

## 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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Strength: You are able to be around the central theme of the essay throughout. The examples, explanations and analysis. Connections are reasonably good.

Weakness: Other than philosophical essays you need to get more info information from newspapers and magazines. Prepare your own notes.

You can easily pick up

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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.

Sports and Competition do not build character; they reveal it.

Year after year, the small city 'KOTA' in the state of Rajasthan is moving towards achieving infamous tagline for itself, which is "Suicide capital of India". This beautiful city is otherwise known for producing best talents among students by inducing cut throat competition between them. However, for many students, this very competition becomes the bane for their life, for they could not handle the pressure / failure associated with it.

Here, one can argue that competition among such students has been enabling them to learn /

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cope with the failures, hence building their character. But it seems to prove otherwise for some students. Competition, instead, has provided the arena which revealed their character, which in this case is to 'GIVE UP' upon pressure (failure).

Philosophers, from time and again, argued that 'character of a person' is mainly <sup>of</sup> the implicit nature whose foundations are laid in the person's childhood via the value systems of family, teachers and neighbourhood/society.

Hence, it (character) can be revealed only, but not built up afterwards through one adulthood and old stage. Same is true for the sports / competition, whereby they enable persons to reveal their true character.

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here you can mention that how certain traits of sports that are related to character with example. →

So, the God of Indian cricket sport - SACHIN TENDULKAR, known for his good character (honest, patient and patriotic), it is not developed on account of his brilliant cricket career, but instead, he had already have good character and sports enabled him to reveal it. ✓

On the other side, we have numerous examples of corrupt practices - doping, cheating and match fixing - which, too, are revealed through sports and competition. Indian bowler Srisanth, Pakistan's cricketers, and recent cases against Russian athletic sportsperson in Rio Olympics can be quoted for their character. Far from being character builder, sports just proved to be the platform for us to visualise their true character.

for ~~petty~~ financial benefit and others

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listening to coach even at the time of competition - Olympics/

Healthy Competition - with out drugs - USAIN BOLT ✓  
with drugs - BEN J HANSON

international tournaments

Apart from sports, we can analyse the same phenomenon over the other aspects of society - polity, economy and environment, as competition has taken deep roots in every corners of our way of life.

Abraham Lincoln once argued that if you want to test the character of a person, give him a power. Here, in present context, power is the manifestation of the intense brutal competition one has to pass to yield it. True insights about the character are revealed by this power politics.

This mechanism can even be visualised through the recent Rajya Sabha elections in Gujarat Assembly. Intense competition among rivalries has

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- Team games bring people from different walks of life - (class, race, creed); together for common goal - it can be a good process for national integrity.

brought out the staggering nature of our MLAs  
character. One can infer their characters with  
 the alleged events of Horse-trading, vote for money,  
defections, ~~from party whip~~, resignations, cross-voting  
 and a kind of house-arrest for some MLAs.

good  
analysis

It is beyond doubt from such chain of events  
 that the basic duty of these MLAs (to represent  
the people) is nowhere in the discourse of this  
power-politics, revealing their true character.

- Similarly, the rivalry (competition) between  
USA and Russia (USSR), often termed as cold war,  
had revealed the true nature of these  
powerful countries.

USA, the oldest democracy, has always  
justified its interference (invasion) in other

country's sovereignty in the name of expanding  
the idea of democracy. Hence, USA interfered  
in Korean peninsula, Vietnam, Afghanistan,  
Iraq and recently Syria. || USSR (Russia) on other  
hand, driven by its own ideology as defender of  
exploited class, too indulged in their internal  
politics. || which recently resulted in mass exodus of  
Syrian migrants in lakhs of population.  
 However, the results of such interventions are  
open for everyone to see. Far from defending  
and protecting basic human rights, citizens of  
such countries are struggling to feed themselves,  
living under constant fear of death. ✓

Therefore, this competition exposed the hollow  
claims of big powers, revealing their true  
character - might is right; treating others as

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paucity of bigger chess game. | ✓

On the similar context, policy of imperialism  
and colonialism, born out of the competition to  
exploit the resources | can be analysed || Here,  
in the name of 'WHITE MAN BURDEN'S theory,  
they were looting (drain of wealth) and plundering  
the rich heritage / culture of colonies. ||

Similarly, competition reveals the true character  
at businesses / corporate level as well. Here, in  
order to have profit maximisation, and brand  
building, all other factors - environment and society  
take the back seat. | ✓

Volkswagen - an automobile company - known for  
its values was on news recently. | The CEO of  
this automaker publicly apologised for forging -

appropriate  
example

emissions data of the vehicles exhaust in order to escape stringent environment laws and capture the market. Hence, this very competition revealed the vulnerability / loopholes in their values system.

Having discussed these issues, however, it would be wrong to say that sports competition do not have any role in character building. Competitions do facilitate the innovations, pushing people to go beyond their limits and develop some positive traits. For example, learning the importance of team work through sports and role of values like trust between team players.

There is <sup>also</sup> another side of this competition.

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Many a times, people / countries have to <sup>go</sup> against their character: consciously / willfully, in order to survive or seek their well being. In such cases, it will be faulty interpretation to judge the character, for it is not the true / actual character, instead bred by competition. ✓

To illustrate above point, consider the example of India. Despite the land of Gautama Buddha, Maitraivira and Mahatma Gandhi - the greatest proponents of Ahimsa (Non-violence), India needs to develop the Weapons of Mass destruction in order to have credible deterrence against the nuclear war. ✓✓✓

For an outsider, he/she can conclude the negative character of India, but such interpretation would be faulty, for one needs to understand

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the context / background behind such character trait.

To conclude, sports and competition play  
the dual role of character building as well as  
providing the arena/platform to expose the  
character of a person. However, family, education,  
and neighbourhood have play the foundational  
role in character building, which calls for  
the importance of education system of society  
to have good virtues, values and hence  
good character. Competitions are just like  
mirrors reflecting this in-built character of  
the person, institution, society or the country.

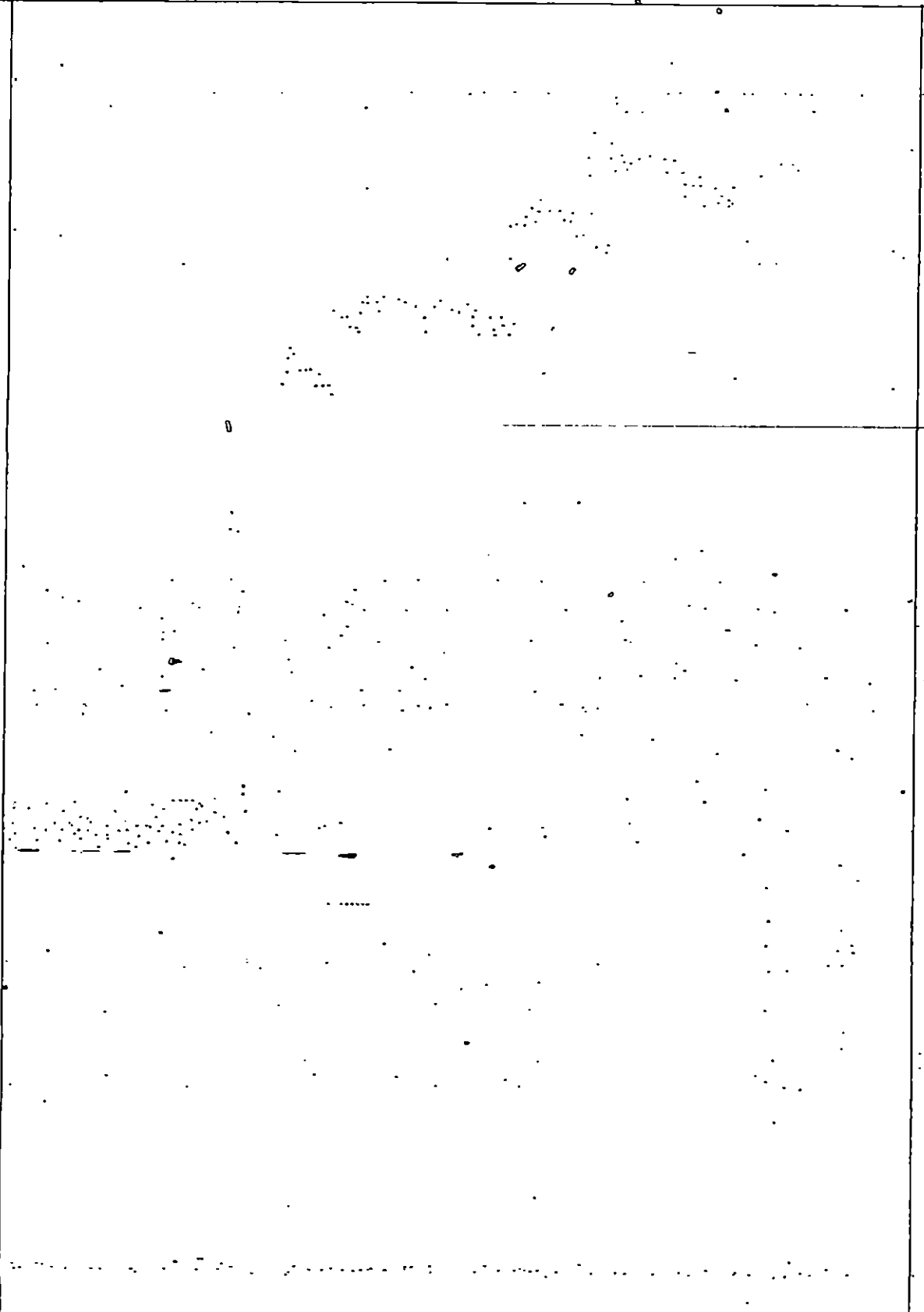
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People 'over-produce' pollution because they are not paying for the costs of dealing with it.

For last 4-5 years, North-west Brazil has witnessed a new trend. Business people in collusion with local people have been rapidly deforesting their millennium old pristine Amazonian forest in lieu of practicing cash crops (Soyabean, sugar). For them, this process involved no <sup>input</sup> cost and within 4 years, thousands of acres of forest land was cleared just by few hundred tribal people. End result being, the Brazilian government has to introduce for the first time - 'DROUGHT RELIEF' for them worth thousands of crores.

Remarks ~~on the~~ The govt. Kerala ignored the 2 Commission reports on U. Uthara To vacate 123 villages and now for the last 3 yrs the rain fall is less in Kerala (Hindia - Sep. 2017)

Had those people accounted for 1000 crores in advance, such situation would not have emerged.

Today, in our materialistic world every activity (economic) do produce some kind of pollution to the environment. With current technological developments, it can be argued that we are atleast few decades away, before we adopt the 'ZERO-WASTE' principles of production.

Hence, producing the pollution is implicit in any work. However, actual problems do not start when people do ~~not~~ produce but <sup>when they</sup> OVER-PRODUCE the pollution beyond their actual needs and requirements. It is mainly because they are

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not paying the actual cost associated with the pollution.

Taking examples from our daily lives (especially urban life) - for a middle-class person, activities like vehicle water washing, not switching off the electrical/electronic appliances and not letting an engine off during the red traffic light are trivial matter to be worried. As he/she can easily afford the water bill, electricity bill and fuel bill respectively. For him/her, water, electricity and fuel are just commodities to which he/she can buy - lots of fossil fuels.

But what about the water wastage and environment pollution (air pollution) he/she has been creating? What about the external

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refer UN report on per capita digg out of  
air pollution = also with report → **GS SCORE**

1.2 million  
people  
die every  
year.  
India  
overtaken  
China  
in this  
area

repercussions associated with his/her activities  
like some person dies due to air-pollution  
produced by him/her? The person is living  
a decent standard of life, but on account  
of poor standards of living of others.

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If a fraction of this cost of externalities  
is imposed on that person, then he/she  
could hardly think of using these products.

We have  
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create  
awareness of  
these  
statistics

It is the general tendency among humans  
to appreciate the costly and rare things  
and discriminate (disproportionately) exploit the  
cheap resources.

A classic case of Punjab State can be  
analysed here. A hearth of the green revolution  
in India, which was successful due to assured  
irrigation to farmers. Productivity and yield.

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quadruple within 10-15 years of this government  
 need mission | Since water is the essential input,  
 people preferred the 'TUBEWELL' mode of  
 irrigation over the 'canal' mode. | To ensure  
 food security, government subsidised the  
 electricity bill for the smooth operations of tubewells.

End result being, once called the  
 water resource rich state (a land of five rivers)  
 it has become drought prone areas, with water  
 table going beyond 800 m <sup>depth</sup> deep. Nearly free inputs

of electricity led to the rapid exploitation of the  
 groundwater. Also, concentration of few  
 heavy metals like arsenic and lead have become  
 too high that this area is also becoming

'CANCER' belt of India, far from 'wheat/maize'  
 belt of India.

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Instead you should have taken up river pollution — almost  
 all the rivers in India are facing the problem of pollution →  
 due to municipalities and industrial effluents flowing into

The inherent opportunity cost vis-a-vis environment pollution (Environment cost) is missing from the public discourse not only at individual level, but at national and international level.

Measures of development - GDP, GNI, GMP, HDI - do not factor the environmental cost in their calculations. If an mining industry dries the nearby lake and produces output (say iron-ore), it would be taken as positive development. It would not matter whether the same lake was the source of livelihood for local tribal people or how many fishes died because of it.

It can be argued that it is statistically

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The rivers causing health problems to the people. That is the reason the drinking water crisis came into existence. Now, the APEP court had to intervene on the

Impossible to associate <sup>allocate</sup> numbers (in terms of Rupees) to the environment. It is ~~very~~ subjective matter to calculate the economic value of the functions of environment. ✓

Let alone the ecological lake, a true value of simple one teak tree in deciduous forest of India is beyond human calculations. ✓

But this should not be the excuse for the rampant exploitation of the environment. One has to find the way out. The recent CAMPA act for compulsory afforestation with the fine ~~on~~

deforestation ~~is~~ is one such step. However minuscule, the fine on deforestation is better than nothing, and today we have around 40000 crores of fund, which could be utilised for afforestation. ✓

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Clean Ganga project which resulted in Rs. 20,000 crore project sanctioned by the Centre.

Apart from the prohibitory cost imposed by environmental cost over the products, some societies, do even over-produce pollution. For them, economic cost does not hinder them: for example, an average USA/UK/Australian citizen can still easily afford such environment cost.

Here, what is important is that they should be taught / imbued with the value system, where they should be appreciating their environment and consider themselves as the part of ecological system: Environment education is the key in such societies.

To conclude, people must understand that on this ship (Planet earth), all are crew.

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members, not the passengers, limiting their desires under control to their requirements will only promote the equitable development, for there is enough for everyone's need, but not the greed.

Good attempt 59.

- also includes deal air pollution, water and land and sound separately.
- impact of climate change on Agri production - a loss of 72,000 crm annually.
- ban on pesticides like ENDOSULFAN usage in KASARGOD (Kerala) even after ban by 80 countries after STOCKHOLM convention.
- Madhav Gadgil and Kasturi Rangan reports on Western Ghats and the latest position on its implementation.
- What CoI is doing - Atomic Power plants with investment of Rs. 500 crm
- Pollution in High seas
- Battery operated Cms & buses
- Paris pact
- Hazardous industries and WHT
- Audit

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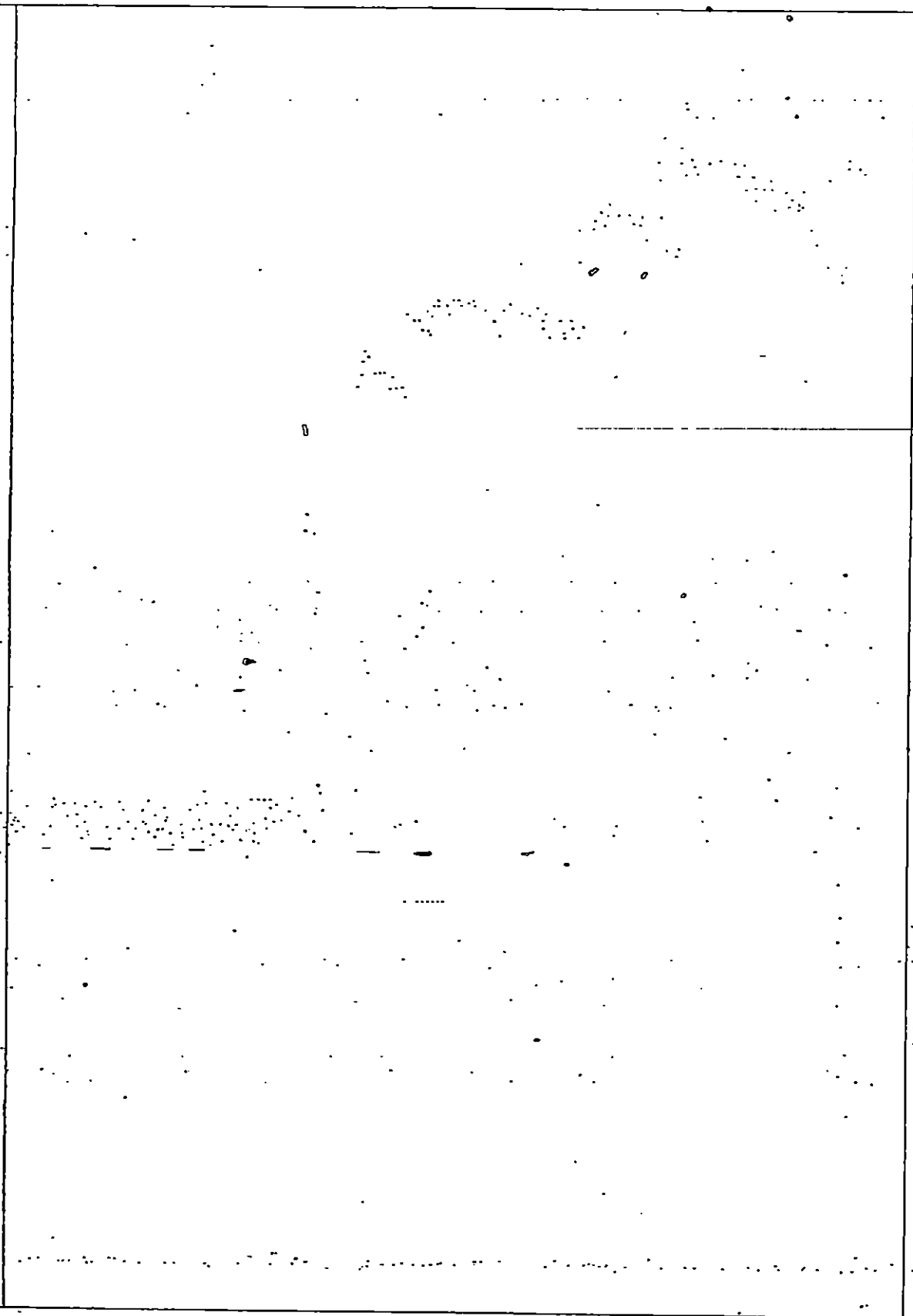
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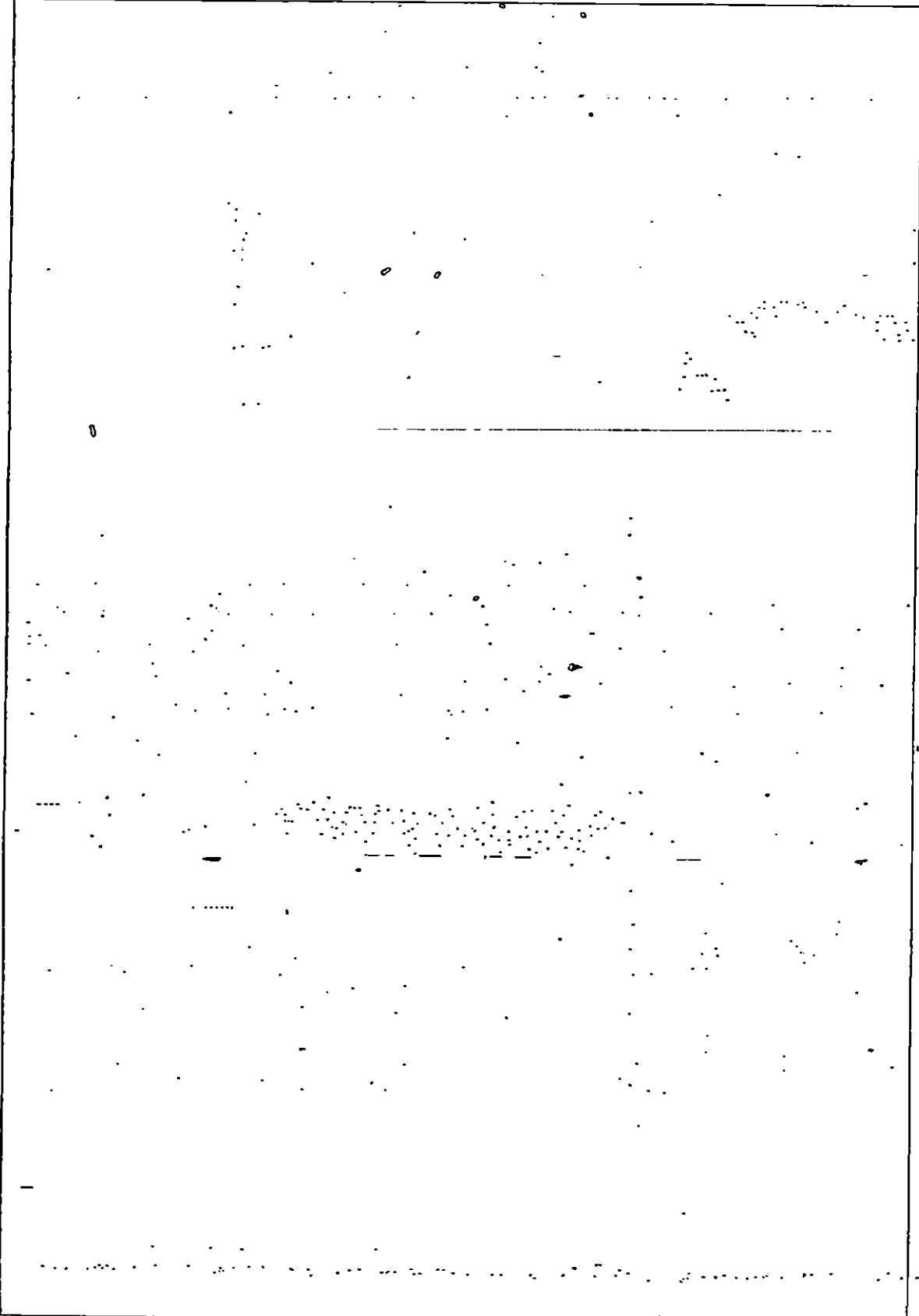


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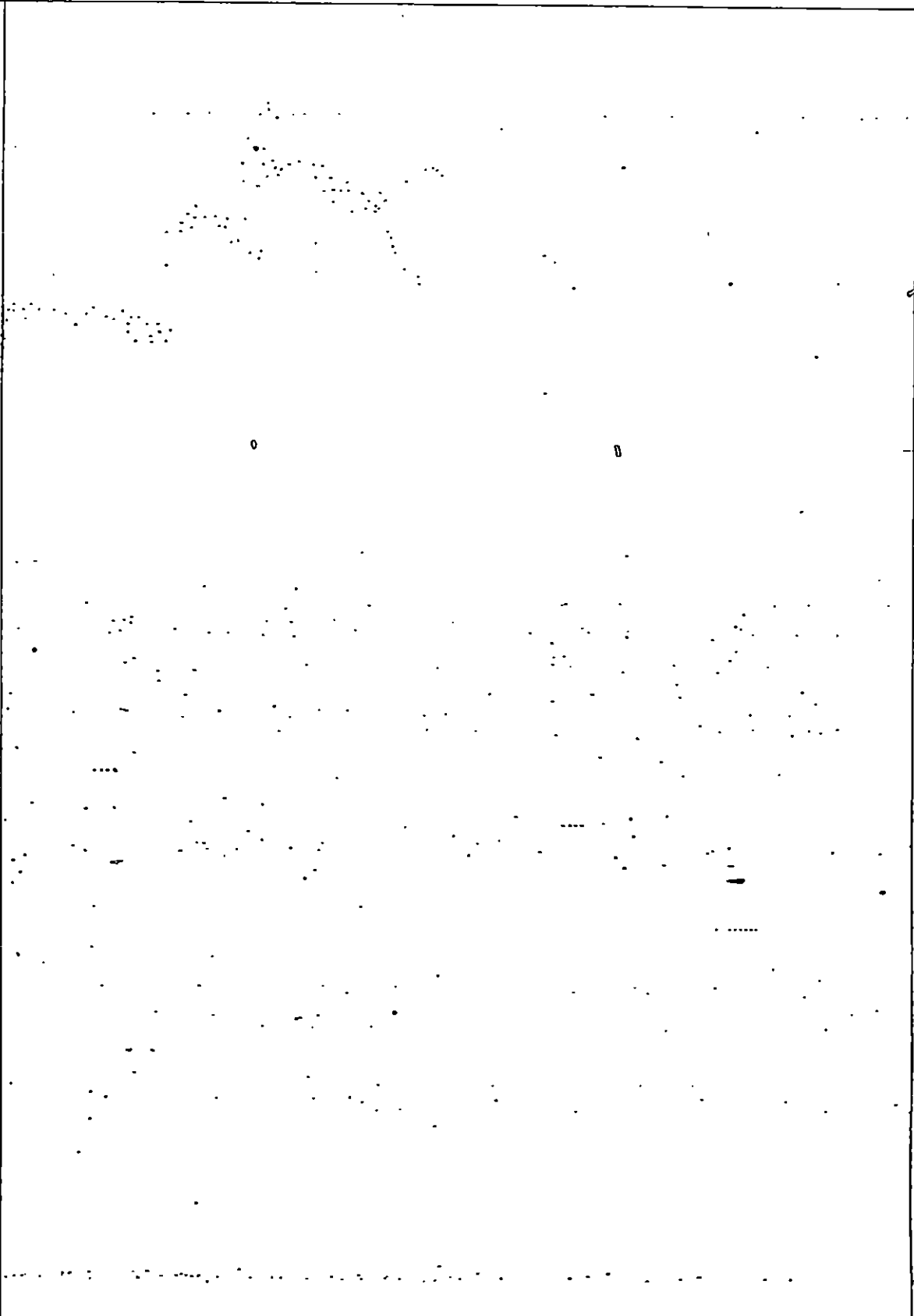
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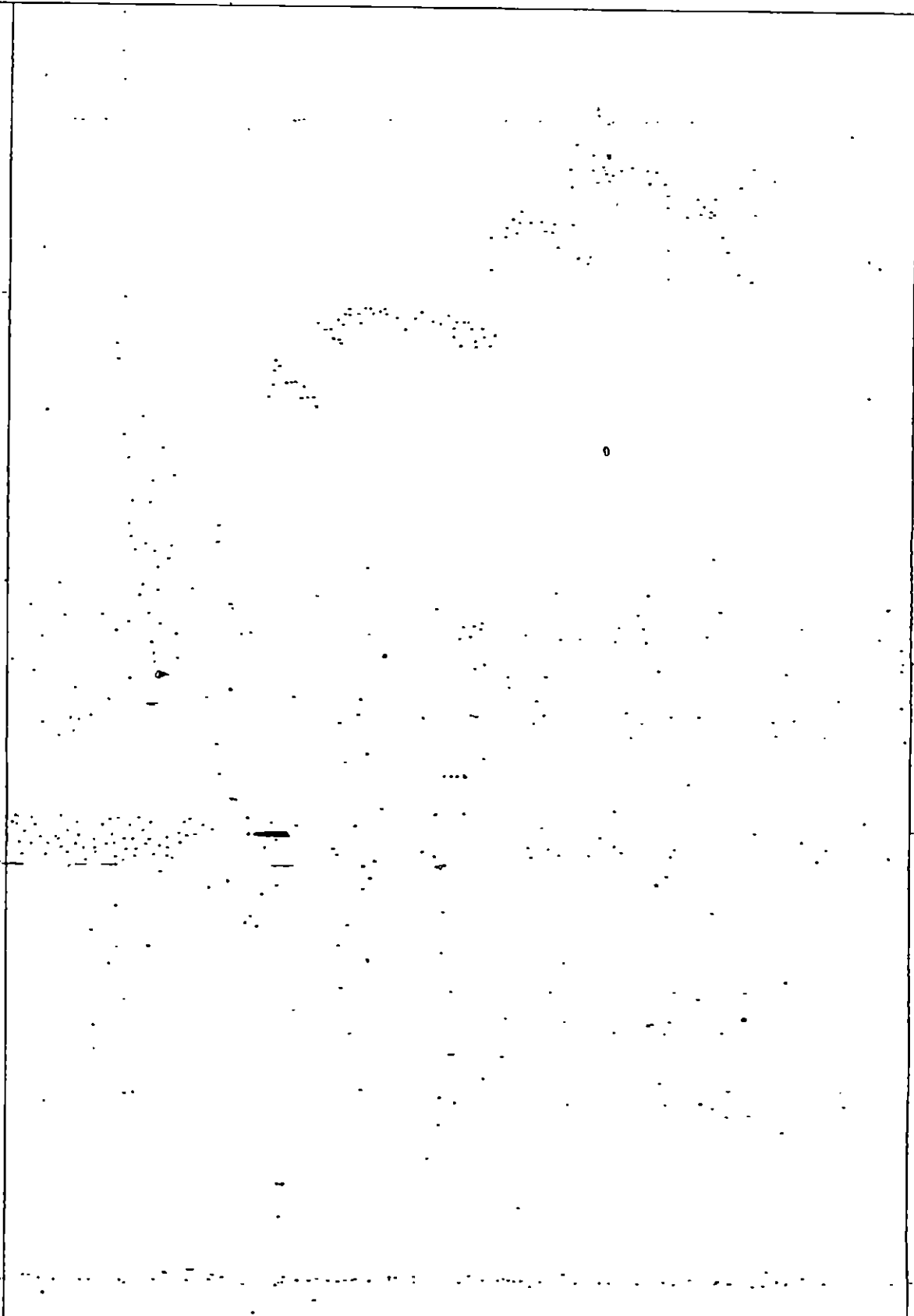
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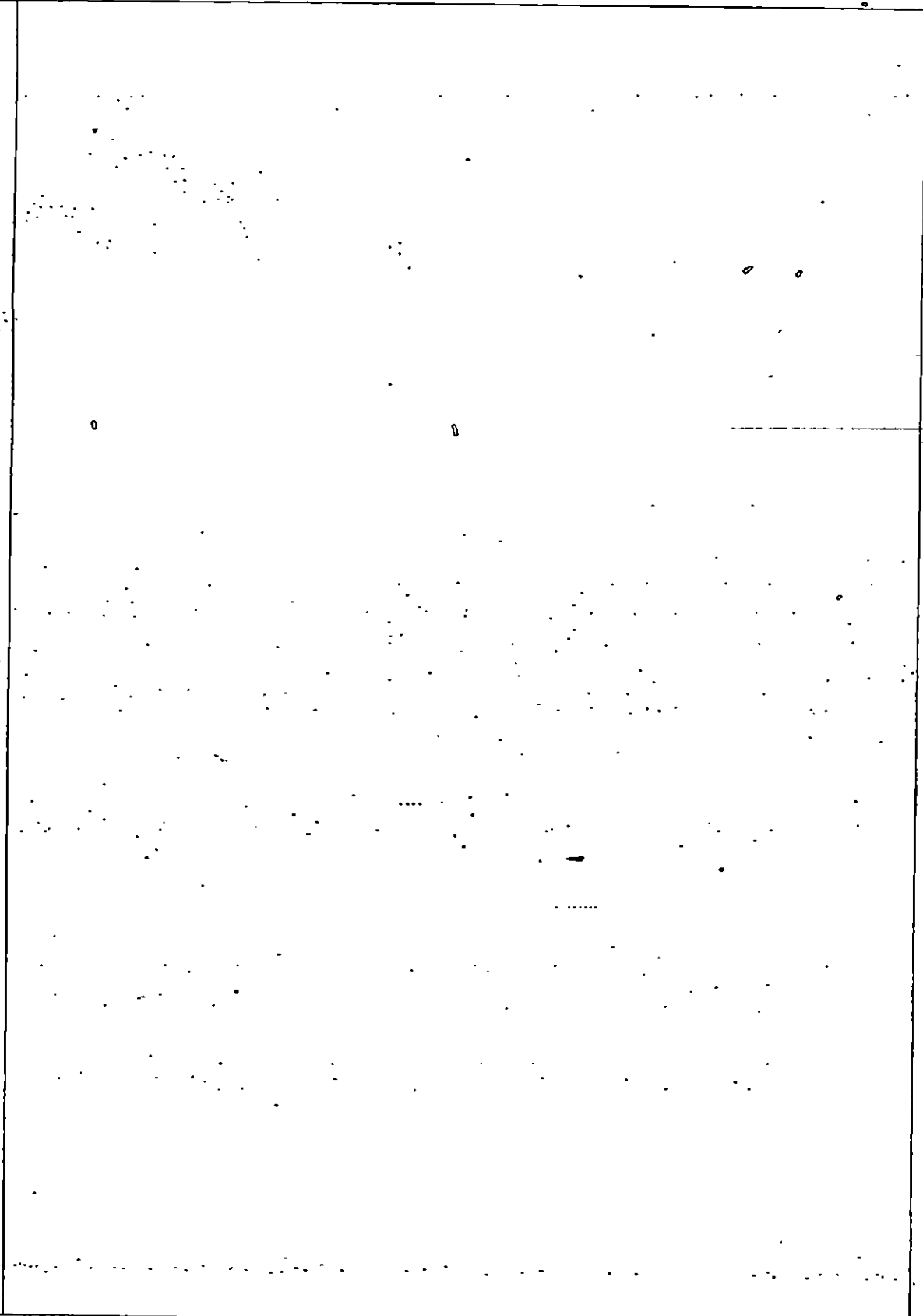
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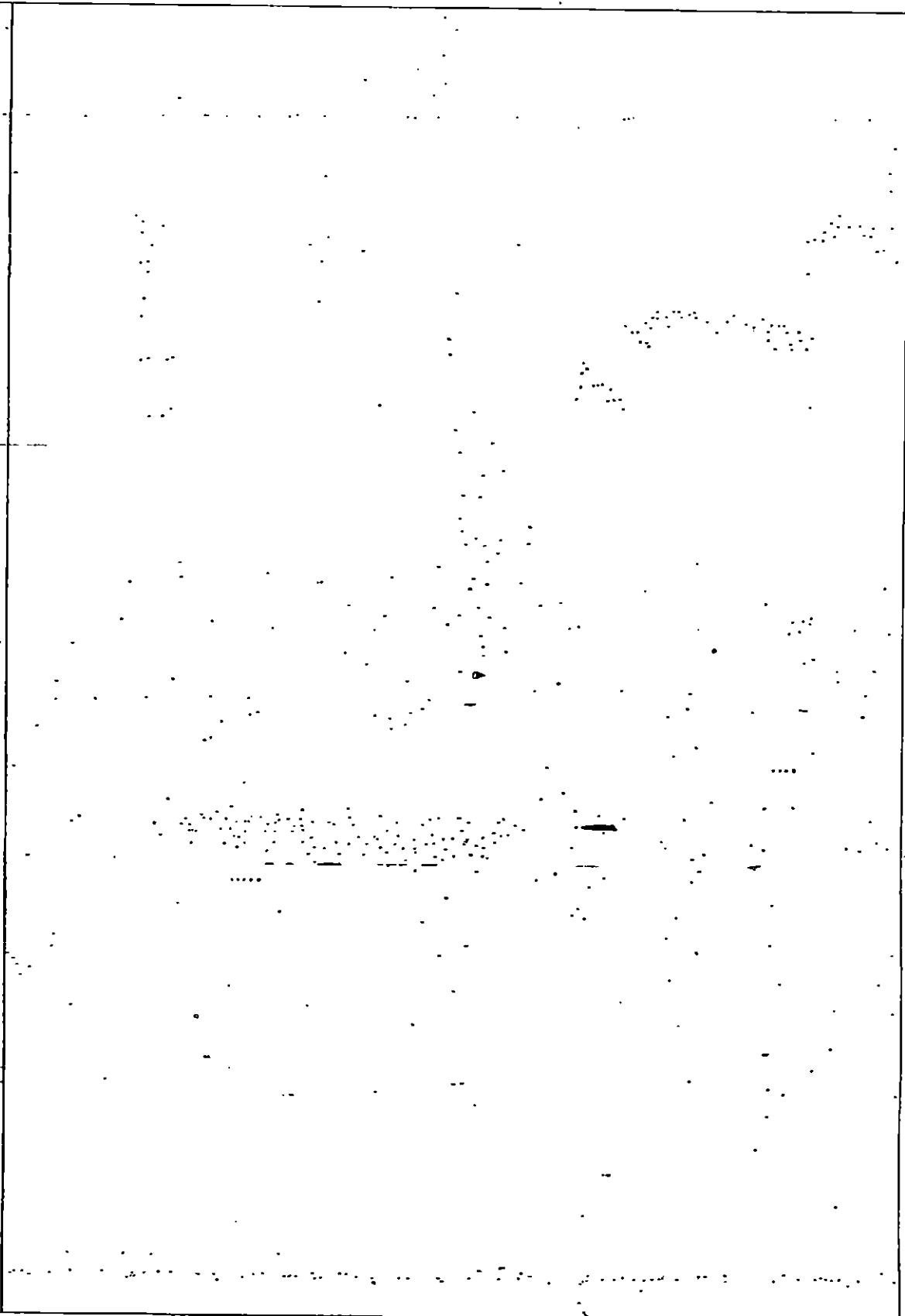
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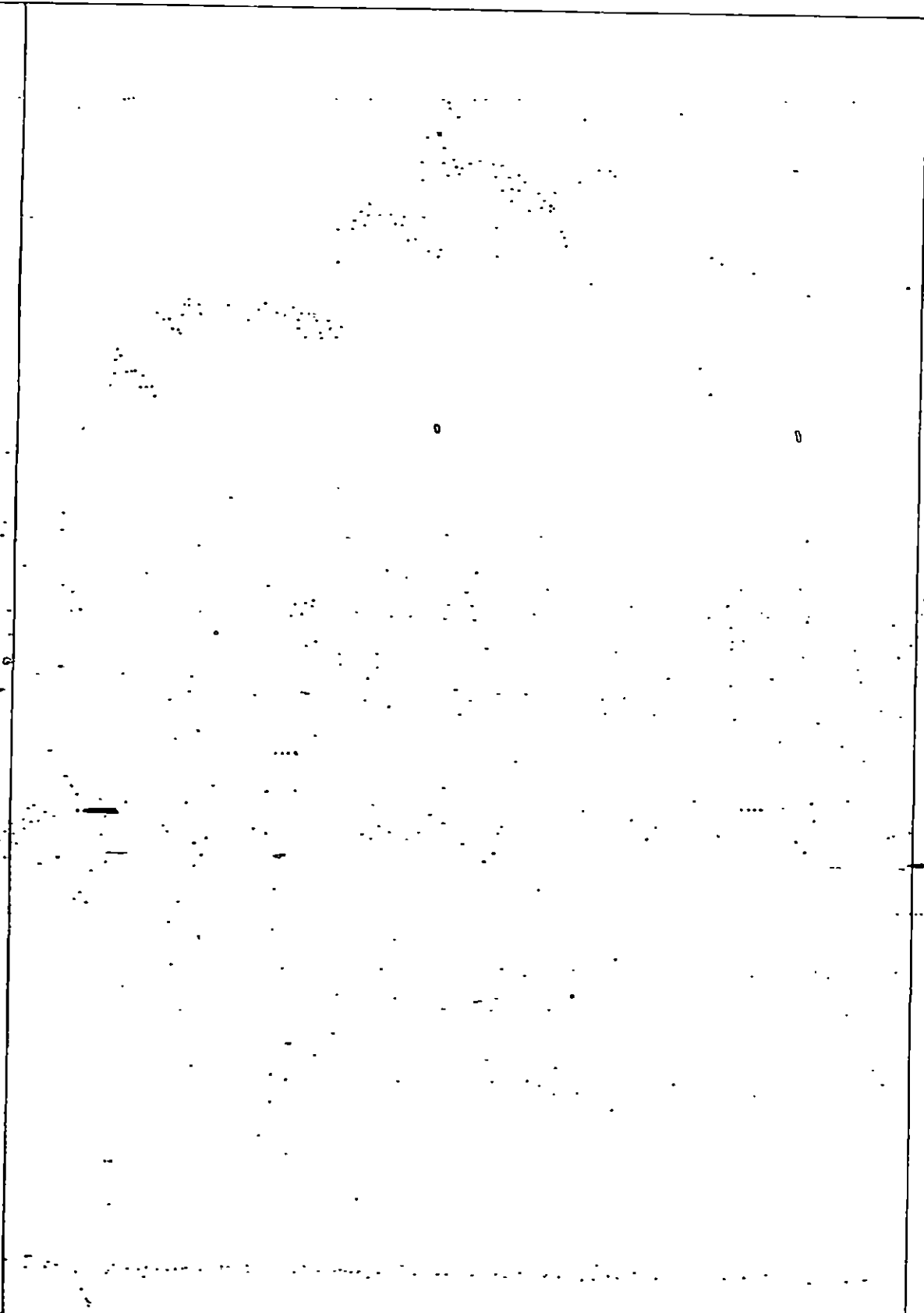
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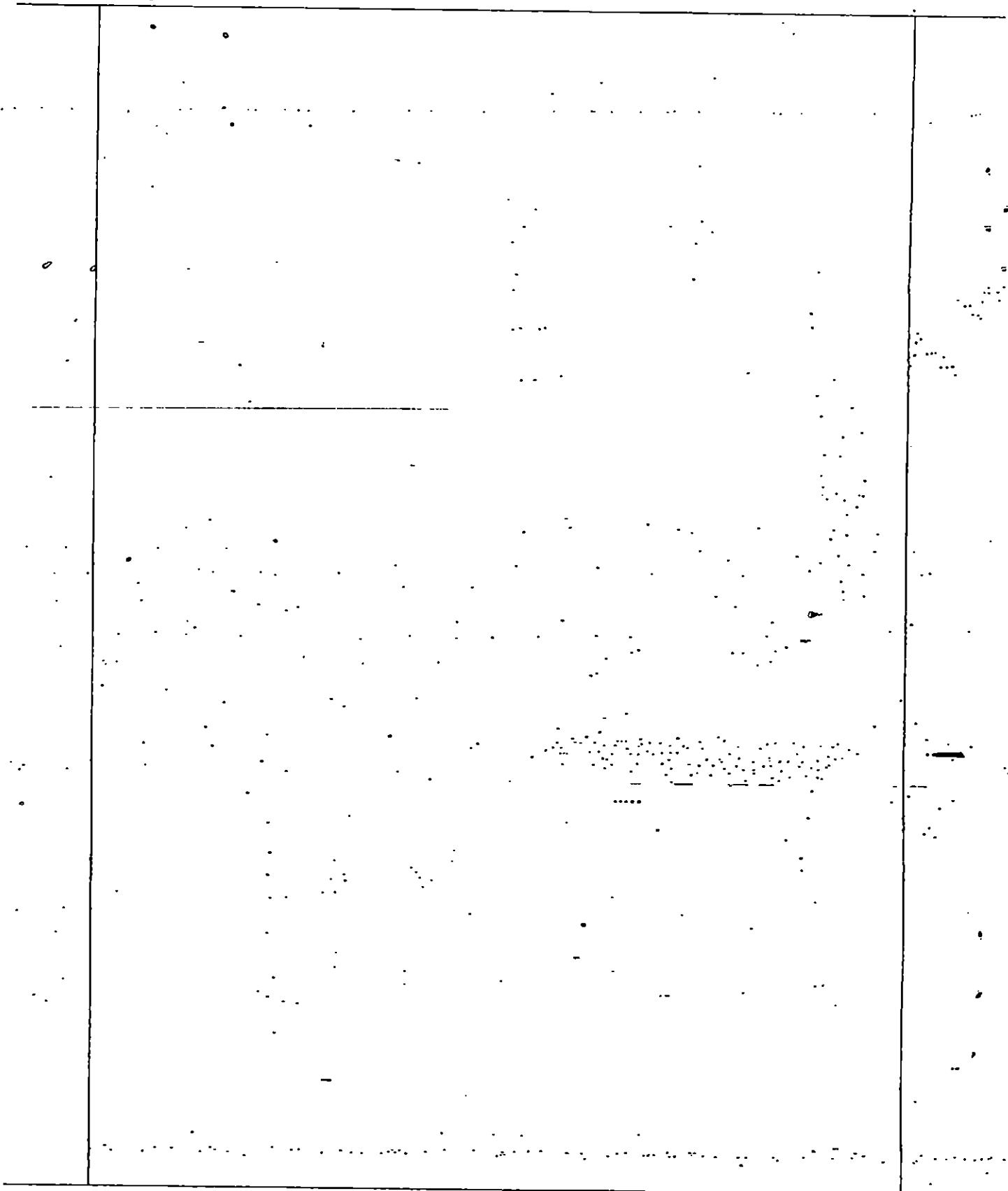
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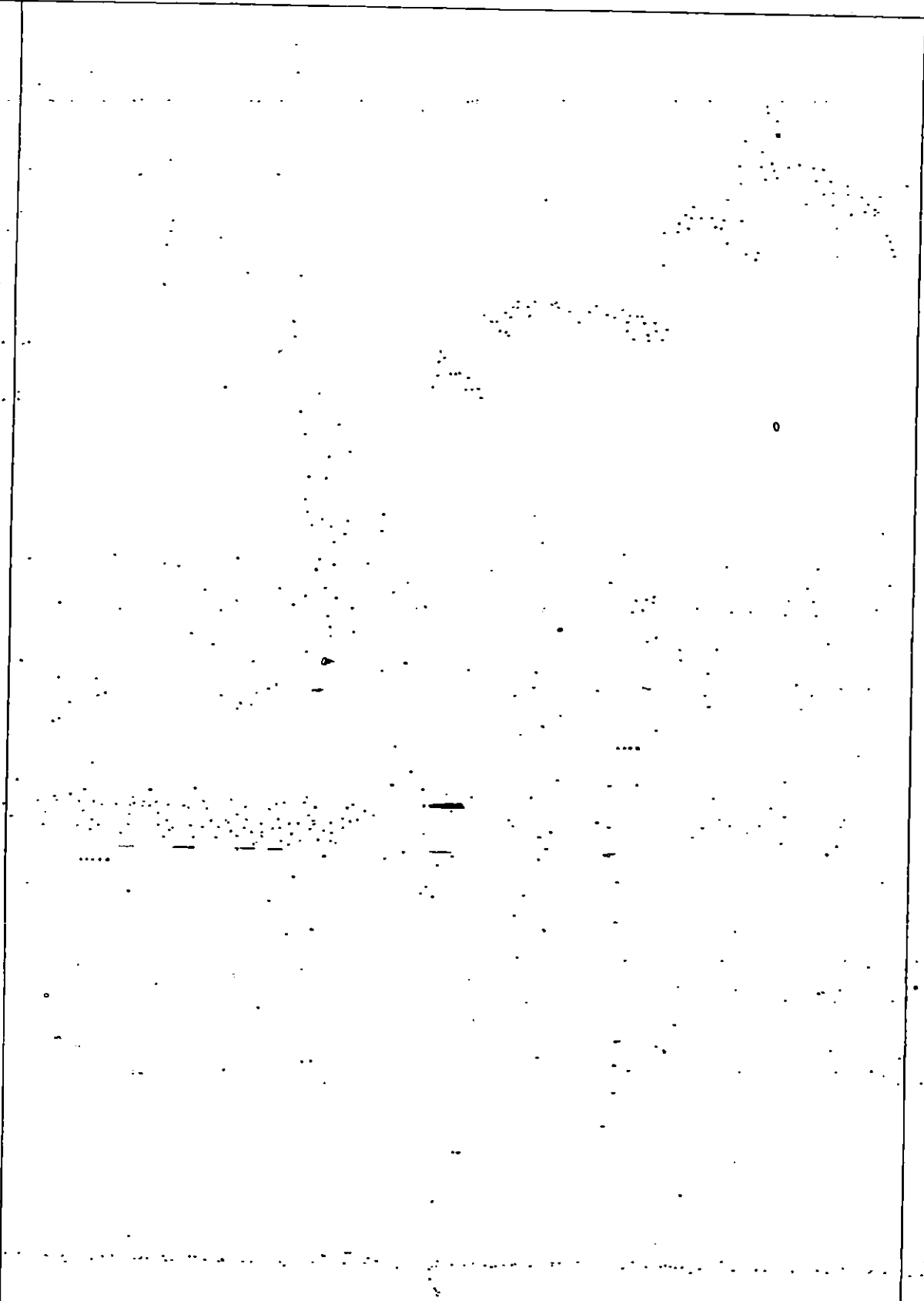


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→ Punjab → ground water extraction (subsidy)

→ GDP / HDI  
→ Environment / green budgeting

→ Adani Project  
↳ Coal Ref.

ethical dilemma

→ opportunity cost

Valley / USA / AI

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two way relationship

Sports / competition don't build character, they reveal it  
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Values

→ Phogat sisters - curiosity

→ Politics  
↳ power Lincoln  
↳ horse trading Polk Polk Polk  
↳ competition Election Manifesto  
↳ stealing

Sports  
- Jochin Pennington  
- Insanity / cricket  
- doping / cheating

→ Economic / Business  
- Imperialism / colonialism scrambled  
→ Oil companies use man as means  
→ China / India stand off  
↳ what you are practicing

USA / Russia  
↳ True nature  
↳ race  
Social

→ scandal / depressed

Environment  
→ Pogo plant

stream work  
If build too! → spirit to excel, innovate  
↳ healthy is essential.  
↳ sum of urgency / pushes beyond limit  
↳ boundary  
↳ failure,  
↳ forces others to copy / to take negative route  
↳ nuclear / chemical

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