

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 have taken the clue from the highlighted essays and relevant themes have been developed successfully. Variety of examples in support of your claim/analysis are good.

Weakness: In the first essay you have missed two dimensions which could have given more clarity on the main concept/topic.

Suggestion: suggestions provided inside. Conclusion of the first essay should have been more effective.

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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.

'The Material World is simply an expression of the mind'.

A man sitting inside a cave, his hands tied and with his back towards the entrance of the cave sees nothing but shadows of the outside world on the walls of the cave. He believes the shadows to be the reality. It is only when he ventures out of the cave that he can see the true source of light.

Through the above allegory of the cave, Plato tried to establish the supremacy of ideas over matter. According to him, what we believe to be real, the material world, is only a shadow. The true source is the light of ideas and our mind. To be able to realise this truth we need to have knowledge.

U. good int.

Remarks

If we believe in the power of the mind, we realise we can change the world around us. All things material have originated in the mind. It also helps us realise how we should not let the material world and material desires overpower us.

In this essay, we shall analyse the power of the mind and its ability to change the material world - for both the good and the bad. Then we shall discuss how it is that we can develop the mind so that its expression is beneficial for all. Further, we shall see what are the limitations of the mind - and what other factors contribute to the world around us.

Your belief becomes your thoughts,
 your thoughts become your words,
 your words become your actions, your actions become your values and your values become your destiny. ✓ By this great thought, Mahatma Gandhi expresses his

good grasp and able to understand the theme

Remarks

belief in the power of the mind
and its ability to change our destiny.

The United States of America, one of
the most powerful and developed nations
in the world today was once a colony.
It was the ideas of thinkers like Locke
and Montesque and leaders like Thomas
Jefferson that inspired the nation for liberty
in the American Revolution the first such
attempt in the world to build a democracy.
The USA of today is a mere expression of the
vision of its founders.

The mind expresses itself in various
forms. Ideas show both continuity and
change with time. The most direct
expression is perhaps seen in the realm of
art and culture. The paintings of the Ajanta
Caves created over a span of hundreds
of years beautifully depict the creativity
and beauty ideas as it evolved with time.

In fact, some of the biggest
challenges in the world can be met
with the combination of ideas and
commitment of the mind. When the ozone

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support your
understanding
study
analysis

another
dimension

Remarks

Climate

hole was discovered over Antarctica, all nations of the world came together with the Montreal protocol. The strength of conviction was such that the reduction of the ozone hole is already visible here, we can see the change in the material world that good leadership in the world could bring.

However, the mind is not infallible. It can be moulded and impressions can be cast that can cause concerns for humanity as a whole. 21st Century has seen a phenomenal rise in international

terrorism as The terrorists that who act as suicide bombers are young men whose minds are indoctrinated with hatred and extreme religious ideologies that they lose the ability to think for themselves, and the world loses innocent lives.

There are other forms of weak minds too. The increased prevalence of corruption in our society from the level of clerks to powerful leaders and Prime Ministers show how their material conditions are immaterial. Corruption while paying for supplies results into weak buildings of poor quality on one hand loss to public enrichment is also seen on another.

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Hence, we see there is a need to train minds from a very young age. Education is one way to ensure young minds can think critically. This education needs to be supplemented with moral values both in school and at home.

As one grows, factors like experiences and good leadership come into the picture. One is more likely to perceive the world in a way shaped by his or her own experiences in life. Aung San Suu Kyi, the present foreign Minister of Myanmar and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, grew up in a house where her father was the leader of the national struggle and grew up in a house where her entire family was killed by political opponents. Her struggle for democracy and her violent methods stem from these experiences. Her success can be credited to the strength of her purpose.

Even in homes and workplace, a good leadership can inspire people to work harder and achieve their goals in a better manner. Great leaders have the power to mould minds and inspire people for generations.

Remarks

However, the strength and conviction of the mind cannot be regarded as the only factor sufficient to influence the material world.

Remarks Ideas require hard work and dedication to transform into reality. Thomas Edison failed in hundreds of experiments before he could create the light bulb. Indian scientists at ISRO had been working for decades and had faced multiple failures before successfully launching the ASLV. Had any of them lacked this dedication, we would not see their fruits of labour.

Another factor can be an enabling environment. There are certain ideas which take time to materialize as they may be ahead of their times. During the Indian socio-religious reform movements or the Indian Renaissance, leaders like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidya sagar and the young group of Devotees demanded many reforms. Like abolition of sati, widow remarriage, female education. While some reforms translated into reality during their lifetime some are still work in progress. Female literacy even.

Remarks

today lags sufficiently behind male literacy rates.

Ultimately, the material reality is dependent on our will power and willingness to bring change. Both play equally important roles. During the cold war that lasted for more than half a century, for some time there existed positive relations between the US and # Russia. It negated the idea that the two states are inherently conflictual. Even with respect to India and Pakistan, it is said that good relations are possible if two nations change the frame with which they perceive each other.

To conclude, we can quote Italian scholar Vico who believed that natural world is made by God and social world is made by humans. It is a very constructive thought because it implies that humans themselves have the power to change the conditions and relations around them.

abstract
conclusion

Remarks

It is a negation of the Indian mythological concepts like 'kalyug' which imply that every successive period in history is worse than the other. When we accept that the material world is nothing but our own creation, we develop a sense of belongingness and responsibility towards it. Hence, it leads to a greater desire for change and may lead to peace in society.

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- Your essay contains good intro and many dimensions related to the main body. ✓
- You should also consider how two people perceive differently of the same thing for example - a movie - different opinions will come
- people believe war is necessary to protect the country and to give message to others - some people think that war is not necessary evil. Causes human loss
- context of Indian Heritage and belief system, which focuses on spiritual upliftment, instead of experience of material world.
- east in general was less materialistic than the west (Hinduism/Buddhism; MAYA)

Remarks - differences between religions

- differences between major ideologies

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2 'In the era of post truth fact depends entirely on the power of men who can fabricate it'

'Post truth' is the new buzz word of our times, so much so that the Oxford dictionary regarded it as the word of the year in 2016. The context was the rise in post truth politics in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The rapid rise in the importance of the phenomenon demands an adequate understanding of its consequences, implications and limitations.

However, before understanding the term 'post truth' it is important to understand truth. Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest exponent of truth and non violence, whose political programme was based on satyagraha (insistence for the truth) himself declared that he did not know the meaning of truth. He called his autobiography 'Experiments with truth' and his life a means to realise truth.

best example to start with the introduction

Remarks

Therefore truth, too may be regarded as subjective in many ways. However, it is a sacred ideal that all try to obey. In the practical sense, one equates truth with facts - some irrefutable aspects of knowledge that are universally acceptable as they are based on concrete evidence.

Post truth, therefore, is based on the idea that facts are not important. Post truth focuses on emotions and passions, ignoring and undermining facts. Hence, it does not try to be universal, but attempts to influence individuals in different ways.

In this essay, we shall try to analyse the various dimensions of post-truth and the root cause behind its emergence and spread. We shall also see where there are certain conditions where post truth are unable to undermine concrete truth and try to give suggestions to deal with this phenomenon.

good analysis of the central theme

Remarks

Here mention the example of BREXIT and US elections, wherein both sides relied on half-truths or unverified information, sometimes even blatant lies.

The most important consequence of the emergence of post-truth is that it undermines truth. Not only do people start believing lies and misrepresentations as reality, when confronted, they also deny the existence of objective truth. This is problematic as real facts get buried under piles of post-truth lies affecting public perception and even justice.

The biggest example is perhaps the recent Presidential elections in the USA. In the long process of nomination of candidates till final voting, there were a number of online articles regarding the major candidates that either glorified or demonised them and were based on controversial facts. Data from social networking site Facebook suggests that these articles were viewed by millions of people. Further, many of these were picked by traditional media often without being able to establish their authenticity. These ideas were also discussed by the candidates in their election debates. The example of US shows the different layers to the issue.

Remarks

and contributions of various stakeholders without realising the possible consequences.

In the United Kingdom during Brexit referendum, there was a direct use of past truth politics. Leaders both pro and anti-Brexit based their arguments on immigration data that was often unsubstantiated. For example, the both sides used the argument of the European immigrants and their impact on job creation to prove their respective stands. It was the role of passionate speeches based on flimsy facts that is blamed for the decision for Brexit that surveys claim may voters now regret.

In India, we see the role of messaging applications like WhatsApp that was or used to forward false claims. During demonetisation, its impact was visible as it rumours were used to create panic among people regarding availability of food grains to the technology of new notes. These cannot be regarded as some mischievous elements but targeted attempts at undermining public order.

Nothing but how post-truths become possible very good

Remarks and analysis

Many dimensions of post truth are driven by monetary concerns. It is easy to spread lies to mixed with emotions that give quick dividend and to not worry about consequences. In a recent TV commercial, a mobile network brand claimed to have the fastest internet speed, something that was protested by other firms. Yet once the commercial reached its intended audience, its later consequences did not matter. fabricate the facts/truth

There are various structural and implementation and attitudinal reasons behind the recent spread of post truth and the undermining of facts.

Firstly, there is a lack of trust in traditional media. Where the eyes go, the mind also goes there is a leaf out of Greta's knowledge. It underscores the impact of what we see in the media. Yet media houses are owned by corporate entities and their political connections are unknown. There is a polarisation in media towards different political ideologies. This forces people to look for alternative sources of information. good grip of the central theme

Remarks

The rise of internet has not been accompanied by digital literacy. Digital India does not focus on explaining to people the dos and don'ts of internet. Therefore people have smart phones and access to social, networking sites but they are not aware of the credibility of many sources.

The internet also offers anonymity. Therefore fake websites carrying questionable content can spread views as news without facing any action. The garb of freedom of speech is often used that makes the issue complicated.

There also exists a lack of internet governance mechanisms. Social networking sites are not ready to take the blame for spreading fake news and government central over them is minimal especially with respect to those with their servers located outside a country. On top of this, cyber security laws are weak and old, offering little protection to consumers from forms of fake news.

Remarks

However, this does not mean that post truth will always be able to negate the validity of truth. Men may have the power to spread false information so facts but he is also limited by the power of people searching for truth.

India's national emblem is accompanied by the slogan 'Satya meva Jayate' or 'truth always triumphs'. Taking this idea forward, some public spirited men have started websites like SM Koon Sloger and Boomfact Check which check media reports, social media forwards, etc for their validity and help people.

Moreover, post truth cannot undermine reason in men. Modern men - live in the time of rationality and emotional appeals can also only make a limited impact.

However, there is a need to take proactive measures to check the growing menace. It is important

Remarks

to fund and support independent media that promotes value based journalism. At the same time, transparency mechanisms for traditional media should be in place without undermining their independence. Sunlight should be treated as the best disinfectant. Good people

It is also true that the younger generation is more adept at understanding the nuances of post truth and propaganda. They must be further educated to differentiate between truth and post truth along with a campaign by the I.B ministry to educate the adults.

Money and power can help control content over media and also the elections

Also, a mechanism should be in place that penalizes blatant lies while people tend to have a means to vote out a politician through elections, a strict enforcement mechanism to fact check perpetuation of lies should be analysed.

In the end, we should keep our faith in the power of truth.

Remarks

and not get distracted by the
 weight of the paraphernalia around it.
 The truthfully are rewarded
 appropriately from the beginning. Post
 truth may not seem as a big hurdle.
 The power of man to create their
 own facts exist but it is magic
 in front of the power of mankind
 to build institutions to undermine it.

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 Well
 Conceived Essay
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- In the conclusion mention the dangers because of this,
 particularly some techniques can also be used against
 mankind, as we have observed with brain washing of
 young Muslims by ISIS and convert them into terrorists.

- discuss individually - face book / twitter - Blogging -
 corrupt media and Fake news.

- CONCLUSION

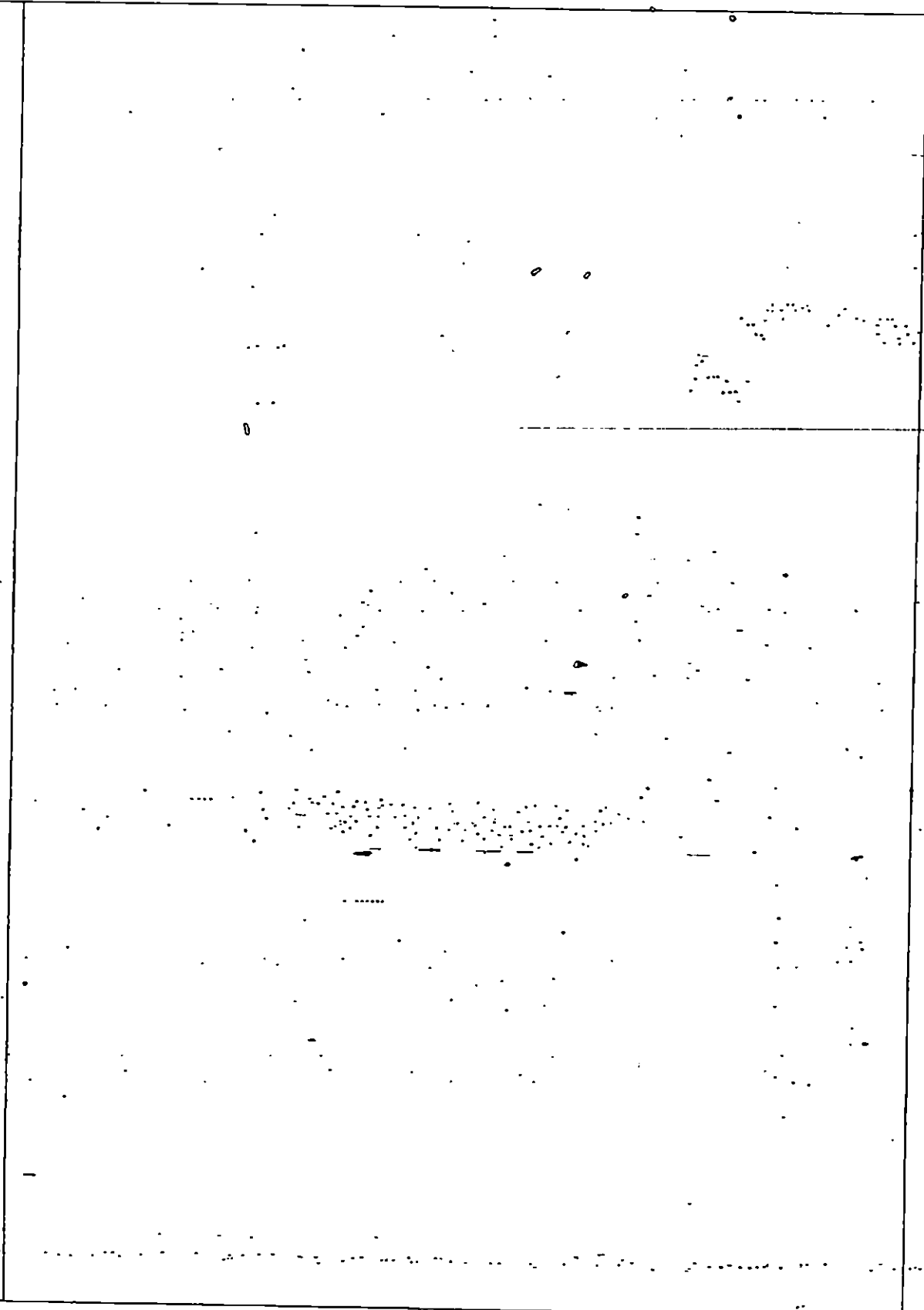
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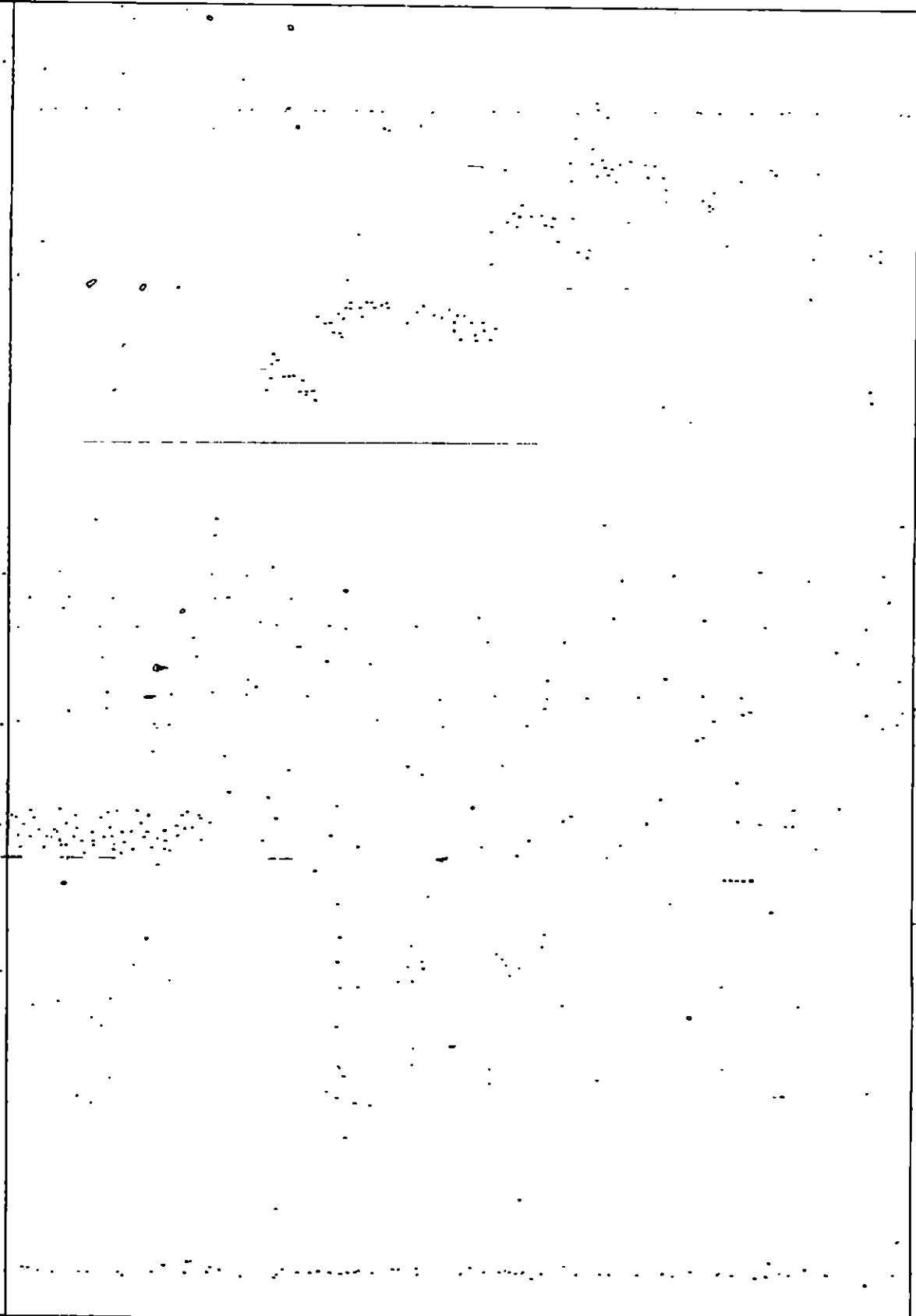
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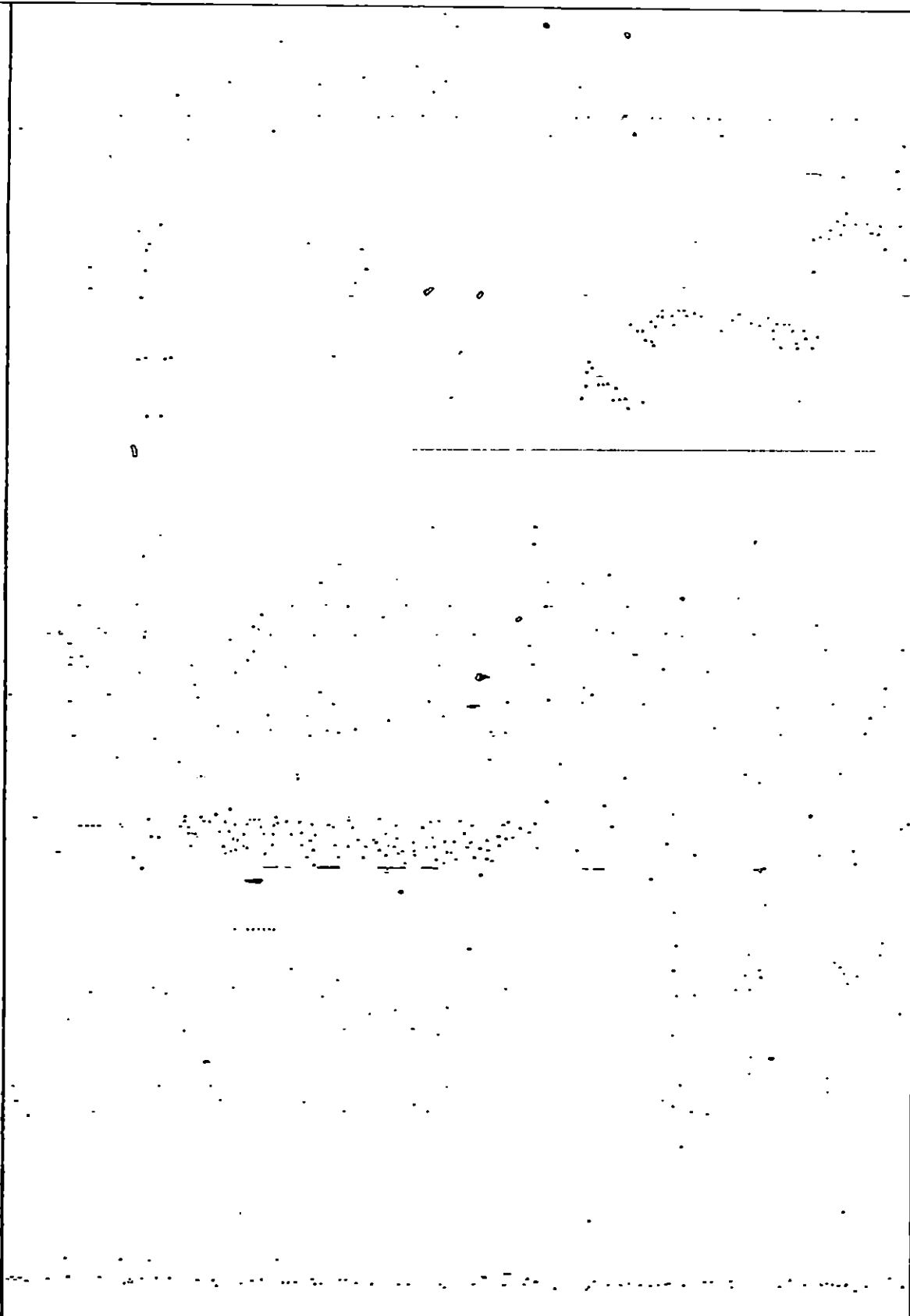
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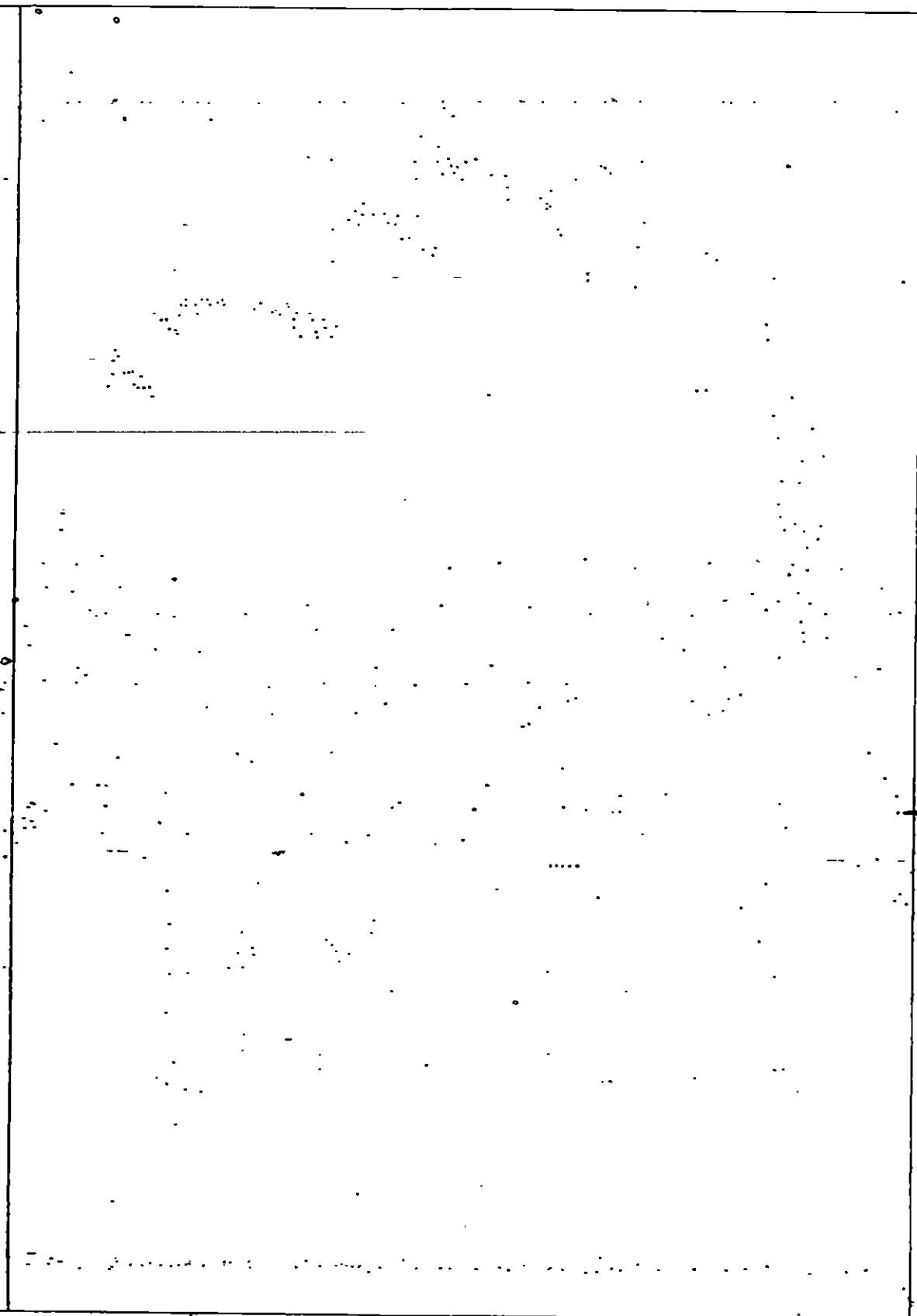
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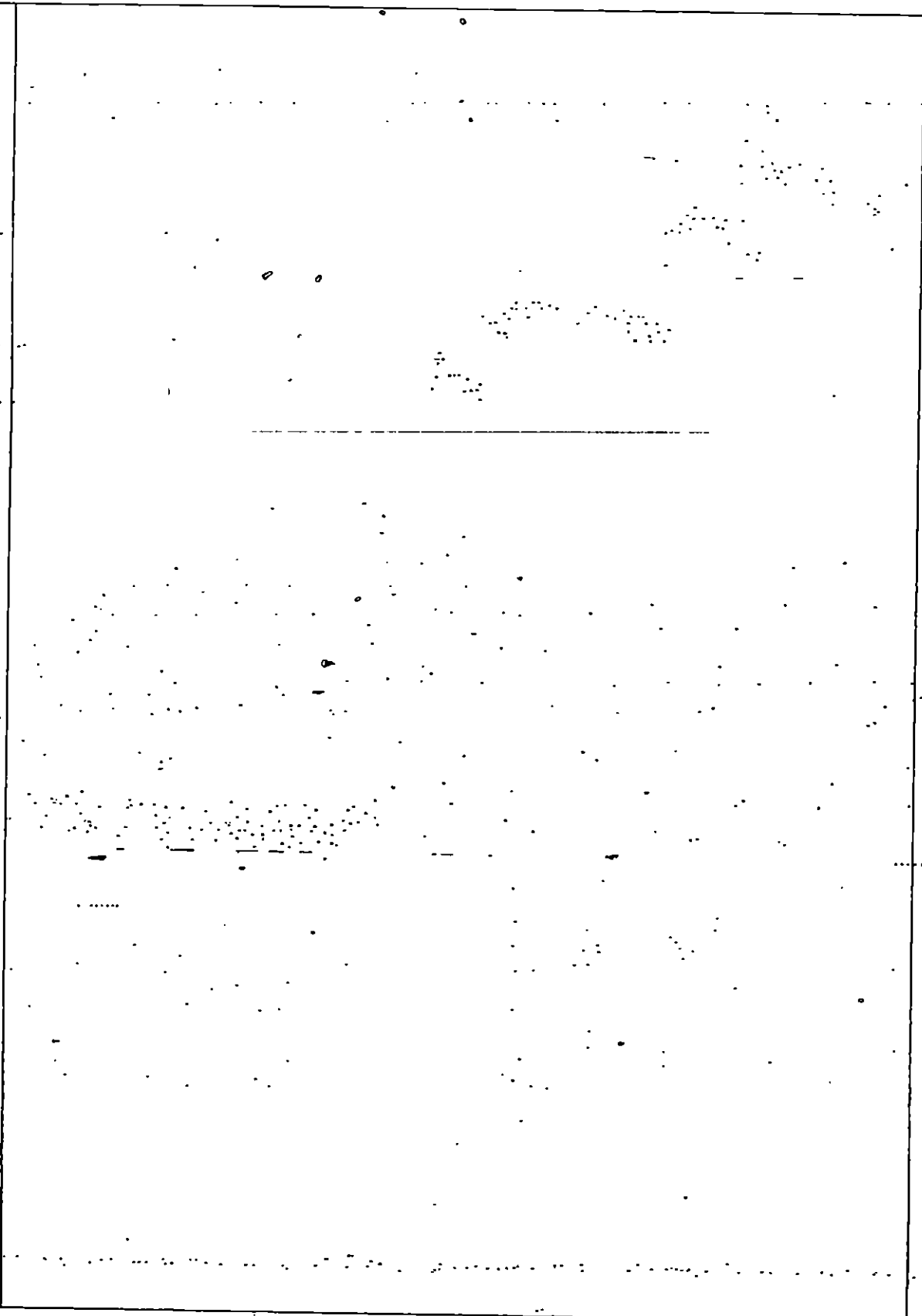
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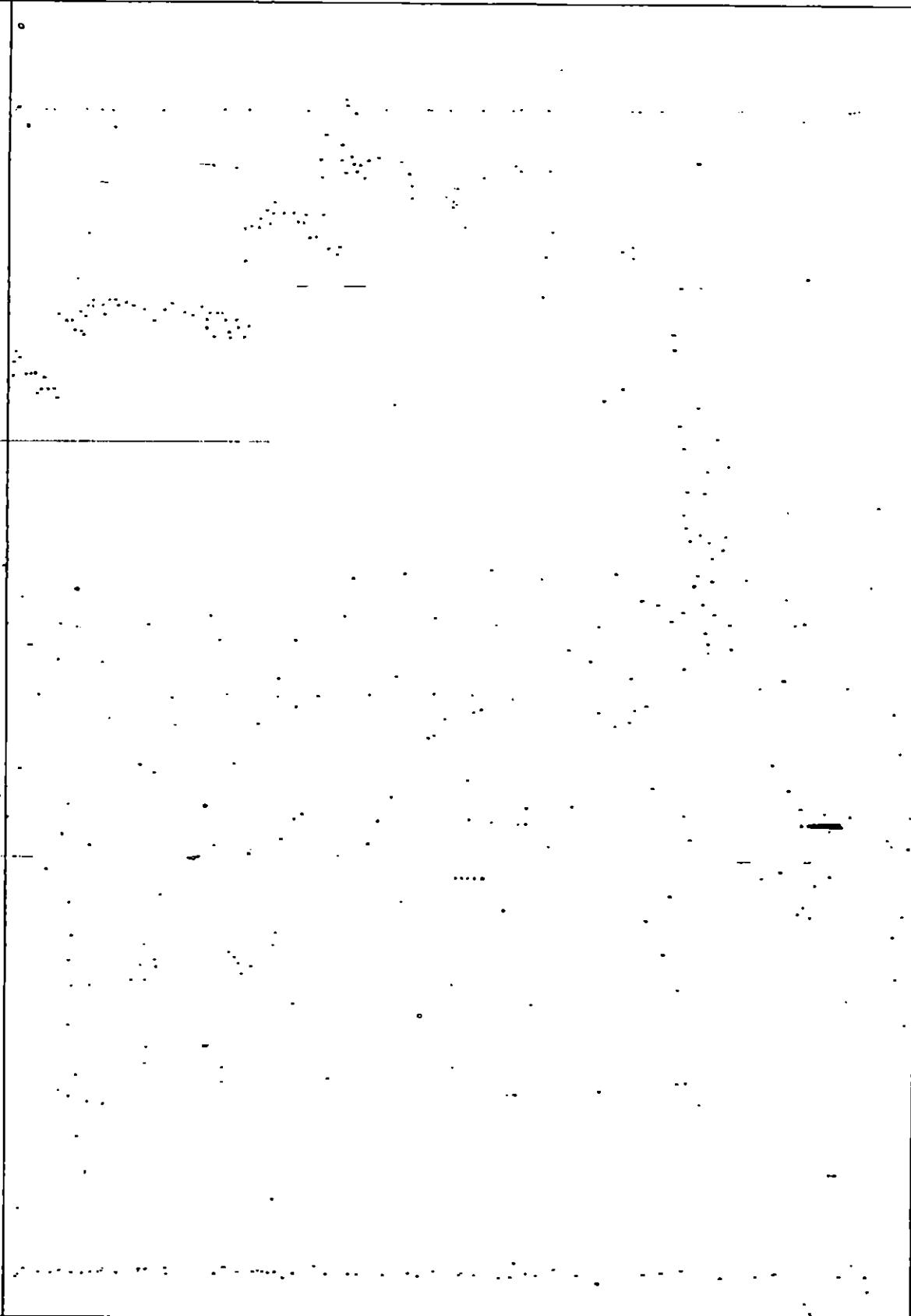
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In the era of post truth facts depend entirely on men who can fabricate it.

Greeks - Eyes → mind

Politicians

Interest

Media responsibility

Confidential

electronic

interact literacy

truth

violence
hated
xenophobia

fact checking

Man = ~~creativity~~

Critical thinking
facts

How to check
educate
children

Whatsapp

demonstration

What is truth
Post truth

Cardus - experiment & truth

Reasons - lock of truth is traditional media

Consequences

Limitations

Not entirely

way forward

Benefit checker;
Just pay independent media
Educate children/parents → critical thinking
Perceive lying

Conclusion → Out let it change reality

Post truth
undermining
truth

Remarks

Consequences

①

- ① undermines truth - insp of media
- ② political elections - Trump ; Brexit
- ③ or hatred
- ④ whatsapp campaigns
- ⑤ Marketing gimmick - Intel Ads on internet

Reasons

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Loss of ~~faith~~ ^{trust} in ~~media~~ ^{trustworthy}

②

Anonymity

③

Low of internet literacy with fact checks Digit India

④

Low of internet governance / cyber laws ; rules

Limitations

①

Can undermine trust

fake news

Social

History IR

Remarks

The material world is simply an expression of the mind.

① Allegory of cars → Photos

Change to

Personal level

materialism

Science/tech

Wars → mind

Leadership/vision

peace → mind

→ Cold war

Thoughts → Action
quote Gandhi

Material world is ideas

② Explain → How prog imp of education
↓
honing mind Challenge

③ Relevance imp
→ change mind
in our heads

- Hist → American Revolution
- Social → India + Renaissance
- Pol → Ghandi
- Eco → Green Revolution

Divide

Bad ②

Good ①

Corruption
Terrorism

Education
Family values
Empowerment
Leadership

④ Not only mind
other factors

⑥ Conclusion

Empowering thought
Wages Indira Gandhi
Malays

- Green → Leadership, mat
- Inter → Cold war
- Security → terr
- Env → materialism
- Prog
- Sc → Art / Paintings
- Culture

⑤ → Hard work/dedication
→ Enabling environment
Sc
Social

Tagore - Everything is if we create capacity to reach

Remarks