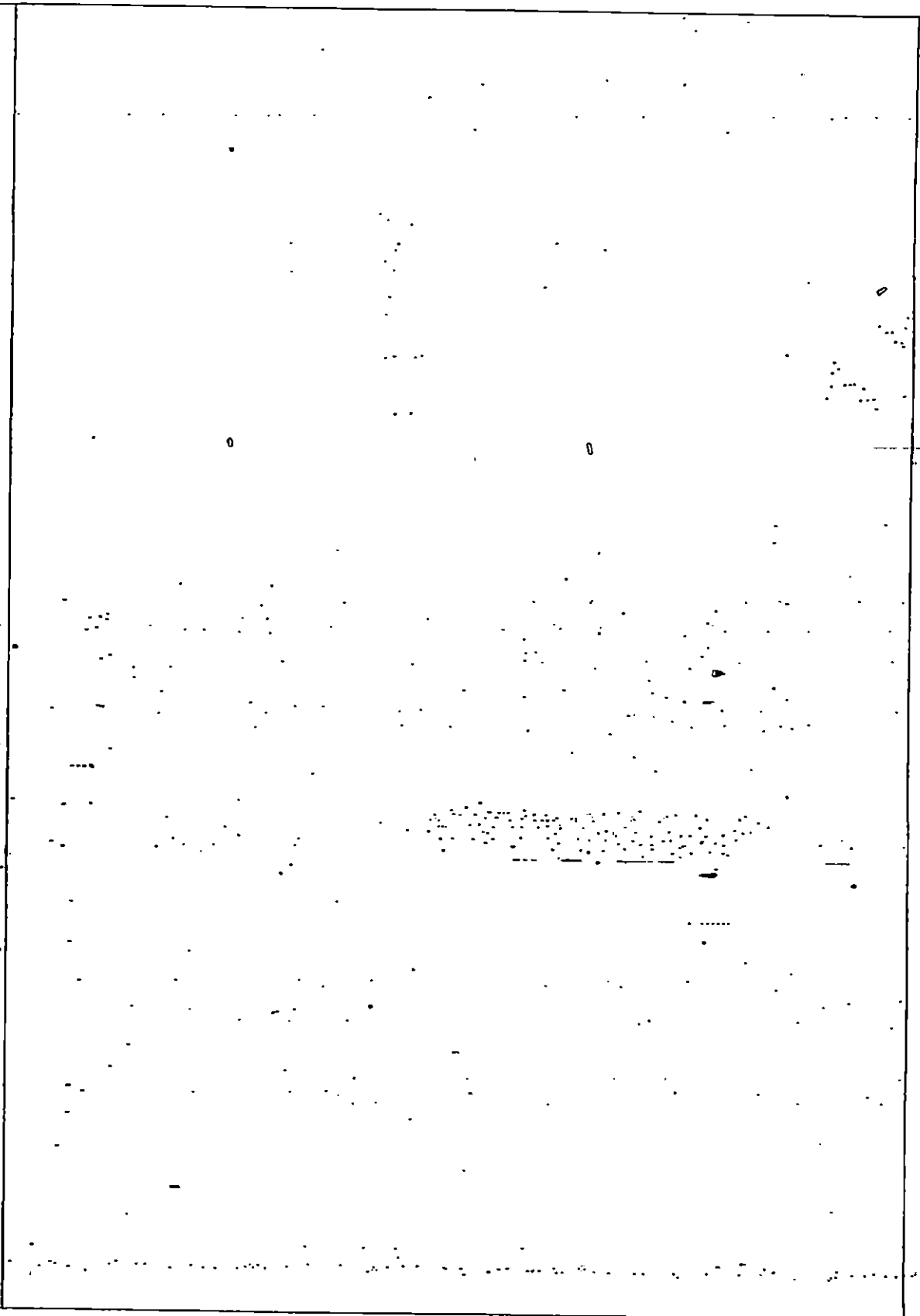
In the end while making investment in agriculture we always remember the fact that only tiller of land <sup>live</sup> remain with true right in society rest all break the bread of his hard work and <sup>farmer suicide</sup> it is a big blot on a country which claim itself "Rural Economy & India of Villages". ✓

-another point left out is the GM Crops issue

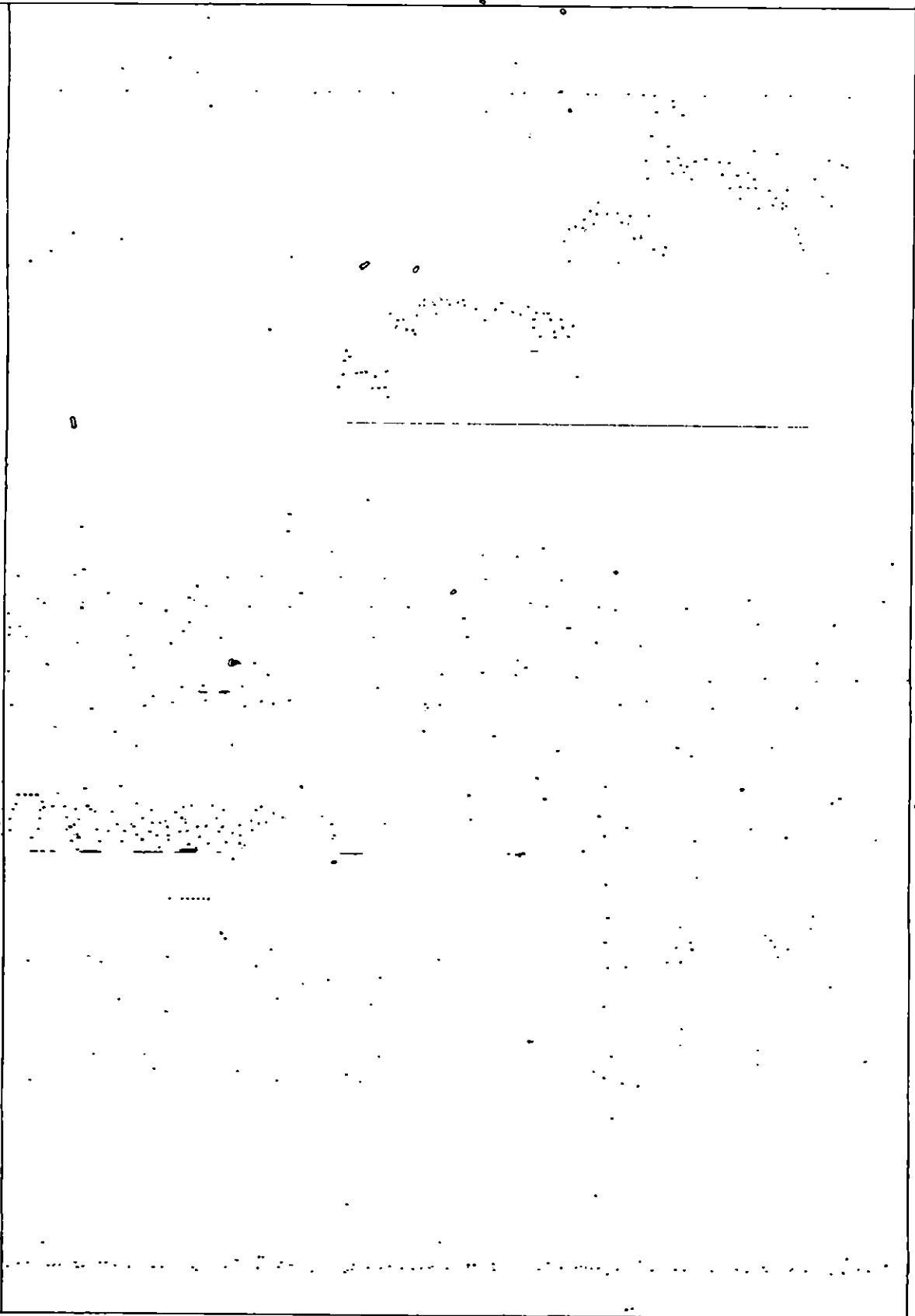
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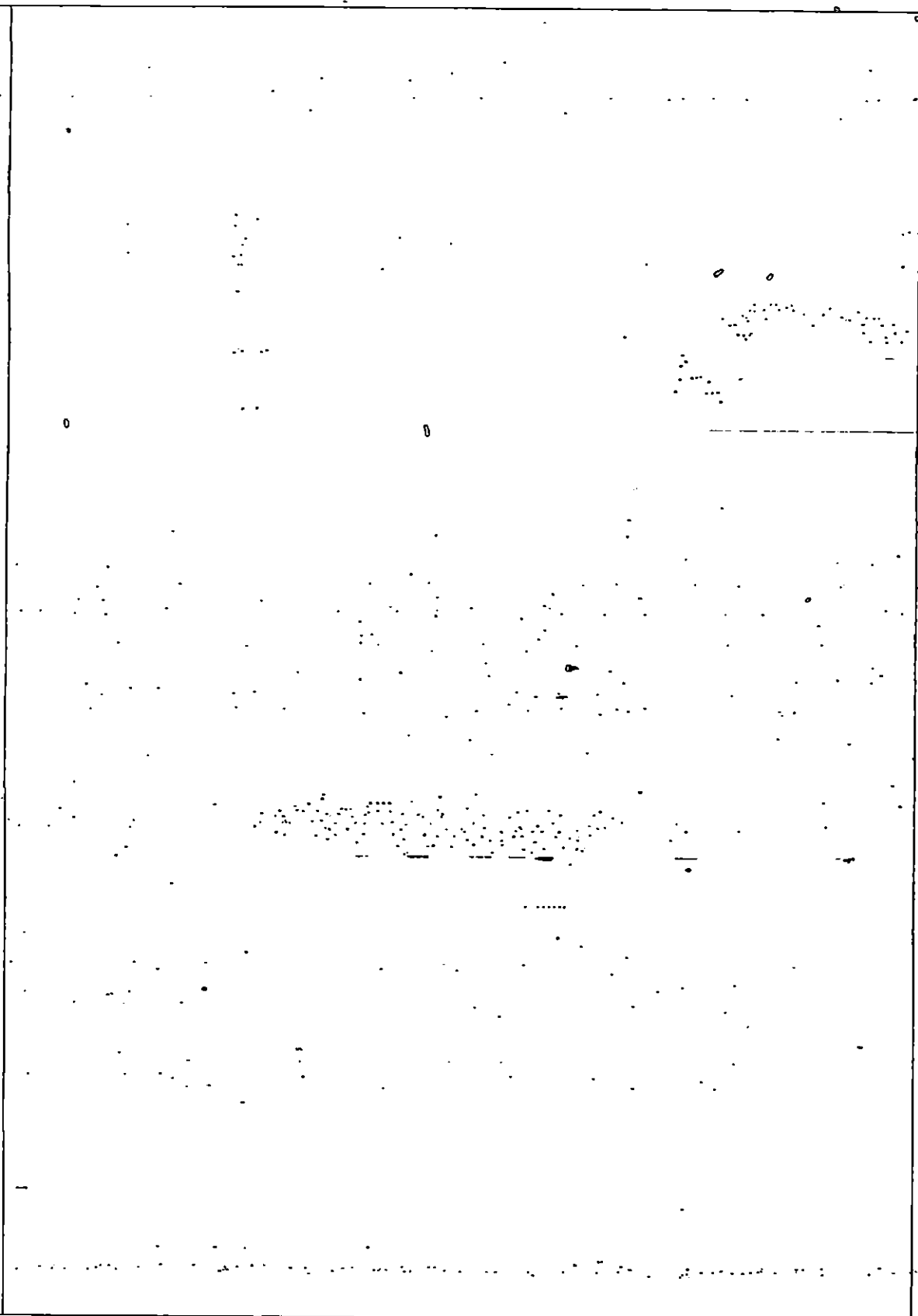
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World Bank # Only filler of the land size

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Economic Region

Farmers  
deaths

Agriculture  
Infrastructure

# Liberal  
Private  
globalisation

# 3 lakh deaths  
in 2 decades  
# 12k in 2015

o Food  
processing

# opened up market

# flood gate for MNCs

# dumping of goods/  
from produce by  
mechanised farms  
of west

# BT cotton

# Irrigation  
# MSP have  
# cost

# road &  
libraries

# POS  
issues

# MSP  
issues

# rising input  
cost

DAP = 3x  
Potash = 6x

# subsidy problem -> Buy in WTO

# ESMA & export

\* Fragmentation of land

# & import challenge

# agricultural tax

# Non tariff Barrier

# no soil health

# Farm insurance water

# decline in investment in farms

# Fertility  
allocation  
saturation

# No liberalisation in Farming

# APMC  
# no globalisation

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# ESMA  
# ban on guarantee

# decline in GDP

Share  
# employment

Imp.

Nicholas Hugo →

- # Rise of Enterprising farmers
- # Problems of green revolution belt
- # water use efficiency

Link all these to Eco. Regions

Recent Efforts

# neglect of market constraint

# PMKSY

# Information n/w

# Soil Health Card

# research & development

is not connected to farmers

# DMFBY

# AFPM

# Kisan Politics

# NMOOP

# ~~DM~~ MIDH

# Fertiliser subsidy

# Climate change → Climate Smart Agriculture

# Drought-Prone Areas → Market-Prone Areas

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Topic 1

Will men ever find peace beyond himself?

Q Is it possible for individual to give up self desires, individualism & work for greater cause of humanity?

Intro - Things are... people...

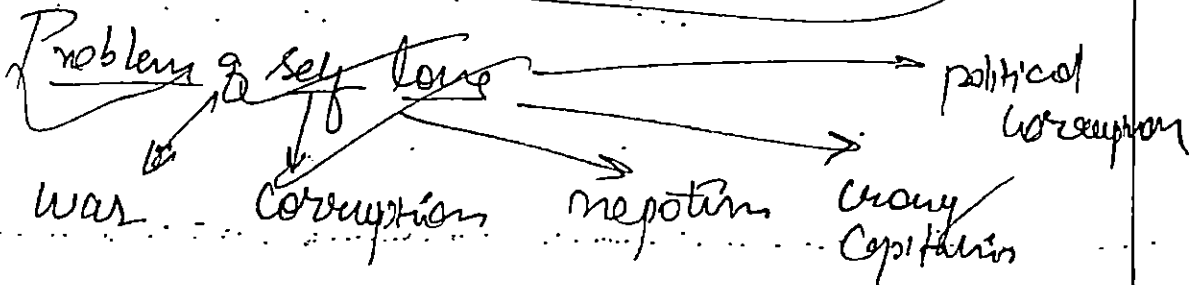
Concn -> Gandhian Tolsonism

#<sup>n</sup> Give scientific power has out missions spiritual power

Begin with Human Nature, some individuals who depict this egoism ->

-> peace in spirituality, role of Indian philosophy

Aristotle idea of Man as Social Being



Remarks

2017 part

- role of education
- role of family  $\leftrightarrow$  A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- growing concern for environment-globally

Reason for self love?

Q.2 Where this self love is leading to us?

- # mention refugee crisis
- # protectionism
- # xenophobic views
- # Co-opting himself in parochial identity

Q.3 Realisation of problem?

Q.4 How Indian way is good way?

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 let us globalise compassion  
 let us universalise knowledge  
 let us democratise justice

Intro  $\rightarrow$   
 Animals life & human were different  
 but turning safe

Remarks

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