

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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Strengths: In both essays introductions and body are good. You have successfully dealt so many dimensions. You could easily get into the core point. You got considerable levels of analysis capacity and the arguments are proper.

Weakness: The examples if possible may be from news papers and latest in nature. Most of the students use very same examples. Your essay should be unique/unorthodox in style with new ideas.

Suggestion: For good examples and to improve analysis capacity read Hindu paper, make notes on your own. Less number of famous and historical examples pl.

You can easily 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.

Set A

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3.

The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.

As soon as I read the lines - "the higher we are placed the more humble we should walk" I got reminded of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam our former president, missile man of India and his book "Wings of fire". Despite reaching the heights he did there was hardly a person who could ever claim that Kalam was anything but polite, down to earth and humble and this probably why there is no other president as loved in India. Even during his biography not once does feel that one is reading a biography of person with such high achievements because of ~~its~~ simplicity, clarity and even headedness of the person.

The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk does not only mean walk in

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V. good
introduction

literal sense rather it means the way one talks, responds, carries himself not only amongst his colleagues or equals but also amongst other fellow human beings which may be considered beneath ones stature in some respects. One should not be extravagant or show-off and rather make the other person as worthy as himself.

One should have pride in one self, pride is not a negative thing but there is a thin line between pride and arrogance, when one crosses that line then one gets in danger. It was the arrogance of Raavan which made him kidnap Sita and led to creation of Ramayan had he instead talked or fought only with Ram then it would have depicted his spirit and moral behaviour and that would have had been his pride,

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but also he was blinded by all the glory he was getting as the king of Lanka and was killed at last.

Once a person reaches highs in life he should not lose his head because once we lose our even-headedness we start living in a different world and start missing out on small clues and in end make grave mistakes.

The decisions we make are generally if not always become self destructive as could be

seen by needless war in which America entered against Vietnam. The army head

before the start of war had promised that war would get over within 7 days thereby

underestimating the power of a small nation driven by desire of self preservation because instead of 7 it took them 14 years and

in the end US lost not only the war but

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You are able to catch the central theme of the story

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also its face in world community. This war could easily be compared with the story of an elephant and an ant in which ant enters the elephants nose and brings the mighty bully to ground and in pain.

Even when one reaches great heights one should always respect fellow human beings and never forget that god has made everyone equal, though we may possess materially or in other terms a bit more than others but in end we are humans, it is only by giving others respect does one get respected. Otherwise people may be nice to you on your face but there will always be something lacking, you will not be at peace and when the phase of glory ends you will find yourself alone. For eg: Gandhiji and

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Hitler were both ~~great~~ famous men but Gandhiji respected everyone; listened to what others had to say and then took decisions whereas Hitler even though he controlled the whole army of one of the most powerful nations of its time ^{and famous} yet died alone and too the death of a ^{strongman} coward, in the night surrounded by army of enemies he hit himself with a bullet. Though Gandhiji also died by a bullet injury yet he is always ^{by} reminiscent whereas Hitler's death was celebrated.

There is a saying that if you walk alone you walk faster but if you walk with others you walk farther. And others will walk with you only if they feel appreciated, respected and equal.

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Why don't you
deal another dimension

If one reaches the top one should not stop working because others are also not far behind but even after that if one falls one should get up and gather courage and start on his quest once again.

Roger Federer was world champion, unbeatable and broke all world records and yet a day came when he was beaten, then came the time when everyone suggested him to leave the game while he was still "considered" a star but he never left hope and bounced back and showed the world the power of hardwork and became one of the oldest people to win a grand slam. This shows that whether at top or not one should never lose sight of ones goal and keep working.

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Dimension:

- ① Individual human level
- ② Societal level
- ③ country level
- ④ Species level

it also shows that one should remain humble as there will always come a time when some one better will out smart you and it will be this humblity which will give the courage to spring back.

One should never forget ones roots and always be ready to extend ones hand to help those in need, these virtuous acts makes us what we are and without them a person may excell ~~best~~ in life yet when the ~~dooms~~ "judgement day" will come he would not excell, not only this even in current life its the virtuous acts that we do makes our lives worth living and numerous philanthropists like Arun prajapati, Bill gates and Milinda gates.

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- ~~it applies~~ it applies to: ① HODs, public administrators, head of International institutions etc ② Highly successful athletes, business men, artists etc and they should realize that people see them as role models ③ individual level. Eg: E. Sridharan, The Metro man.

Tatas & Birlas are empirical proofs they will be any day more satisfied with their lives than others who have earned so much money that can't even spend it and during this journey have lost purpose of their lives.

People like politicians and bureaucrats ~~should~~ are made to take oath that they will work to take country to new heights, preserve constitution and thus maintain law & order, should also never forget whether they become Prime ministers, Cabinet ministers, Cabinet secretary or foreign secretary that it is by the people and for the people that they hold the posts on which they are and thus

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also deal the opposite of humbleness at Political level and international level:

ARROGANCE

Ex: separation of Bangladesh from Pakistan; occasional arrogance of USA in Vietnam. Rise of CHINA in expansionist way and

had border disputes with 16 countries, that incl. S. China Sea.

should always remain accessible and approachable, they should be driven by duty & desire to work for the masses and not once have a tinge of attitude or superiority complex.

Conclusion

It was not for nothing that Art-18 which abolishes titles was added in constitution or that out of 6 fundamental rights (in terms of broad categorization) that foremost is right to equality. Each man is born alone and will die alone, it is the acts he does during his stay on earth that makes his life memorable and worthy of being appreciated. On his deathbed one doesn't remember the amount of money one earns but rather the number and quality of friends one makes and

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note one thing that Constitution helps build humbleness as it is quality to be developed by individuals only. Constitution will not provide humbleness

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these can be made only with a humble
attitude.

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very good
attempts

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Set B

In the era of post truth fact depends entirely on the power of man who can fabricate it.

Post truth fact refers to the circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotions and personal beliefs of masses. Generally great orators, creative marketing heads, propagandists, prebsters, activists and other such people who require public support for their cause, are known to use tactics and maneuvers to play with minds of general public to get them on their side. Post truth fact by itself is neither good nor bad rather the cause for which it is used and by the way it is used makes it good or bad.

Is it just now that post truths have come up? No it has been historically used, the even as early as ancient greek civilixation time one can find their usage.

Very good -
1st production
with
the best
analysis

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when Mark Antony arouse the public through his famous speech "Friends, Romans and country men..." to avenge for the death of beloved Caesar. It was also used widely during nationalistic efforts during fight for freedom from imperialist powers, ill rule of monarchs start revolutions. In all the above cases though there was an element of truth but if not for emotional appeals people would not have taken the steps that they did. If not for post truths there would have been no non-cooperation movement, no civil disobedience movement and no quit India movement.

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Yet today something has changed because of which post truth facts have suddenly come to light. This something is the fact that it has been increasingly used

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and not with very good intentions ~~and~~ or good effects and end results. Many have raised questions on Trump getting elected as President of the most powerful country of the world, there has been wide discussion that he won by preying on the fears of Americans who are increasingly getting insecure of their future & he came with his magnanimous speeches and promises for making America great again. It was also visible during Brexit when people after the results were announced realized what they had done and wanted to vote again as many claimed that they had not even understood what exactly it meant for them and their nation and how it would affect their economy.

Lost truths have now and always been used to garner support to fight ~~in~~ wars because if people are not emotionally involved they

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- the investigators were not prepared as how to tackle and was the plan of action -

would never sanction the amount of money & the amount of sacrifices required during & after war period and each government has used it be it India in 1965 with slogans like Jai Jawan Jai Kisan or US in Vietnam war with various slogans and posters appealing to public to list themselves to go and fight.

How is it done?

It is done through speeches, slogans, movies, songs and other marketing strategies like advertisements, bill boards, by news articles, editorials and now a days through games and social media too. Infact it is because of today's good connectivity both in terms of reach and speed that post fact truths have become famous, with satellite connections information can reach in any corner of

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world within seconds and gets viral within minutes. The tech savvy generation believes in tweeting, retweeting, instagramming, hash tagging and posting, that's too many a times without even understanding what they are supporting. Movies like "Tillotma" and songs like "Ae Mere Watan Logo" by Lata Mangeshkar, slogans like "Swachh Bharat" and "Surakshit Bharat" are used by governments to garner support but at the same time these ~~can~~ means can be ill used also.

All usage can be specially observed in maligning and defaming companies products and people. Without proofs allegations are made, rumours are started and fear created many a times by opponents for personal benefits as was seen in Maggi.

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case where it was spread that Maggie contains MSGs which are harmful and for months production was stopped but after various analyses and tests the conclusion was that it was a rumour. Another ill effect can be the public lynching that has increased in India, in the name of cow protection, innocent people are getting killed by public or rather mob justice, this is nothing but going back to barbaric ages when genocide or ~~mass~~ autocrat rule was the rule and anybody could be killed for no reason.

Fast truth facts are created by talented fabricators who understand public psyche and know how to manipulate it for their advantages, they use people's beliefs, faiths, fears, insecurities to their

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advantages, but it has a lot of potential dangers like spread of terrorism (as could also be seen in ISIS radicalisation), if taken to unhealthy levels then question on ideals like democracy can be raised which after all is for the people, by the people and of the people but if people are themselves swayed and fickle minded then questions can be raised on their rationality and authenticity.

Is post truth always bad? Again the answer is no, many positive applications have been observed like that by environment activists, pressure groups and NGOs who generate awareness and bring to light issues which if they hadn't would have lead to great injustice, harm for society and environment.

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good group as
central theme

Even usage of social media and technology for spread of information has ~~shown~~ proved its mantle by cases like Niskhaya and Lokayuktas, where thousands of people gathered at jantar mantar to support for a cause which forced government to change and form new laws.

How can post truth era be used constructively? Post truths are good if they sensitise people, who otherwise may be lost in their own daily lives, for something bigger and better but for this more awareness needs to be generated and people should be encouraged to find details before taking actions and believing of every tom dick and herry. It is also governments responsibility that paid news, irrational, superstitious thoughts are not spread specially

by public figures like politicians and film stars rather they ~~to~~ should be made responsible for what they publically support and assert because one careless remark from their side can create chain reaction. Also scientific thinking must be inculcated amongst public (it is specially easy to do in children, though not impossible in adults) and even DPSPs and FD of our constitution urge this. Help from NGOs can be taken as immediate measure in case some unbecoming news is being spread. Deradicalisation measures should be taken to prevent youth from getting influenced by terrorist organisations.

Post ~~for~~ truth facts though famous news were always there in society, they

should be used carefully and only for good things, its also bears responsibility to make decisions rationally whether to believe them or not because fabricator will always try to take advantage of the situation no matter what.

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① How influential is post truth politics today (you dont call)

Ct: BREXIT res elections

② How it became possible - internet, social media & smart phone
discuss all 3 of them

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- Blogging

- Facebook / twitter

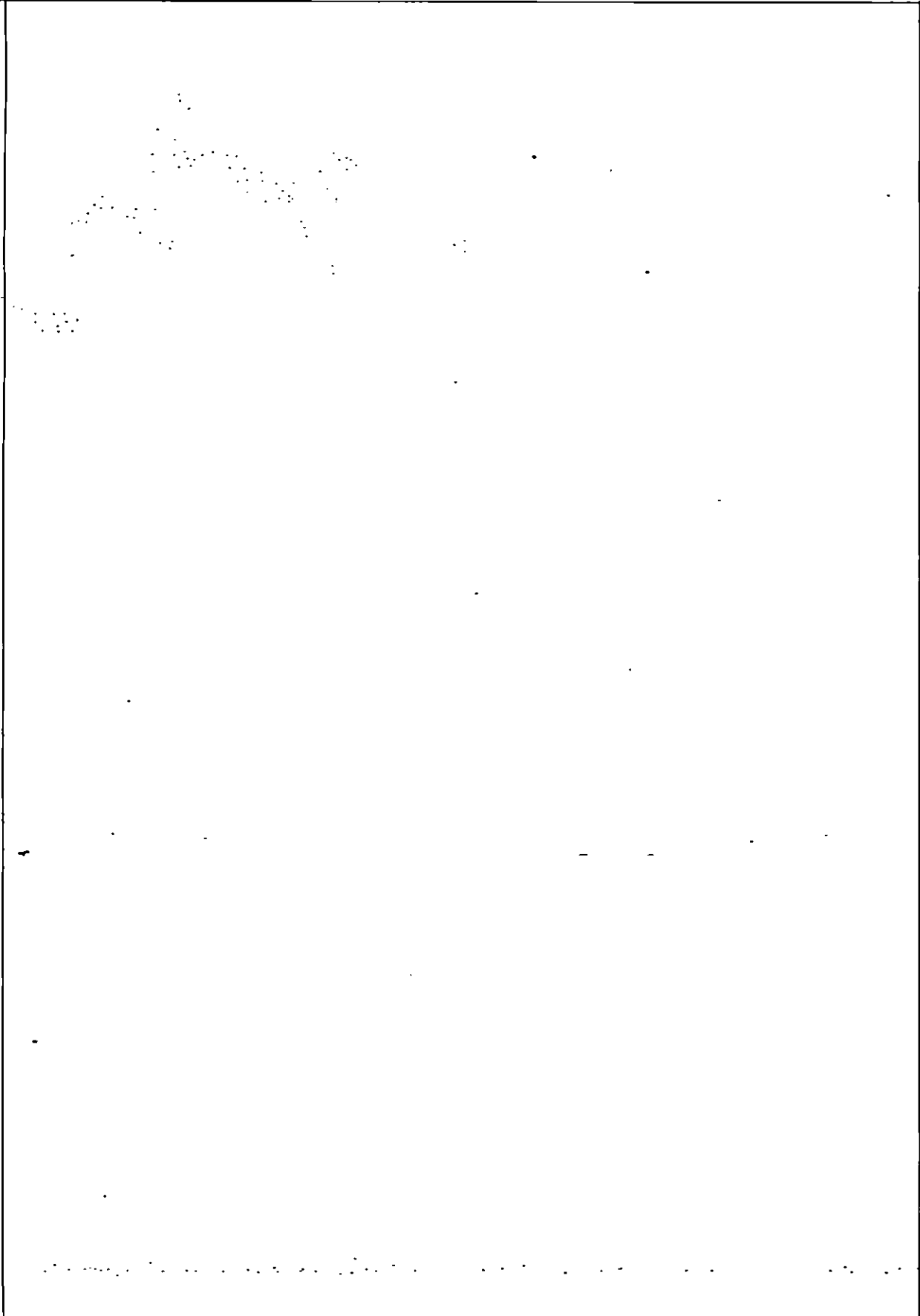
- Corrupt media & fake news

④ Harm of Post truth society.

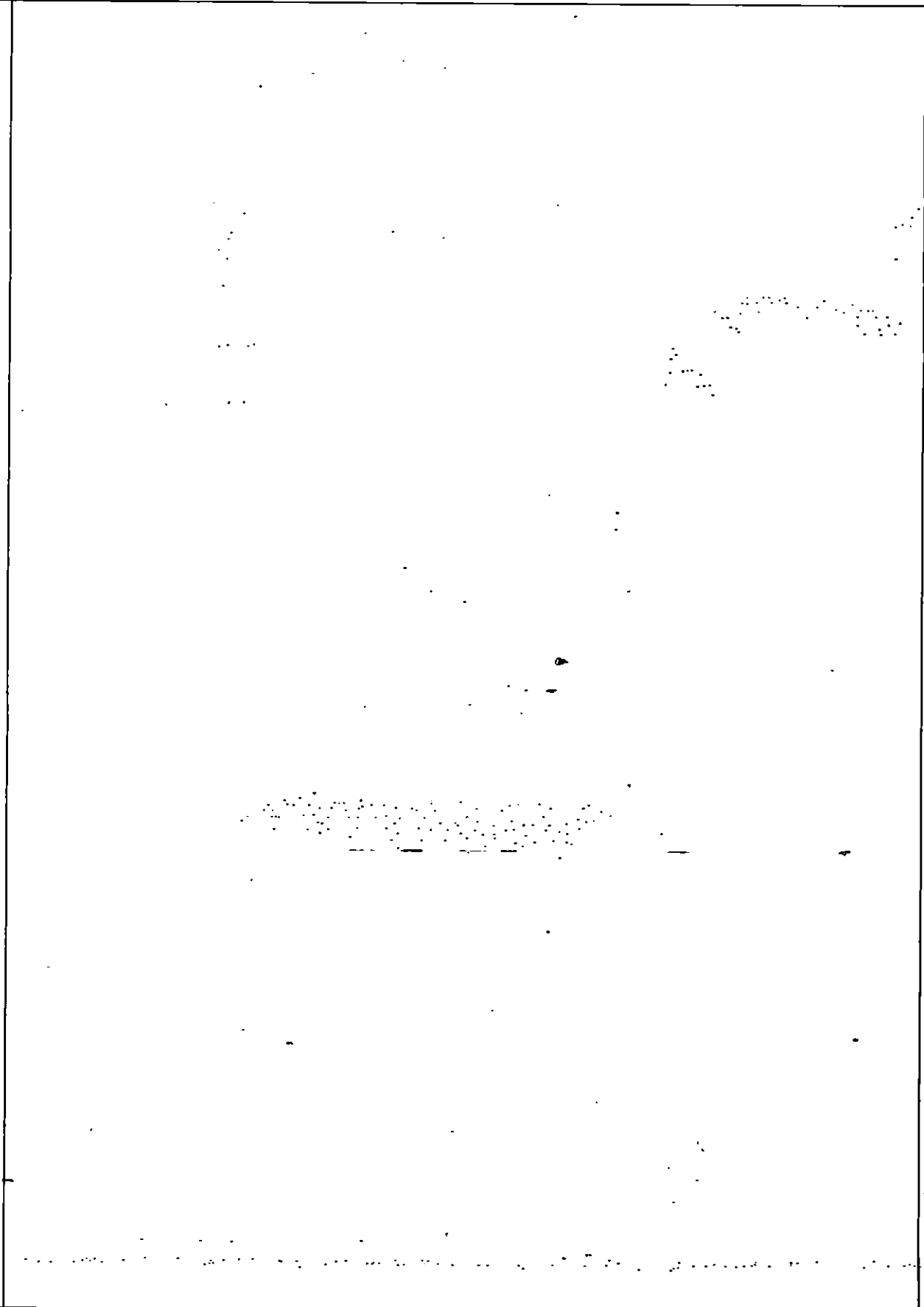
⑤ Means of fabricating truth

Conclusion

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