

ESSAY MOCK TEST

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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SECTION - A

1. Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism.
2. Politics is the art of choosing between the disastrous and unpalatable.
3. People are sheep. TV is the shepherd.
4. Chanakya may have been from India, but its Indians who never followed his advice

SECTION - B

1. Life teaches us many lessons, but the final lesson is, there is no final lesson.
2. A Nation can remain free, as long as it continue to be the home of brave.
3. Yesterday's score doesn't win you game today.
4. The true mystery of the world is the visible, and not the invisible.

Fighting Corruption is not just good governance but also self defense and patriotism.

Corruption has been prevalent in Indian Society since ancient times. Chanakya, the great ancient scholar wrote extensively on the issue of corruption. He recognised corruption as the root cause of downfall of any empire. He emphasised on a rule based society where corrupt should be effectively punished and should not be let off at any cost. However, Indian Society did not see much reform. Father of Nation MK Gandhi promoted simple living based

on needs and not acting on greed. Even Rajiv Gandhi famously held that only a small portion of government provided benefit reaches common man, rest is collected by corrupts.

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In recent Transparency International Report, India was among the worst countries in terms of corruption.

As evident, corruption is still a major cause of concern in Indian Society.

It affects us at all levels be it individual or societal. The image of India in global politics is not good in terms of transparency. Developmental Deficit which is a feature of Indian Society is partially due to corruption.

There is also a trust deficit in common people that state has not done enough for their welfare. The "Sab Chhattai" Approach reflects the cultural aspect of corruption where it is a new normal for a person to do corrupt practices, or to face corruption. There is ignorance towards corruption which needs to

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end as corruption affects everyone in the society. Fighting against corruption is actually a self defence as it is equivalent to fighting for our rights. However, in order to root out corruption, its manifestations at different levels need to be tackled.

Corruption at Individual Level

Occurs when an individual takes decisions for his own gains overlooking the interest of others and society. It devoids the individual of compassion, empathy and sense of responsibility towards society. Corruption is like a black hole which has no end. It will keep on increasing the greed. Individual who is exercising power must have a strong moral fibre to avoid the gains from corruption. It is said that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

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Hence, it is important for individuals to stay posted on their goal of working for welfare rather than personal gains.

It is also the responsibility of citizens to not offer bribe in lieu of services, to not go for shortcuts but follow official procedure. It is also the duty of citizens to vote for honest leaders and vote out corrupt candidates from politics. As Gandhi said, Be the change you want to see in the world. Hence, transformation starts from self.

An honest citizen when achieves a position of power should work for the welfare, should not follow others in pursuit of personal gains. It is required to tackle corruption at individual level first. Change can only take place from base.

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Corruption in the society is evident from the fact that it is abnormal for a government department to work without ~~corruption~~ corruption. It has become a cultural phenomenon where general ignorance towards corruption has made it a new normal. Bribes are common and people thinks it is a part of the system. The morality of individuals promoting corruption has significantly affected the ethics of our society. Corruption is leading to exploitation of the weaker sections of the society. They are not represented in proportion to population. They are still being exploited and due to corruption, they are denied their basic rights. Corruption is an evil in a just society and perpetuates other forms of evil like violence, intolerance in the society.

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Corruption in spheres like Sports, Religion has led to various issues like lack of opportunities for sports, use of Drugs and performance enhancers, commercialisation of Religion where institutions demand money by hitting at religious beliefs. Corruption has led to environmental issues as projects are being cleared by government departments which will greatly affect and degrade the environment without proper Environmental Impact Assessment. The infamous Coal Allocation Scam overlooked environmental concerns in many coal blocks.

Corruption had badly affected India's image in global politics. India is seen as a country with an inefficient corrupt system of bureaucracy.

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~~Lee~~ Lee Kuan Yew, father of Singapore analysed what India lacked which stopped it from becoming a superpower. He could only find out the reason to be corruption. China implemented its policies with transparency and control and hence succeeded. Hence, he held that unless India reforms its society, system and get rid off corruption, it will be impossible for her to be a superpower.

The multiparty democracy where there is a greater role of regional parties has also led to policy paralysis and corruption. Economic Inequality, Developmental Deficit, Slow Service Delivery, Judicial Pendency can all be improved if corruption is tackled.

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Fighting Corruption is perceived as self defense as corruption affects everyone.

It is not a process limited to an individual. As evident, it spreads in a society and perpetrates other forms of evil. Corruption is an antithesis to democracy and hence, it preaches inequality, injustice and selfishness.

If one does not speak up against injustice done to poor, he is bound to suffer injustice at later stage.

Patriotism is not only about rising for National Anthem and respecting National Symbols. It ~~is~~ is about fighting against the evils prevalent in society and it is necessary to fight corruption. Corruption is actually defeating the idea of selfless service. It is defeating

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the idea of ~~the~~ India given by our freedom fighters.

Government in order to empower citizens and deal with the issue of corruption has enacted laws like Prevention of Corruption Act, provided Citizen Charter and actively pushing for Digital delivery of services through Digitization. These methods are necessary and Use of Information and Communication Technology is bound to reduce corruption. However, these efforts are not enough as much needs to be done to bring societal changes. Laws are useless unless implemented well and supported by Society.

Activism is needed to fight ignorance towards corruption. Recently, there has been a ray of hope as seen

in various Anti Corruption Movements like Anna Hazare's India Against Corruption. It linked the idea of fighting corruption with patriotism and hence got massive support. Government brought the much needed Lokpal Bill in response but is still in Lok Sabha due to delayed implementation.

These social movements are necessary in order to achieve a fair, efficient and just society. Transparency will fetch India greater goods and has the potential to bring millions of poor out of poverty.

India is at crossroads where it can be a superpower or it can remain a 3rd World country. The choice is ours to decide. It is

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Wise to recall Plato who held that Sparta lost to Athens because of corruption. He gave us the importance of real knowledge which ~~we~~ enables us to differentiate between greed and necessities. The time is right to recollect the values and work for a fair, just and transparent Nation.

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Q2. Yesterday's score doesn't win you game today.

The only thing that is constant in this world is change. Nothing is permanent. It is a new day everyday and each day requires a ~~new~~ new approach. Every thing is relevant to its time. Yesterday's score doesnot win you game today as what was relevant yesterday may not be relevant today. Hence, it is about doing what is required today. The only thing worth remembering about past is the experience that teaches us to improve and improvise. Self ~~Relia~~ Realisation of Mistakes is essential to improve. There is no need to stay in the past as it only draws one back. It is good to let go off the past and embrace the present.

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History teaches us that over confidence and living in past glory has led to downfall of many empires and individuals. It brings a sense of comfort and ignorance and ultimately downfall. It is not good to be a prisoner of history. Japan during

Second world war faced crushing defeat as it lived in the past glory of defeating Russian Empire. Even India was invaded several times by foreign invaders as ~~they~~ ^{India} chose ignorance over action. It is also not good to over glorify past and avoid modernization. Reforms are needed to stay relevant at both individual and society societal level.

At Individual Level, one needs to be rational in his approach. One should not be drawn to the past as it leads to stagnation of growth in personal skills. The past should remind us about our mistakes and it is present which gives us

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a chance to improve. Achievements in the past do provide a sense of pride but they also preaches over confidence and complacency.

It is ~~upto~~ upto the individual to deal with it. He can chose to be complacent or chose to introspect to improve.

If one is preparing for exams the studies before the exam will help, not after that. Hence, respecting the time is important. Time is crucial and doesnot stop for anyone. A parent avoiding his child and not caring enough is - bound to suffer in future when he would not be having opportunity to improve the moral fibre of his child later on.

Similarly, it is seen that children donot care enough for their parents in ~~their~~ old age and then regrets it when they themselves become old. Similarly, having a past which promoted exploitation and glorifying it is not good.

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An old mindset never leads to progressive life. People with prejudices in mind face prejudices themselves at a later stage. Hence, it is true what goes around, comes around.

Things which an individual must do early in his career like selecting a goal, choosing a way of life should not be avoided and later on, there would not be a chance when one is burdened with responsibility.

In Sports, each day is a new day.

Recently, world fastest man, Usain Bolt lost in his favourite event of 100 m sprint despite of being the World Champion since past 8 years. This shows no one can take his position for granted. One need to perform each day to win.

Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee called General Elections early in 2004 and suffered an unexpected defeat. That too when his previous government gained majority comfortably.

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Hence, it is necessary to acknowledge the present challenges and fight them and one should have the capability to recognise his limits. Our actions should be limited by the time. Present time may require new approach and should be adopted.

Similarly, at Societal level a progressive society is one that is reformative and welcoming to modern beliefs and changes. In societies where old beliefs are still prevalent and not in line with modern ideas tend to be exploitative to certain sections. Sati System which was considered a custom in Indian society was stopped when society acknowledged it to be exploitative. Yet, there are other social evils like casteism, female infanticide, patriarchy which are still prevalent

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and can only be removed if society accepts modern ideas and is keen on reforms.

Modern times require modern approaches and glorification of past needs to be stopped.

Glorification of culture often leads to promotion to exploitative exercises which further subjugates weaker sections and make them vulnerable towards crime.

Patriarchy which has led to subjugation of women both in family and society needs to be tackled by adopting modern ideas of gender equality and gender empowerment. Issues like feminization of poverty, feminization of labour can be tackled if women are made equal participants in policy ~~and deci~~ framing and decision making. For all this, reforms should be welcomed and exploitative practices need to be discouraged.

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Our Education System needs complete overhaul as it is promoting rote learning and not promoting scientific temper. This could be seen in less innovation and production capacity in Indian Manufacturing Industries.

India in order to gain its rightful place in world needs to rise above the glories of past in which it was a golden ~~bird~~ ^{sparrow} and need to introspect what needs to be done about the pertinent issues like poverty, malnutrition, unemployment and casteism.

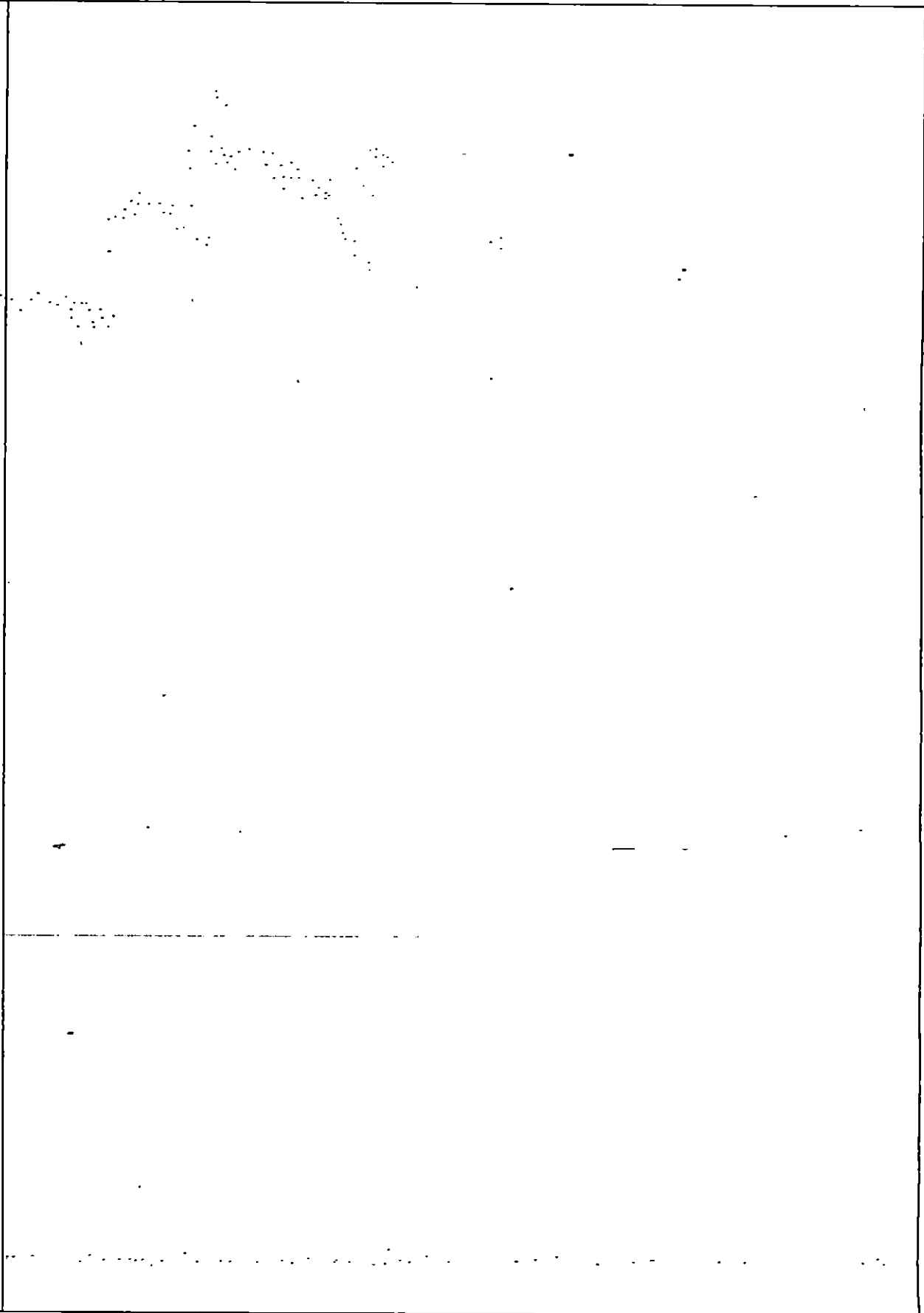
Over dependence on cultural pride and Nationalism can further lead to neglect of structural changes required in the administration of country.

The modern ideas of Human Rights, Secularism, Gender Rights, Tribal Rights,

Equality etc needs to be adopted fully by the Society and Country by way of reforms.

Reluctance towards modern technology needs to be avoided. - Hence, it is good to embrace modernity and leave contradictions of history behind.

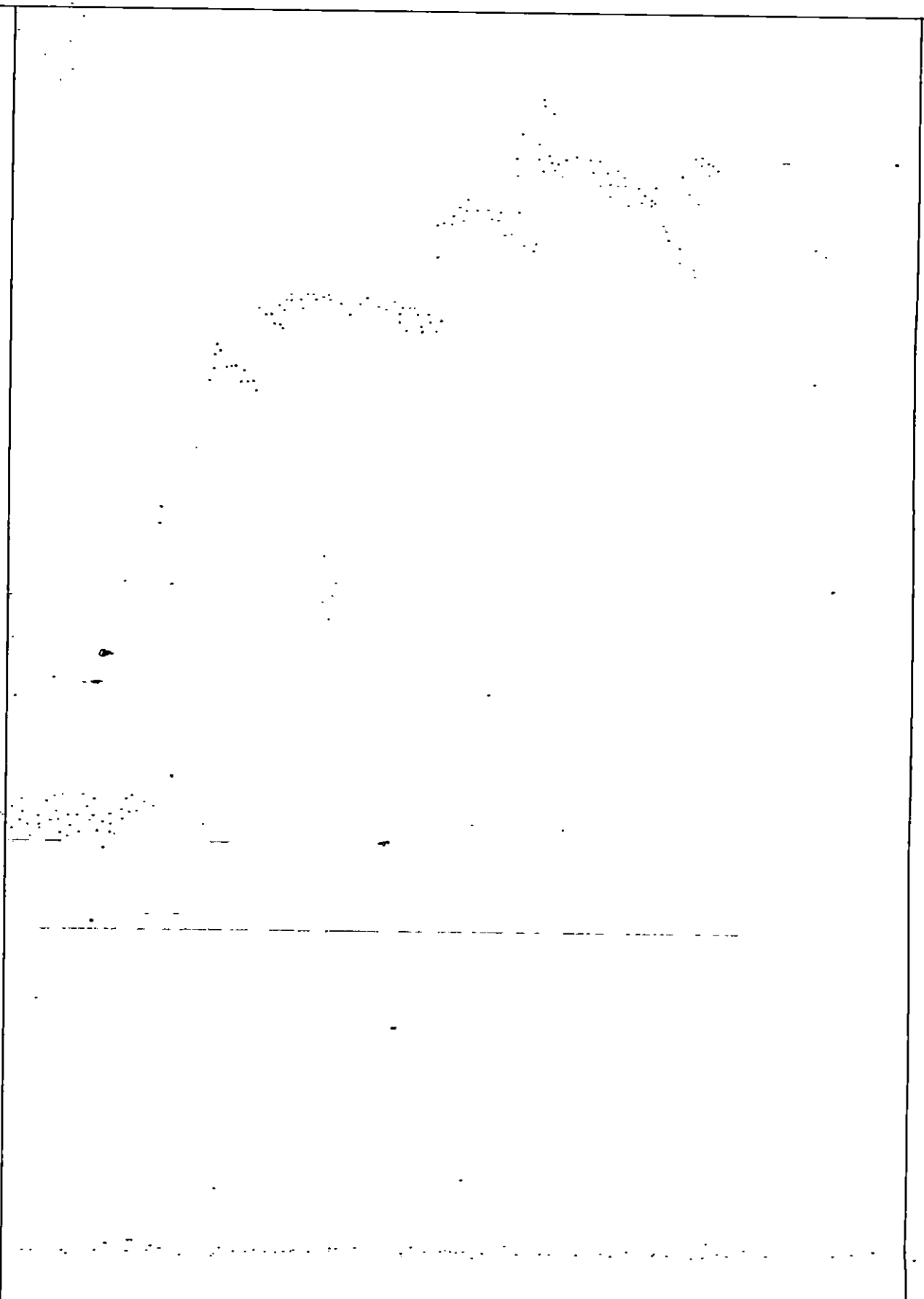
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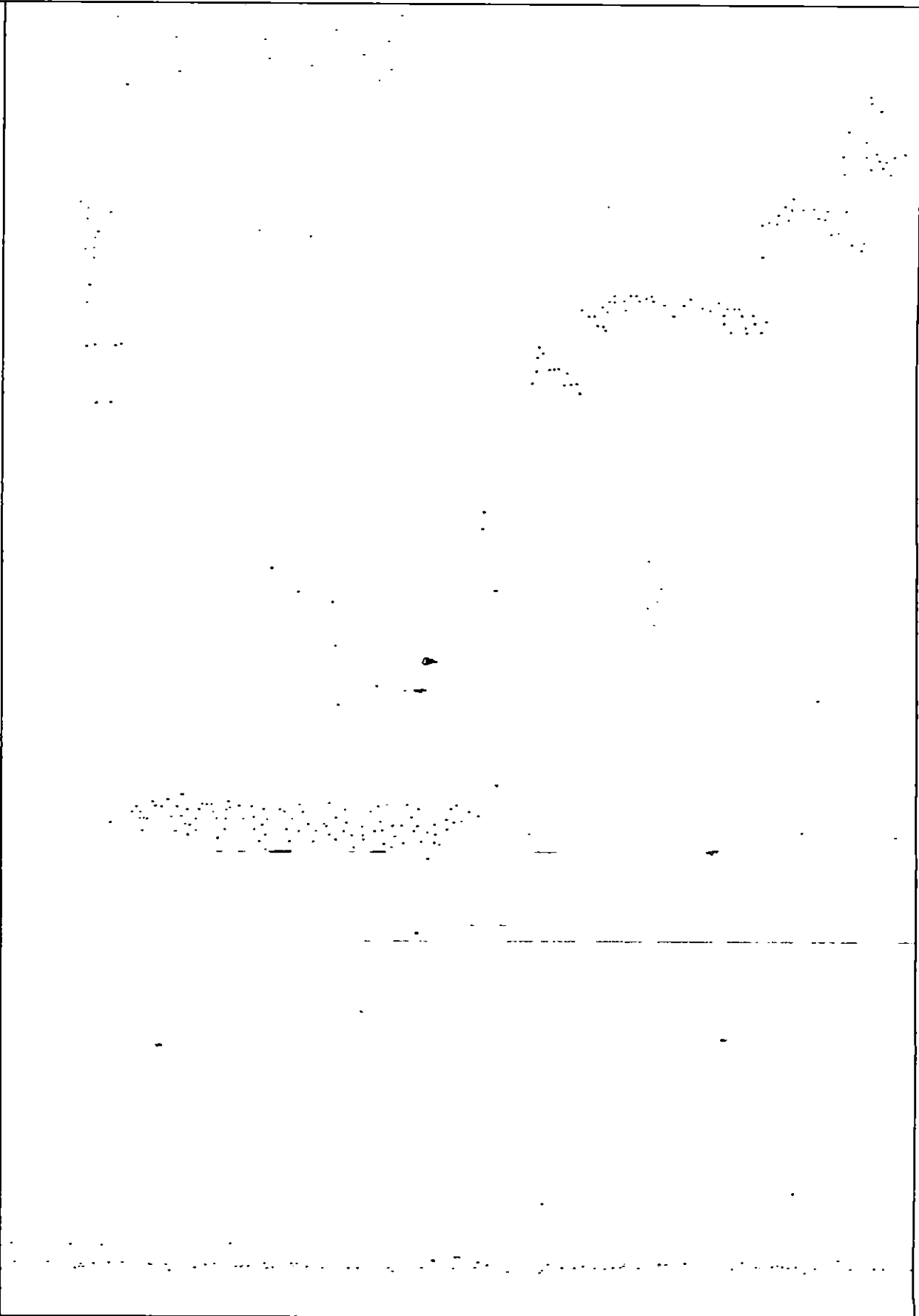
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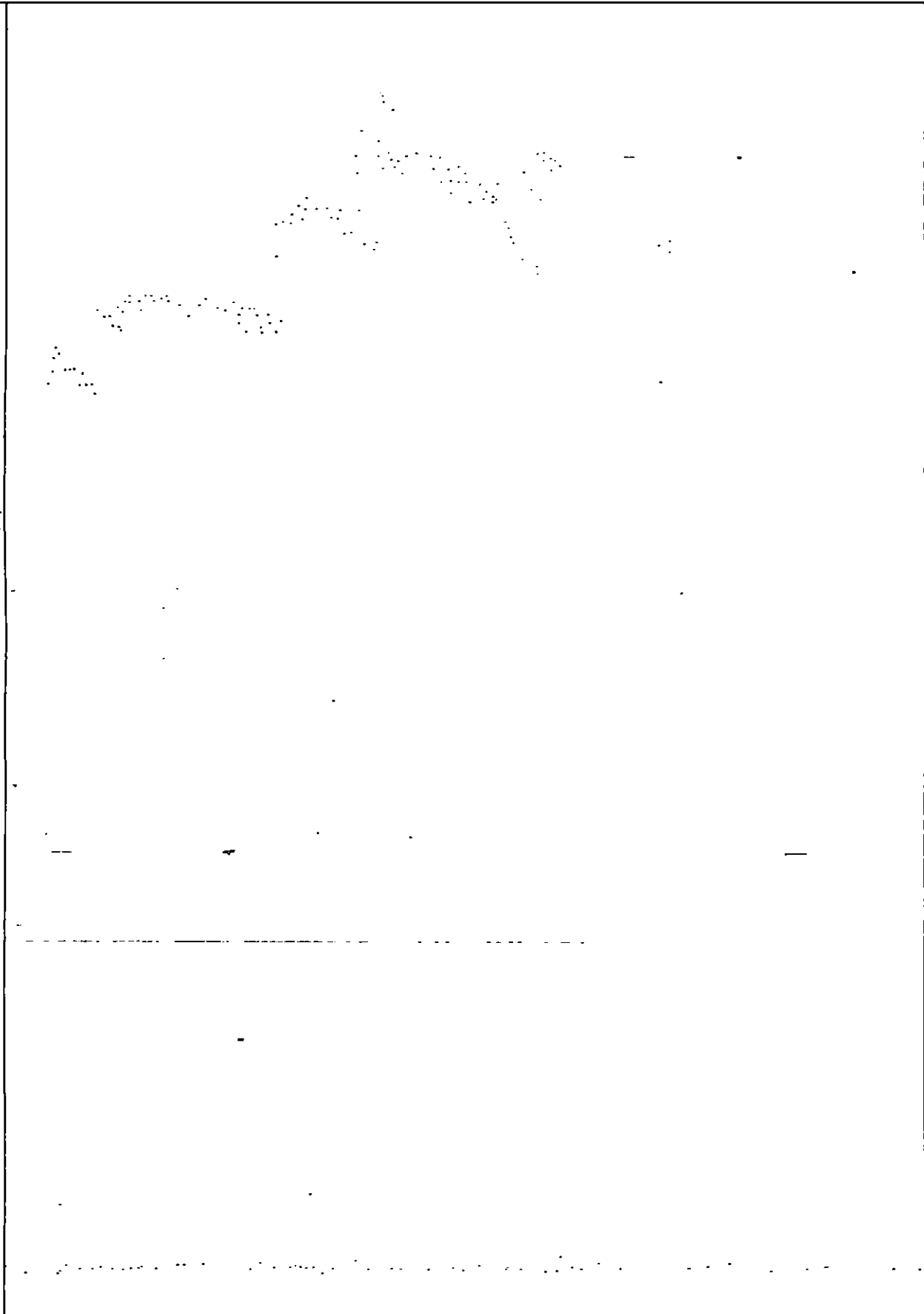
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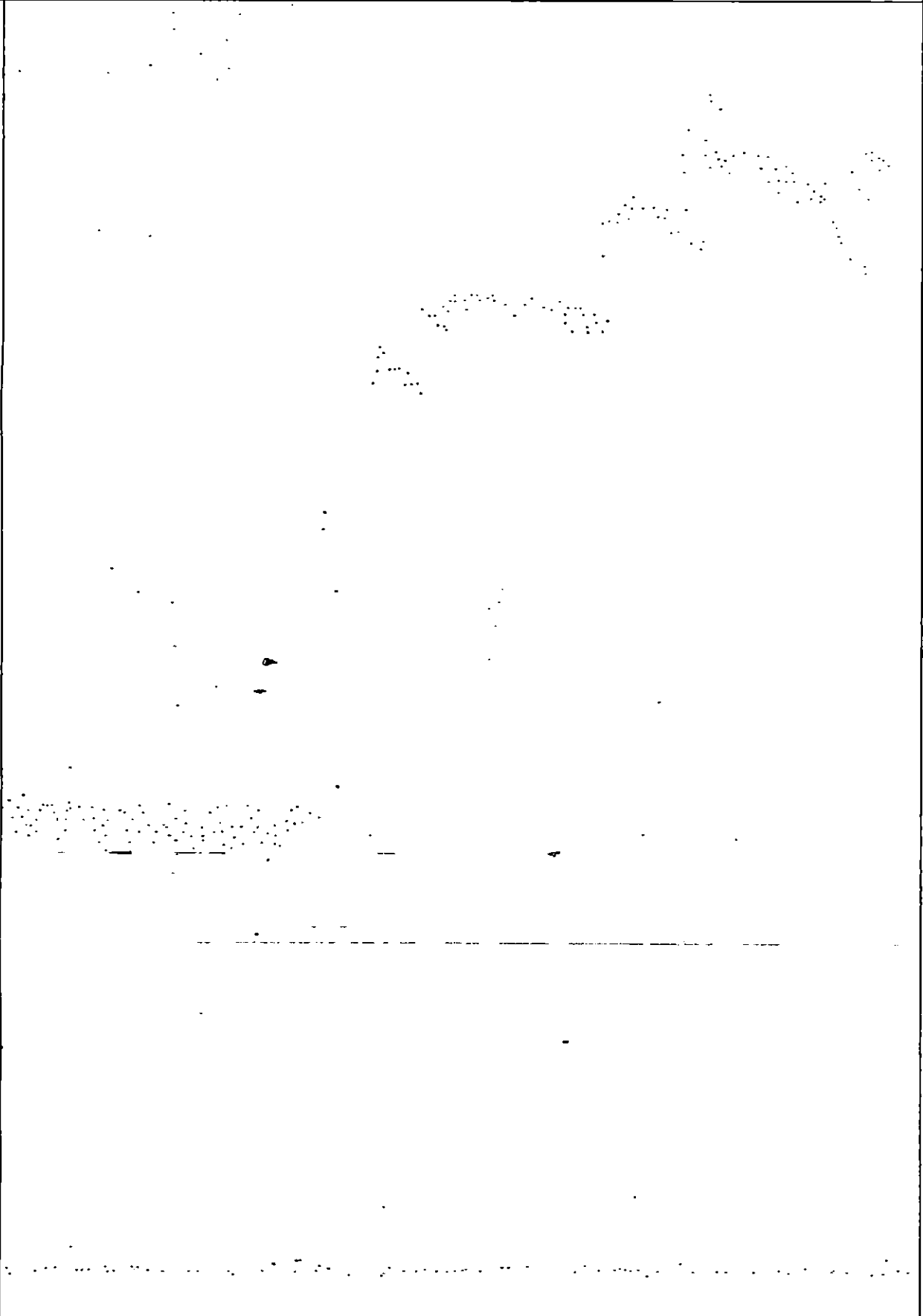


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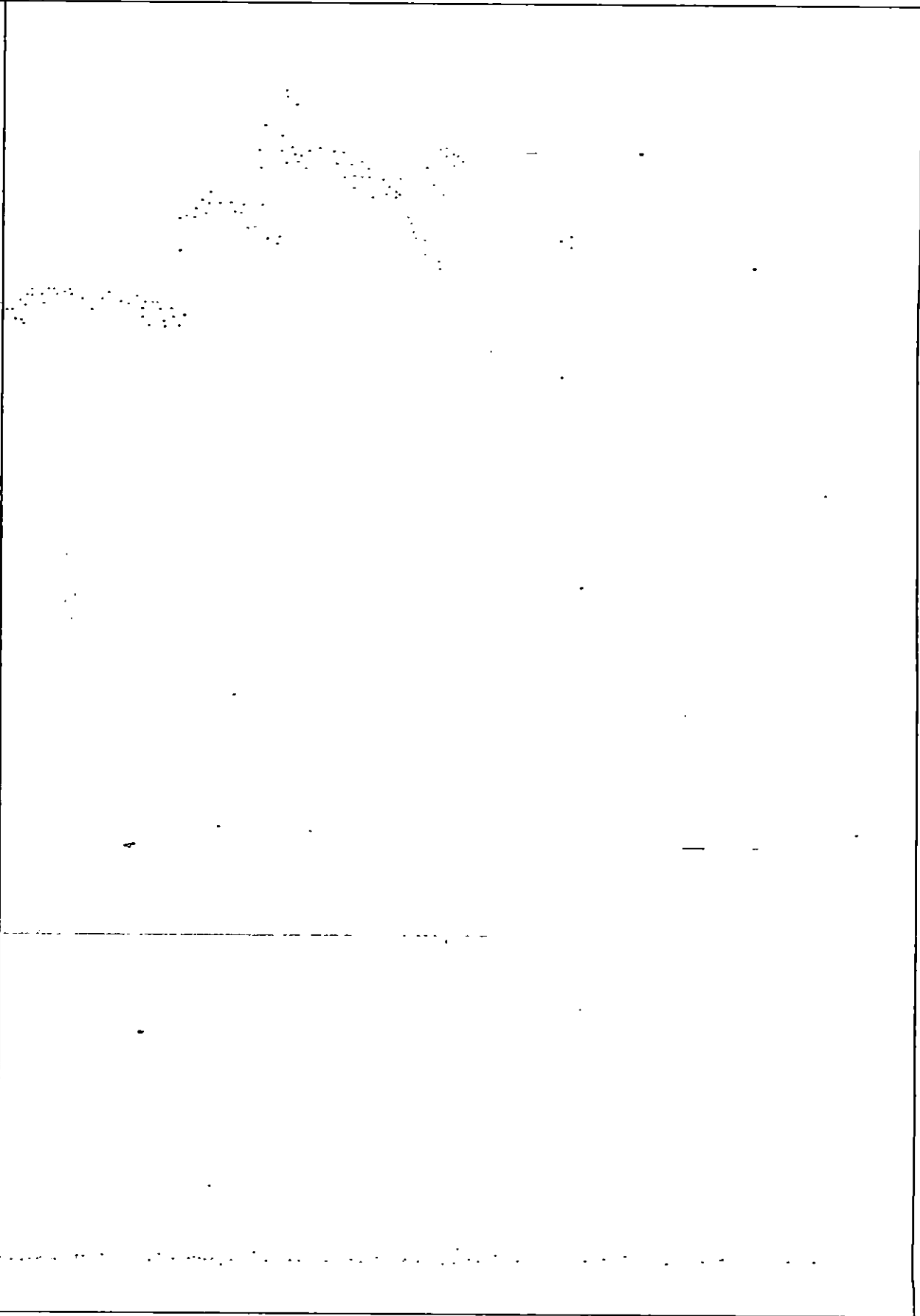
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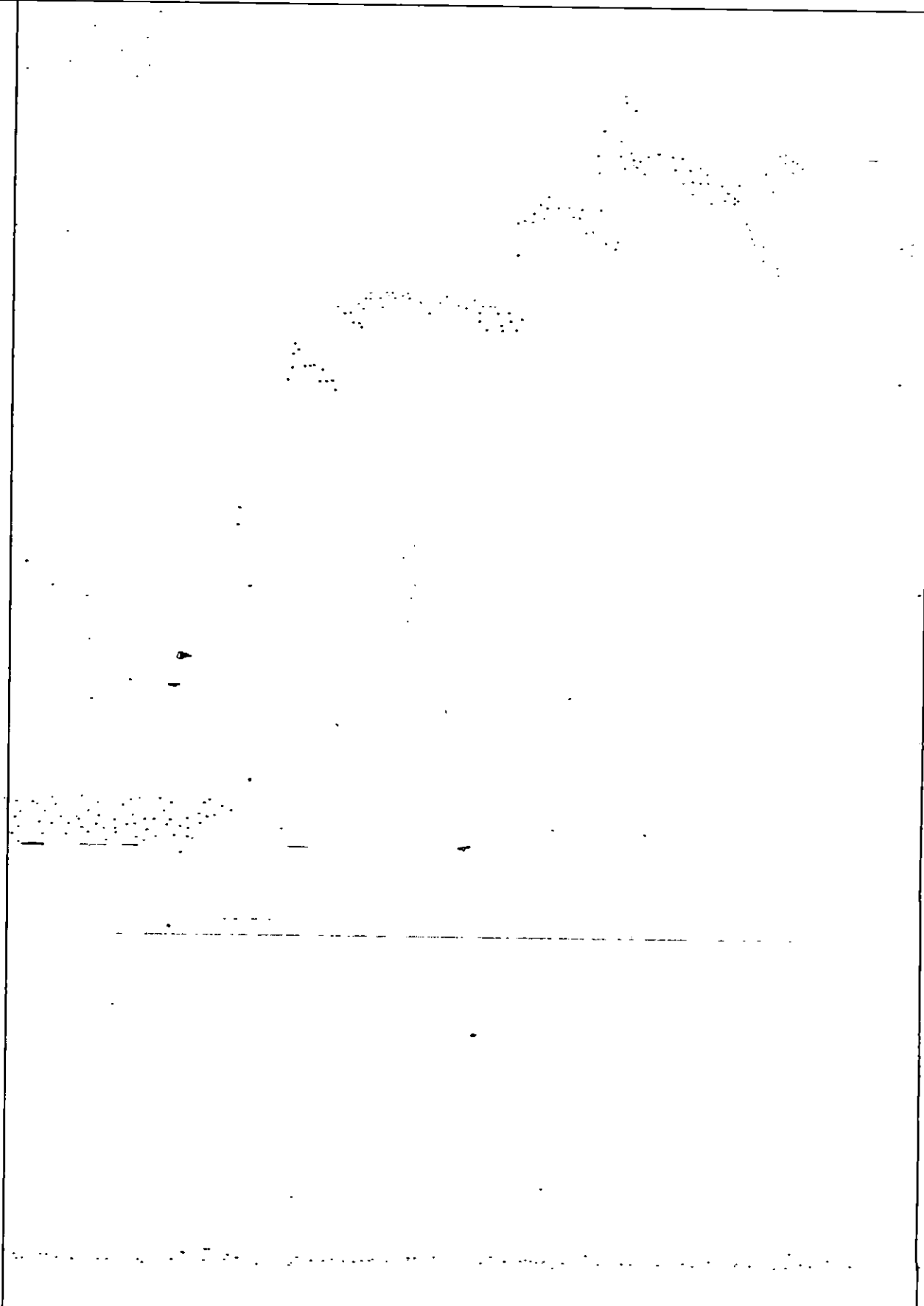
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Roughwork.

Yesterday's ~~win~~^{score} doesn't win you a game today. - Nothing is permanent, Constant Change

- Imp of time, Relevance
- Doing what is reqd today →
- ~~At~~ Improving & Improvising.
- learning from past.
- self realisation.
- living in past glory → India's example.
- ~~At~~ on individual → if you live in past, past will draw you.
- at a societal level → old beliefs not in line with modern times, Sati System, Education System.
- The ~~to~~ more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.
- Every day is a new day.

Intro → the only thing constant is change.

- a new day everyday
- its about learning from past.
- self realisation.

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Indo level
Societal level

Nation

Intro

- Chanakya's argument.
- Corruption is historical ph.
- R4 said, Gandhi said, Transparency Int'l. Report.
- still corruption is there.
- ~~too~~ it involves individual, ~~social~~ societal national level.

At individual level

How it is a self defense.

at societal level.

How is it a patriotism

at national level.

↳ corruption antithesis to Democracy.

leads to developmental deficit as per Lee Kuan Yew.

- we lack Chinese approach.

Conclusion

What Govt did? → Acts

What Society did? → IAC.

What is the way forward!

→ Greed is the enemy,

→ Patriotism not abt national symbols.

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Fighting Corruption is not just Good Gov
but also self def & patriotism.

- Self Defense as it will harm us, Things which we avoid will affect us.
- Chanakya held no place for corruption in society.
- ~~Nehru~~ @ Rajiv said paisa doesnot reach Aam Admi.
- Gandhi → ends donot justify the means.
- patriotism is not abt rising up for National Anthem but ~~not~~ fighting against evil.
- power corrupts & absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- ~~Intro~~ → Corruption takes away compassion, empathy from person.
- affects person at individual level, societal level, nationalas corrupt.
- cultural tendency of a Sab Chalta Hai Approach.
- Anna Hazare Movement, also had nationalistic tendencies.

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- Citizen Charter, P of CA, Digitization tools by Govt

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