

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

Strength: You are good in the philosophical essay. You got the central point and continued to discuss till end.

Weakness: A general topic like pollution likes to have lot of references from India, outside and references of International Conventions, future plans etc with latest examples to support your stand.

Suggestion: You will definitely improve after you include/discuss the suggestions

You can bring improve

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SECTION - A

1. Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.
- ✓ 2. The material world is simply an expression of the mind.
- ✓ 3. The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.
4. Sports and Competition do not build character; they reveal it.

SECTION - B

1. Consumerism kills culture with overproduction and heightened sense of need, established by the marketing.
2. In the era of post truth fact depends entirely on the power of man who can fabricate it.
- ✓ 3. People 'over-produce' pollution because they are not paying for the costs of dealing with it.
4. There are not enough jails; not enough police; not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people.

SECTION - A

The material world is simply an expression of the mind.

Mind is the driver of needs, which kindles a desire to attain things having potential to overich those needs.

Consumerist culture, neglect of spiritual values, overemphasis on pecuniary attainments, priority being accorded to quantitative gains over qualitative gains, happiness being measured in monetary terms are all nothing but the end results, outcomes and consequences of our cognitive thinking; - long held notions and thought process.

It is a well settled argument that behind every man's action it is preceded by decision making which is heavily dependent on one's own thought process and application of mind.

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History bears testimony that all the worldly developments which ~~has~~ the mankind has ever witnessed - cutting across history had its genesis in the Cognitive thinking process of Human. ✓

good intro

In the seventeenth century when the world was on the cusp of dramatic change in the mode of economic activity and promotion towards the materialistic culture, it was the exploitative, hegemonic, self-centred mindset of the big merchants, traders. Owing to this thought process only that these Big merchants altered the entire economic landscape of the world by turning the colonial agricultural economy into mere supplier of raw material to feed the factories of western world and become a consumer of their final goods, thereby giving an impetus to

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materialism to whole world.

From 17th Century Industrial Revolution to the recently talked IR 4.0 world has witnessed dramatic increase in the material goods with the help of modern tools like Biotechnology, Robotics, nanotechnology. And behind all these developments it was man kind's thought process to simplify the way of living and make everything possible for it.

However in the process the aesthetic value, spiritual spirit and the evanitative aspects of Human's world has been shunted to background.

Let's see how the application of mind, thought process, & cognitive ability of mankind has given effect to the material world.

Firstly, the very notion of leading life is to attain happiness. However, existence

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happiness would connote peace of mind, tranquillity, contentment.

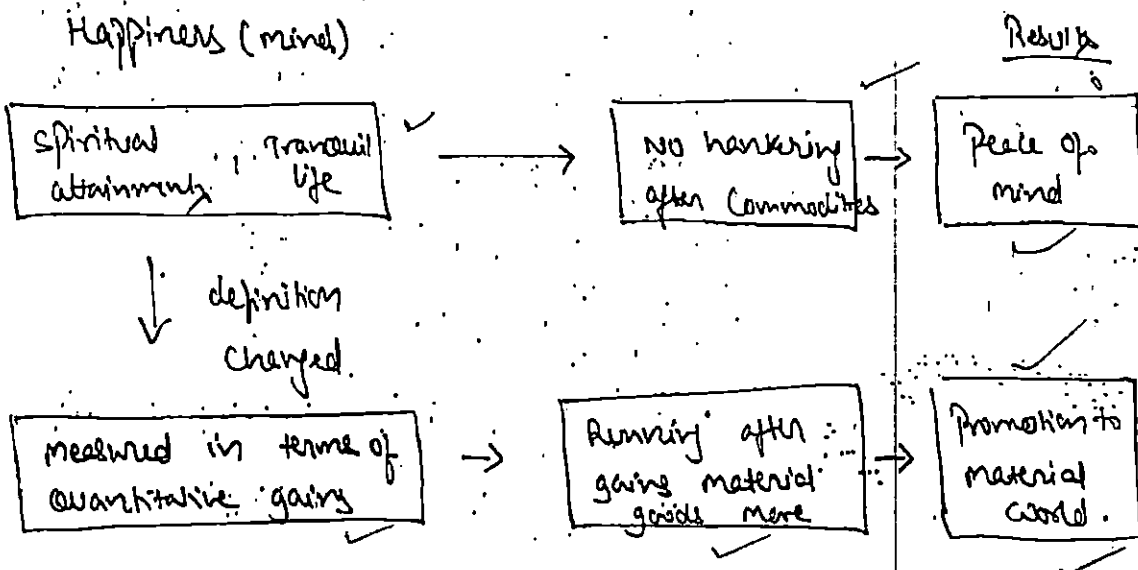
Unfortunately with the passage of time our thought process has given a different meaning to happiness. It is now more measured in terms of goods and commodities one can possess and their respective monetary value.

Inferences can be drawn from the arguments from various corners that a prosperous individual who has 'every thing' at his disposal is more happier than an unprivileged guy who do not have access to numerous commodities.

Thereby the end result is to attain happiness in life. Every other person seems to run after getting more and more commodities and hence promoting material world.

Hence, it can be rightly inferred that how changed notion has yielded to promotion of materialist world.

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Similarly the very definition of man's success has undergone a dramatic change. Earlier ~~that~~ it was argued that we should try to become a man of value not a man of success.

meaning thereby that success was not merely measured on parameters like salary, employment, qualifications, perquisites, allowances at workplace, educational attainment. Rather also value ~~and~~ addition to society, nation & Human kind in general was emphasised.

However with time due to ^{mis} application of our thought process success is now

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increasingly measured in terms of only quantitative gains, one's attainment in Education or any field. Thereby a boost to material world by the people hankering after success.

Hence it can be inferred from here that as how the changed notion of success has given promotion to material world.

At the level of Country this notion also holds true.

It is the Politicians - the law making who check out our nation's growth Plan, it is their expression of thought process which has given the meaning of growth as increasing GDP, adding to the Industrialisation rate, magnifying urban areas.

Hence in the policies they give a major impetus to the burgeoning materialism prevailing in current scenarios.

As more and more goods are needed to be added in the economy in order

politicians go for certain policies which they think perceive right for the country. The UP's got things that the party's policy should be

Remark: The NDA feels it should be infrastructure industry + welfare

Both are for development of the country and by doing that they want to be in power. Being in power of two

political party is How the people take it as perceive ✓

2. The perception / preferences of people changes as per reprise **GS SCORE**

to amplify the gross domestic product ~~so~~ so in the process they give a major impetus to the notion that how the politicians mindset with respect to Economy can promote material world. ✓

Similar insights can be gained from the irresponsible, unsustainable activity of multinational companies. In order to expand the ambit of their operations, it is the thinking and mindset of Board of directors and CEO which plans to diversify and increase their area of operation even if it comes at the cost of swiping off the ~~area~~ area which was once brimming with biodiversity. ✓

Hence the misplaced mindset of BoD and CEO will result into increased ~~materialism~~ materialism state of production & operation and thereby impetus to materialism. ✓

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Good
analysis

Apart from these various social malaises persisting in our world has its underpinning in the thought process & cognitive thinking of man-kind.

Lack of
empathetic
approach

For instance we observe widespread prevalence of child labour, women working in unhealthy environment, falling of mining roof on the workers; All these malaises can be attributed

to such
work
conditions
always
leads to
materialistic

to the perverse, vicious and parochial mindset of the employers and miners who in their pursuit of attaining maximisation of production

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do not bother about quality of life at workplace and give more impetus to the material attainments & goals of the respective organization.

Hence, it can be summarized that how our application of mind give effect and shapes our material world in vivid manner.

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So as it has been rightly understood that it is the mind which is playing the wifrit.

So our thought process, cognitive ability be moulded, modified and channelised so that

V. good analysis

Besides quantitative attainments emphasis should also be laid on qualitative, aesthetic gains.

~~It should be noted that~~

mind should be nurtured, cultured to think that the more we have it, the more we want and the better we get.

Hence, based on this premise mind should be trained to not only seek material gains.

Moreover in order to do so it is the education which can be tremendously useful. As noted by a wise person

that Education is the most potent weapon with which you can change the world.

Hence in this context moral Education can be made a part of curriculum not only in primary schools rather at

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University levels as well. ✓

At national level various representatives of country can together at suitable forums to chart out a plan of action whereby efforts would be made to give a meaningful life to the whole mankind in general not only hankering after attaining material gains ~~and~~ through practices like neo-

- Colonialism & neo-imperialism. ✓

last but not the least every individual should make an earnest effort to be contented with what they have. As some great person has noted that if you live for ~~yourself~~ yourself you will die but if you live for other you will live again. ✓

In perspective of making mind flawless and have a better world. Insights can be taken from Rabindranath Tagore poem:-

where mind is without fear ;
and head is held high ;
where world has not been broken.....

(58)

let my country awake

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Insights at
papers - 25.

Section-B

People 'over-produce' pollution because they are not paying for the cost of dealing with it.

The greatest threat to our planet is ^{notion that} somebody else will save it. ✓

Individual's tendency to pollute the 'mother Nature' even beyond carrying ~~capita~~ capacity of ecosystem and above its replacement level is basically premised on the fact that they are not subjected ~~for~~ compensation directly into monetary terms. ✓

In other words their polluting behaviour entails from the norms that they are not required to incur expenses for its disposal, treatment. ✓

It is a well accepted notion that more often than not people behave irresponsibly only when their actions are correlated with certain accountability. And this accountability may result into compensation or penalties for. ✓

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their erroneous behaviour.

We have
ineffective
Pollution
Control Board

However, unfortunately we do not have any kind of responsibility and accountability fixing mechanism.

these people who pollute over their permissible limits.

Due to this these people has an inclination to pollute the ecosystem beyond its recovery levels.

At individual level observations can be made from various urban 'hotspots' of pollution like

slums & squatter homes proliferating the solid waste and dumping the garbage in the open

field. Similarly the so called 'elite' classes

of people are dumping non-biodegradable e-waste,

plastic waste.

This unsustainable way of polluting is basically attributed to the fact that these individuals

are not required to compensate and pay

for their treatment and disposal.

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on similar footing inferences can be gathered from the untenable activities of various corporate bodies.

Corporate bodies use the water from the nearby natural sources for their industrial activities like dyeing, washing etc and dump the polluted water and the other garbages in the nearby lakes and ponds.

Vellalur lake which faces a severe problem of Eutrophication is a

case in point. also River Ganga - Number of municipalities in the river as drainage outlet.

Hence, irresponsible activity of pollution is surpassing the recovery levels of ecosystems.

Had there been any mechanism whereby these corporate entities would have been required to pay for their 'own production' of pollution, these lakes would not have reeling under their existential - crisis.

on similar note insights can be gained from the activities of various nations who dump their wastes into the global commons.

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and making a question mark on their very existence & relevance.

The South Asian Tiger Countries which has seen some tremendous and impressive increase in their economic pursuit. However in

the process has lead to deterioration of the water body - Indian ocean in this case.

Similar is the case with developed countries like Canada & U.S.A who are recklessly engaged in their economic pursuit and in

the process subjecting the ecosystem sanctity of Atlantic ocean to their economic aspirations.

None, had there been any mode by which these countries could have been subjected to pay for their reckless, irresponsible & unsustainable mode of working the Blue Planet would have suffered such impairment of its ecosystem.

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Use of plastic and how it is damaging the earth.

pollution from the Aeroplanes and how it is damaging the ozone layer (recently)

This topic is in news - Aug, 2017)

Moreover due to widespread urbanisation which the humankind is witnessing has lead to gargantuan increase in the number of vehicles living the streets, skyrocketed increase in CFCs and HCFCs emitting cooling devices like ACs, refrigerators etc.

All these ~~are~~ have added to our air pollution to a level whereby earth's temperature from pre-industrial level to current period has increased to an unsustainable level.

Hence, had there been a methods whereby these people could have been taxed or penalised for over-producing the pollution & thereby for its treatment, world would not have been pushed to the brink of dramatic climate change.

Similarly, as Human Kind has travelled along this journey of industrial revolution from

17th in seventeenth century to recently talked

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- accounting methods for checking pollution -
- Contribution of Nat.
- Recommendations of Madhav Gadgil Commission & Kasturba Commission Report on Western Ghats →

Fourth Industrial revolution, it has seen tremendous improvement in the mode of Production, automation, Invention in terms of Robotics, Bio technology, Nano technology.

All these have yielded various products which have potential to simplify men's tasks at job or daily chores. However, in the process has multiplied the waste especially plastic waste, e-waste.

So had there been a "prohibal or procedure" by which these activities could be suitable taxed and levied on the person dumping these wastes, world would not have

witnessed such upstament in the waste generation especially those wastes - e-waste & plastic which could take generations to finally decompose.

However, though it is argued that people 'over-produce' pollution merely due to the

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- And how the effected states responded to the Commission's reports -
- How the climate changed due to pollution and temperatures especially and how the climate effected Agri. production in India

fact they do not have to bear the cost of its treatment.

However, it should be noted that though directly people might not get impacted, affected, penalised, fined for their erroneous & irresponsible behaviour, however they are subjected to non-monetary loss, qualitative cost.

This loss or cost can be seen in the wide prevalence of diseases be it pulmonary infection, cardiac arrest, cholera, typhoid, malaria and many others. This exponential increase in diseases can be attributed to the unsustainable increase in pollution of the ecosystem.

Various indices like Air quality index, WHO reports indicates that the pollution levels in cities are touching record high levels. Last 3 years as per WHO has seen the highest temperatures ~~at~~ ~~world~~.

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→ Rs. 72,000 crs is the loss to the farmers of India due to high temp. In day and cold in night. 1° rise of temperature in night will cause great damage to rice cultivation/paddy production.

yet mankind has ever experienced.

So it should be enough for the policy makers, NCRs, civil society & individuals in general to raise an alarm that over polluting though may not have short-term monetary loss/cost but certainly entails long-term cost on health of people & ecosystems alike.

At individual level right from the budding stage of student there should be introduced a environment science subject to make them aware about the effects of their various activities.

NCRs like Swachh Chhama should be continue to disseminate information about the ill effects on the people & their younger generation.

on similar footing at national level the law making bodies can come up with innovative concepts like 'Polluter Pays

Principle - whereby proportionately people would be

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- disc. case use of ENDOSULFAN in crops - County CANCER in KASARGODE dist in Kerala and also near BUDORE
- Endosulfan is banned in 80 countries after STOCKHOLM Convention

subjected to pay for their over production in pollution. They can also come up with notions like 'carbon tax' to be imposed on the vehicles emitting permissible gases beyond certain levels.

Moreover to check the levels of pollution & have proper measures Centre & state alike, should continue with reports like swachh survekshan report, National urban air quality report to have a parameter of pollution levels.

Additionally, impetus should be provided to various R&D activities by IPR provisions, Budgetary support, Tax holiday, subsidies, expense reimbursement so that by biotechnology, nanotechnology certain problems of disposing e-waste & plastic waste could be solved.

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- ← Paris pact, battery cars are maybe be dis current the
- ← even GM crops are not allowed in Europe as they feel that GM crops/made create health & pollution problems.

Moreover at International level, Concept of offset trading / Carbon Credit mechanism be promoted. And countries should not consider it as a zero-sum game in their economic pursuit. Rather should take adequate care of keeping the sanctity of global commons so that problems of ozone depletion, Antarctic (ice-sheets) depletion would not magnify.

In the pursuit of keeping a restraint on the polluting behaviour we can take insights from words of our ~~Father~~ of Nations.

We have ^{not} taken environment belongings from our ancestors as a legacy but rather as a loan from our children which we should return it at least in the shape we have taken from them. ✓

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→ after your definition

— you should have discussed about the contrast between, what we observe and perceive vs. what is there.

— Reality is the true stage of things. In essence, it is how things really are, whether we perceive them to be as such or not.

→ two people may see a movie or hear music and they may get different feelings.

— Some people are in favour of iron and some people are in favour of people of

who is right & who is wrong — | it depends on the situation and also based on the other party/side.

— Pandit Nehru said before independence that issuance of Ordinances by the Govt. is wrong. But after he became P.M., he opted for Ordinances whenever necessary. (Same Thing can not be right always and there is the loss with the wrong)

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also go for - that developed society cannot
think alike.

- Plato's theory of ideas and
analogy of cave.

- approach of Greta, Buddhism
and Maya

- differences between religions.

- differences between ideologies

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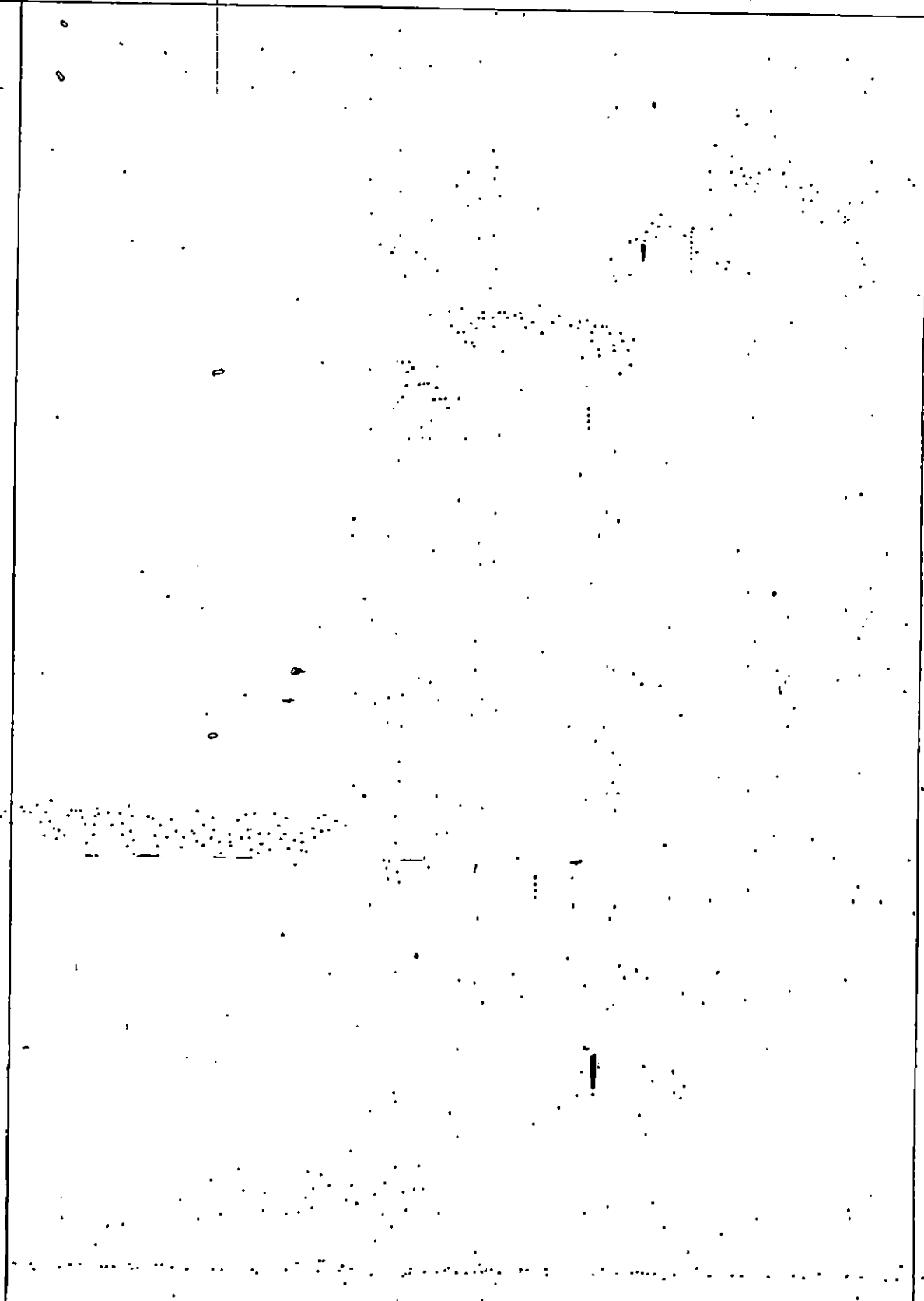
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