

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.

ESSAY-I

FIGHTING CORRUPTION IS NOT JUST GOOD GOVERNANCE
BUT ALSO SELF-DEFENSE AND PATRIOTISM

Human as a biological being is known for its ability to think, not to think for oneself but to think for others. Others may be fellow human beings, or natural resources or nation as a collective idea of or even one's own family. All these THOUGHTS FOR OTHERS lead to long lasting human civilization. But if it is not so, then it is a life for oneself only and corruption is a way to do so. Therefore, it is need for those who are governing or being governed or citizens of nation to fight corruption.

But what is corruption all about? It can be understood at two levels. For administrative and fundamental purpose, it is diversion of resources meant for public for to interest of oneself. While at abstract level, it is absence of oneself.

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in thoughts, words and actions. Both these level are all perverse and detrimental to human civilization. This necessitates fighting Corruption.

FIGHTING FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE-

Good governance is a way of governing the people for their ultimate good by upholding responsiveness, accountability, transparency and quality service delivery. A government or state has to ensure it. Kautilya had said that in happiness of his subjects, lies his happiness, in good of theirs, his good.

So how fighting corruption leads to good governance? This can be understood at levels of its components - responsiveness, to quality service delivery as mentioned above.

Responsiveness is being sensible and

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attentive to grievances or problems of citizens by addressing them. For example, tribals are illiterate generally as Census 2011 says they are 59% illiterate. In such scenarios absence of written evidences for claiming forest rights under Forest Rights Act, 2006 is not possible for them. Here needs of responsiveness arises. If this is addressed, by genuine means, it leads to good governance through not indulging in corruption.

Similarly, accountability demands responsibility of one's action. It civil servant or politician, if, is indulged illegal use of funds, this leads to evasion of accountability. Joshi Couple in Machya Pradesh cadre is classic example.

This led to no accountability, loss of public faith and loss of good governance.

Moreover, transparency is another facet of good governance. Presence of corruption in public appointments, as seen in Sikkim public service

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~~Corruption~~ Commission leads to loss of transparency.

But if corruption is fought well, it leads to transparency, as seen in case of new Avatar of National Eligibility - cum Entrance Test (NET).

Such transparency enhances visibility of governance in eyes of people, thus, leading to good governance.

In this line, services impacted or delivered by government to citizens are of key importance.

People getting electricity, water, sewerage system,

death certificates and lot more with by paying

due fees are more faithful in instruments of

governance. It is because corruption is not there.

thus, their happiness and faith is a capital

to the good governance.

~~Now we will explore how absence of corruption leads to self d~~

Now we will see how self defence leads to absence or fight against corruption.

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FIGHTING CORRUPTION THROUGH SELF DEFENSE:

Corruption leads to plethora of un-
avoidable problems. Therefore to avoid them,
and protecting oneself is necessary to be done.
This can be explored at level of civil servant,
common citizen and family.

For civil servant, indulging in corruption
leads to opening up vigilance inquiries, minor
or major penalties, suspension or even conviction.
Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 is there to do
such things. Therefore, a servant need to protect
himself/herself first by avoiding corruption.

First public disclosure of assets by IAS U
Sangayam under lokalpal law is such instance
of self defense.

For common citizen, paying bribe prepares
a quagmire for himself as well as others.
Giving capitation fees in admission at higher education,

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For instance, leads to poor professionalism, decline in commitment and Craving for money. This creates vicious cycle. Therefore self defence by avoiding paying bribe is safe play.

At family level, bad means of earning money lead to wrong impact on psyche of children. It also hurts personal relations, faith and trust. Because a genuine lady can ponder of a corrupt husband as an untrustworthy guy. Here also self defence for sake of institution of family is necessary.

WAY OF PATRIOTISM:

As collective conscience of nation, its economy, polity and life-style / must reflect its values. Such reflections are gauged by investors and they make investment in countries with good citizens having fair

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means of life.

Japan is classic example here. Right from throwing waste into dust bin to work for sake of nation, the people depict KAIZEN principle, that is, excelling at successive level. V. G. G. W.

this is not possible without fighting and eradication corruption.

India also needs such patriotic charm from its citizens. After all we are looking forward to be placed in United Nations security Council and Nuclear Supplier Group, two blocs of global leadership. Therefore clean image of India is inevitable and indispensable.

BUT HOW TO FIGHT?

Fight against corruption must be at levels of administration, political culture and general public behaviour.

At administrative level, RIGHT TO INFORMATION,

Social audits, Citizen Charters and grievance redressal mechanisms are some of the means. Less cash economy is also an effective way to reduce chances of corruption.

At political level, political will is the most crucial requisite. It must be going in direction of transparency and cleanliness in election funding.

While at level of citizen-psyche, the impact of fighting would be much deeper, wider and perpetual. It can be done through value based education and upholding family values.

Thus, corruption is a menace in a society. It is necessary to fight against it to ensure longevity of civilization. As our PM said that corruption has become

Grand culture. Simple & efficient

Remarks: explanation. Integration the ideas and go deeper.

institutional and we have to take counter-institutional measures? The measures cited above

if are implemented empathically, will reduce this increase.

Excellent understand. My only suggestion is to bring some more depth. To do so you need start thinking about key ideas & dimension around which you want to build your essay. Complete each dimension. Do some critical analysis. you are too quick to move to next point. i.e.

- Key ideas:
1. Corruption - extent & threat.
 2. How corruption makes democracy dysfunctional.
 3. Good governance - Role of different stakeholders - self defence to patriotism.
 4. what is our experience to fear.
 5. Role of institutions and what we can learn from countries those kept corruption at low.
 6. lessons for future.

evolve logically & analytically with examples.

You have touched many aspects. But need to go deeper. Each dimension or key ideas should be like a mini essay. So your essay ideally should consists of 4-5-6 mini-essay.

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A NATION CAN REMAIN FREE, AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES TO BE THE HOME OF BRAVE

It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question the authority, said by Benjamin Franklin. By questioning authority, a citizen ensures two things - holding accountability of governance and think freely and fairly to the best of human-capability. But to do so, one element which is required, is courage or bravery.

Bravery can be understood as trait of free physical, mental and spiritual state in which a person can use for survival and benefit of others. This trait can exist at levels of individuals, family, society and institutions. Likewise, a free nation is concept of nation which allows all its citizens to exercise bravery in their legitimate space.

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Going forward in this write, we will explore element of bravery at historical level and in context of individual, family, society and not institutions at present level. This exploration will be done in both sides of argument. This means presence as well as absence of bravery.

BRAVERY IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

5000 years old Indian civilization through written history has many instances of bravery. Presence of women at Sabha and Samiti level is the one. Aryabhatta's critical thinking and looking beyond space and time is another one. This is the bravery of these personalities which ensured longevity of a civilization like India.

BRAVERY IN PRESENT CONTEXT:

In present time, the element of

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Bravery is necessary one at individual level.
 It is bravery of Rabindranath Tagore that he
 returned knighthood during Jallianwala massacre.
 This courage facilitated space for other people
 and together they ensured free India after
 couple of decades. Albert Einstein and Malala
Yousufzahi also fall in this category.. They
 ensured freedom of thinking and freedom of
children respectively, a feature of free nation.

Oppositely, absence of bravery places
 a nation in dark state. Whenever intellectual honesty
 is silent over wrongdoings or irrational behaviours,
national growth stagnates. The same was witnessed
 during testing of atom bombs. Dabholkar and
Pandare. Such atmosphere precludes free thinking
 and hence, freedom of people of nation.

Similarly, at family level, bravery is
 required to uphold justice to every member of

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 Consider same
 to move!

family. Rights of a girl child, old age people and disabled persons are first compass of assessment of bravery in family. As thousands of Kalpana Chawlas are lured in womb itself, ghettoised families lead to ghettoised conscience of nation.

If bravery do exist, it ensures right kind of values and guidance in family. These values ensure national uprightness and standing at even international arena. Babita Phogat, Greta Phogat etc. are few examples who formed India at global level.

What about bravery at societal level?

It is crucial there also.

It is because society is microcosm of a nation. Whatever is done at societal level, echoes in one form or another at national level.

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Interception
ideas
 i.e. who is brave
Soldier, Greta, leader
& common man
Why / why not
illustrate

As we have witnessed society standing against corruption during INDIA AGAINST CORRUPTION, National Freedom set its path right by way of corruption free and liberal values. Examples of families of radicalized persons in Kerala are worth mentioning. They showed their bravery and stood by the police against their own radicalized family members. Such a society can't undermine its freedom and survival.

But if societal conscience gets weakened, instances of cow vigilantism and malpractices like tepuke talag, dowry, Sati etc. come to the forth. Thus freedom exists so far as society is brave.

The logic applies at national level as well. National institutions do require to act

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In brave, free and liberal manner in order to ensure growth and freedom of nation.

In case of India, government is one such institution. Here bravery of government means to stand firm in support of fundamental rights and welfare of its citizens. The same standing in India resulted into thriving democracy and vibrant institutions. Free and fair elections, peaceful transition of governments, parliamentary procedures and organized institutional frameworks in era of 70 years are possible by courage and bravery only.

But this institution of government also witnessed downfall during various phases of political life and elections. None of caste, creed, sex, religion and use of force and corrupt means are not toolkit of a brave government or political party for that matter.

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Go for critical
analysis
are we brave?
what lesson we can
learn from our part?

Going ahead at institutional level itself, security forces are another instruments of courage. They indomitable courage ensured victory of India during tumultuous years of 1965, 1971 and 1999. But at the same time, their courage against forces of communalization and ~~to~~ ultra politics endongored freedom of nation as well, Ayodhya Babri Masjid demolition case is live example.

Similarly, Supreme Court as an institution depicted bravery by providing primacy to fundamental rights, right to privacy and instruments like Public interest litigation. Freedom of rights and ease of justice endures freedom of nation.

~~But~~ the phases of decline also witnessed in some cases like ADM Jabalpur case in 1976 when fundamental rights were

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undermined to power of state, by the same Supreme Court.

Media as an institution, is signature of a free nation. But it has not shown its bravery through at times like national emergency of 1975-76. This misplaced freedom of India as a nation.

However, the same signature by media was re-corrected soon. Now, campaigning over internet neutrality, India Against Corruption and Airbhaya Case movement was spearheaded by vibrant media only. Such vibrancy, in turn ensured alive conscience and soul of people setting agenda for freedom of nation.

Thus we can see that national growth is possible through its freedom. That freedom has to be ensured by very components of nation

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itself. Looking to the outer world, there are countries like Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland in North Europe, Japan in Far East and Bhutan, here at our neighbour hood which uphold free and vibrant national conscience. It resulted into their growth and sustainability.

likewise, countries in the Middle East are witnessing Arab Spring since 2011. They are struggling to depict democracy and right now, they are somewhere in between a free and non-free national discourse but they are evolving.

The point is that the freedom is critical element to be achieved and certainly democracy is the mean to ensure it. But the democracy must come from heart and soul.

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and not necessarily by arms or physical
mean. Because formal is perpetual and
sustainable while latter is transient and
momentary.

But bravery has to be there. The most
basic element is freedom of conscience which
provides us courage of conviction which in turn
insures bravery. It is necessary to withstand
against all forces and defying all odds in
rationalistic and gradual manner.

In India, national freedom can be
ensured by activism of those who are brave.
This should come from people. DM mode called
that only governments and government initiatives
can not bring the change. The change should
be powered by each and every citizen of
the country.

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Excellent content
Put the ideas
and arrange as
mentioned in test
topic. You will do just
Beare you more understand
you need to learn
on crafting

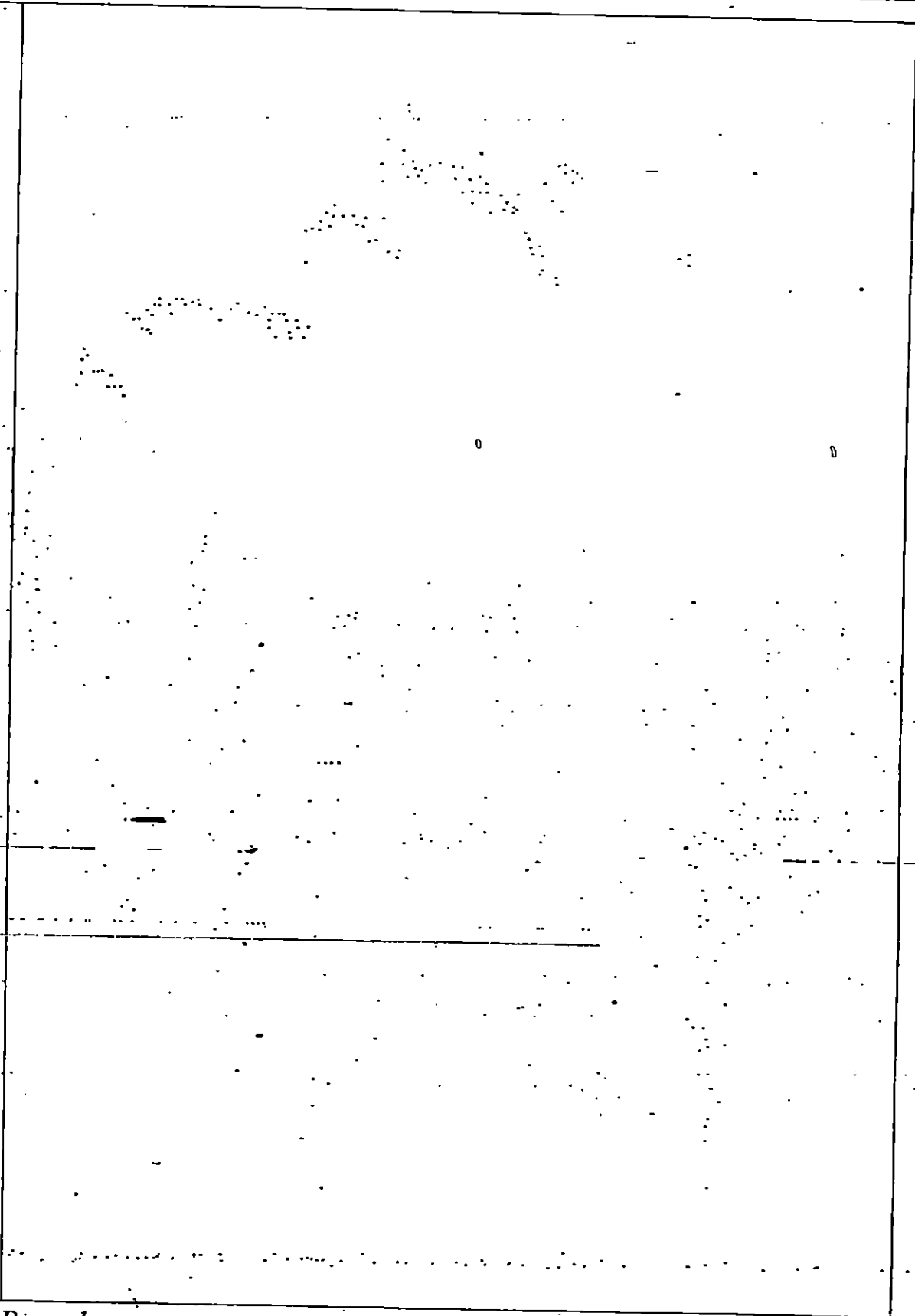
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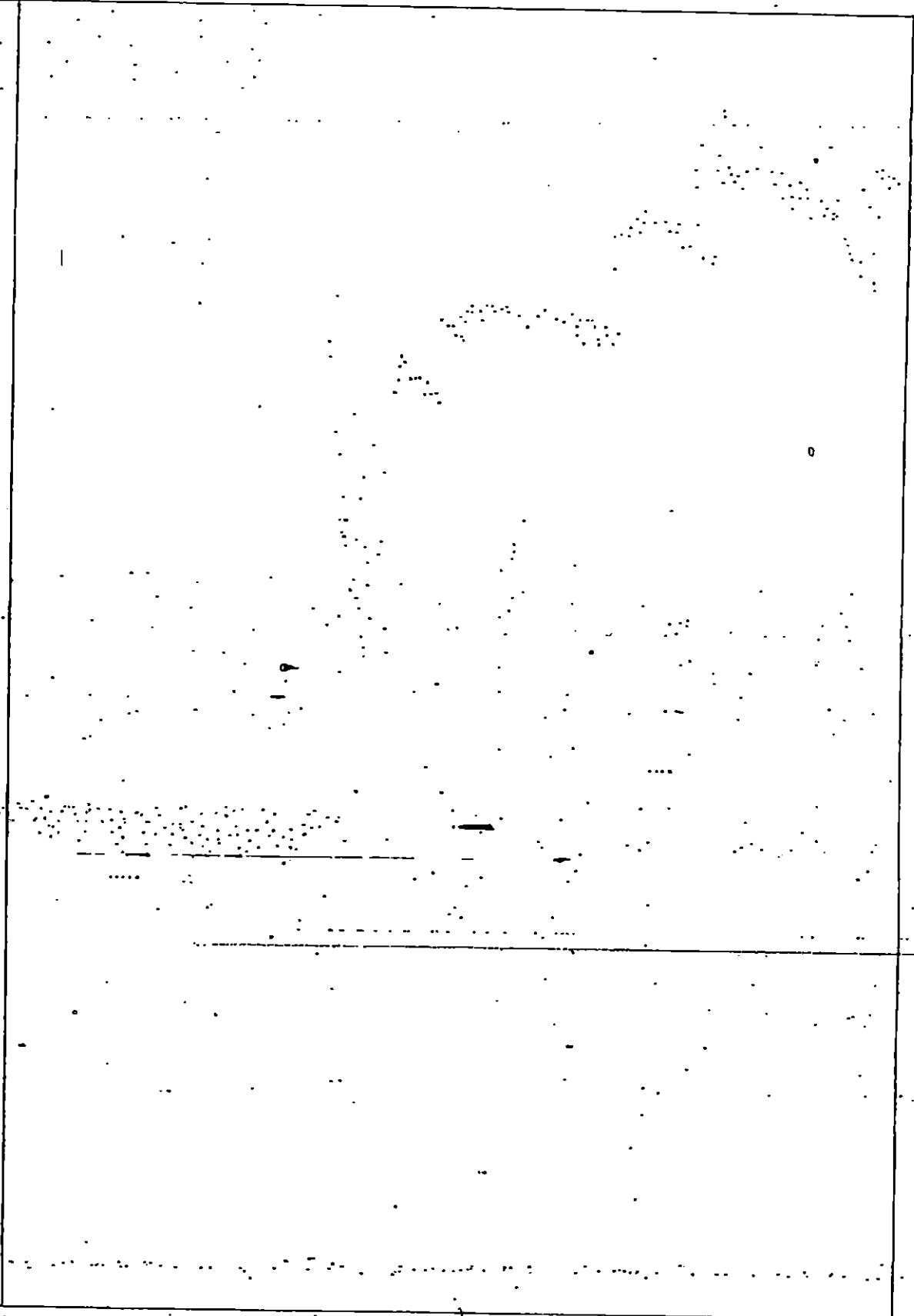
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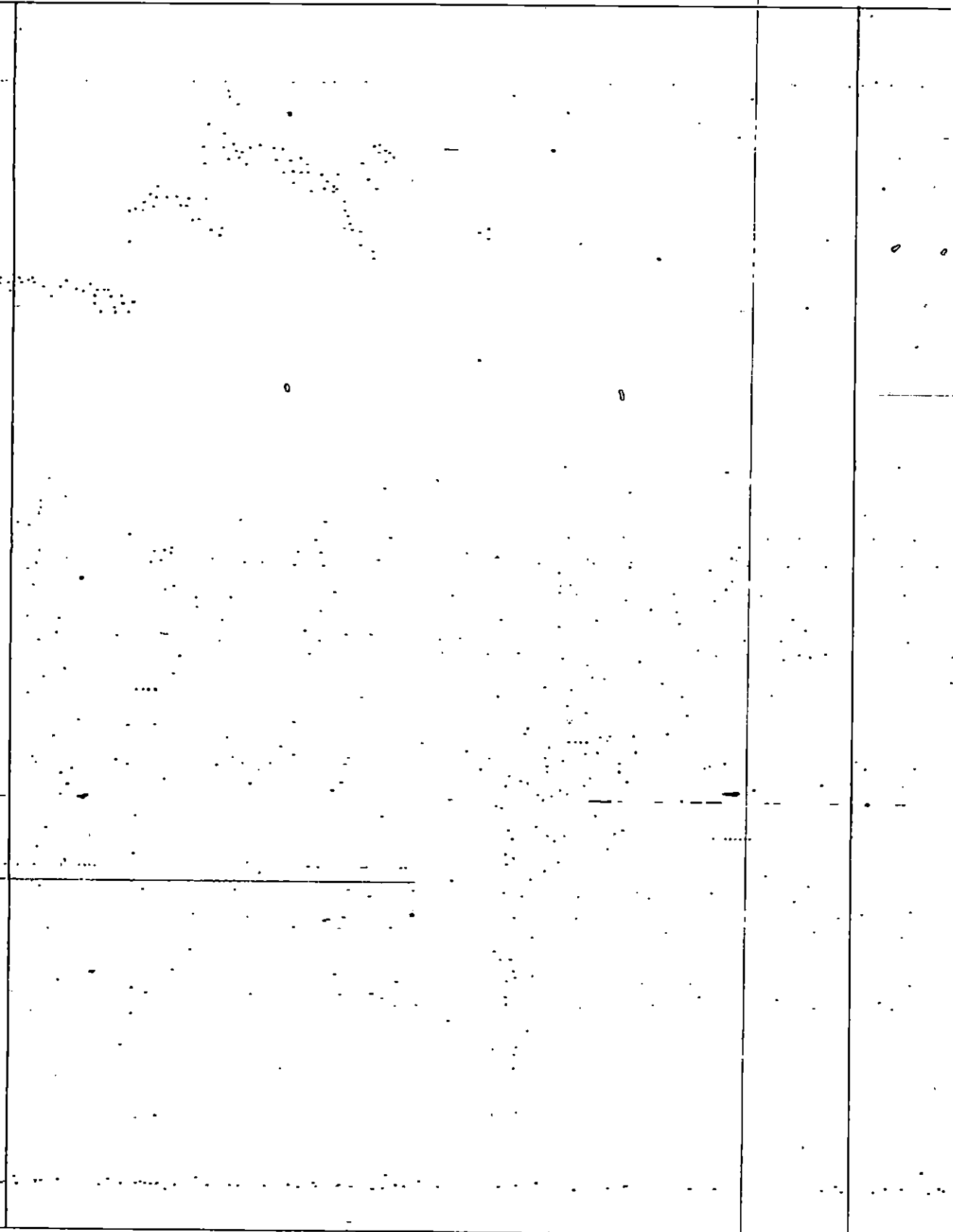


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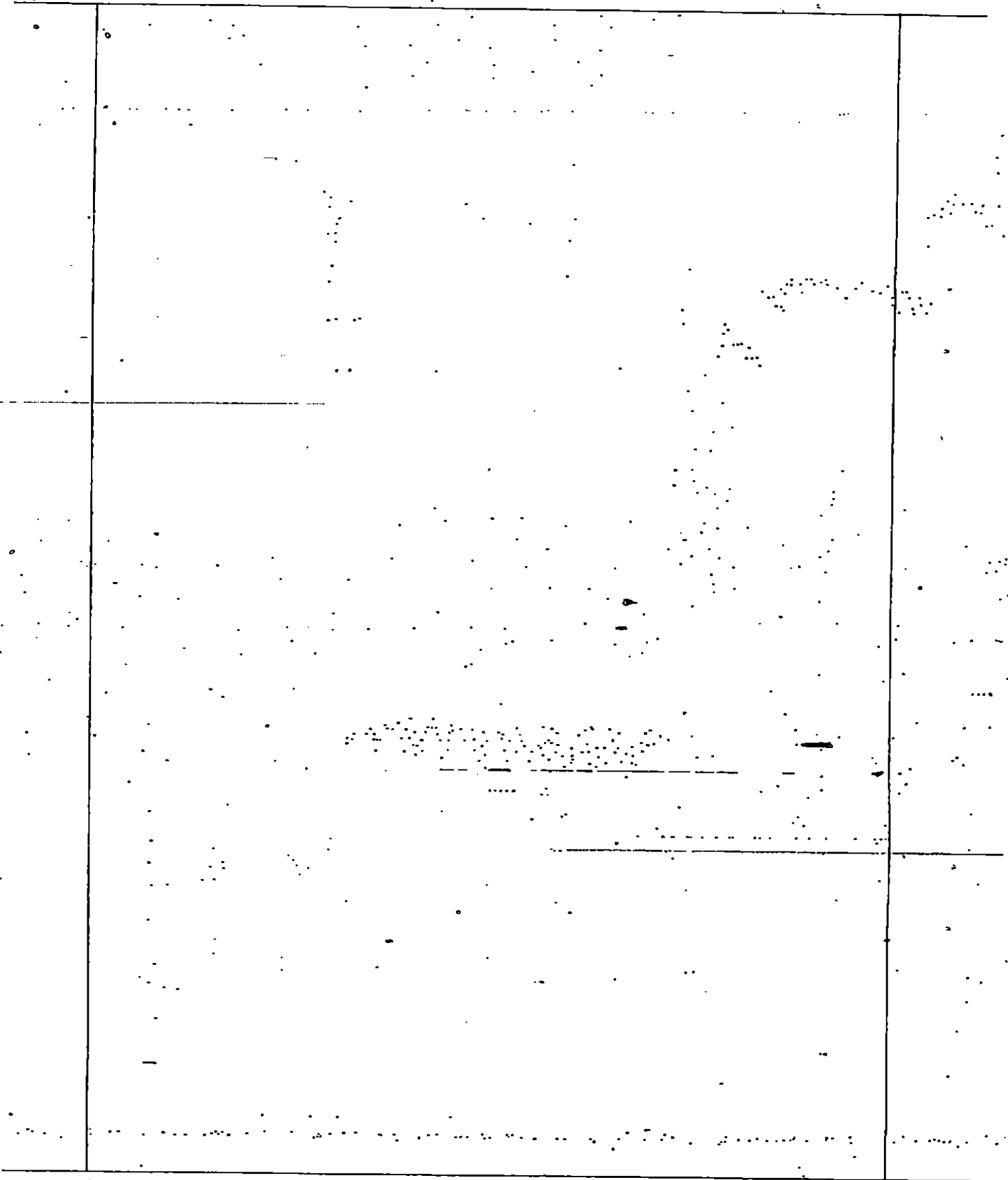
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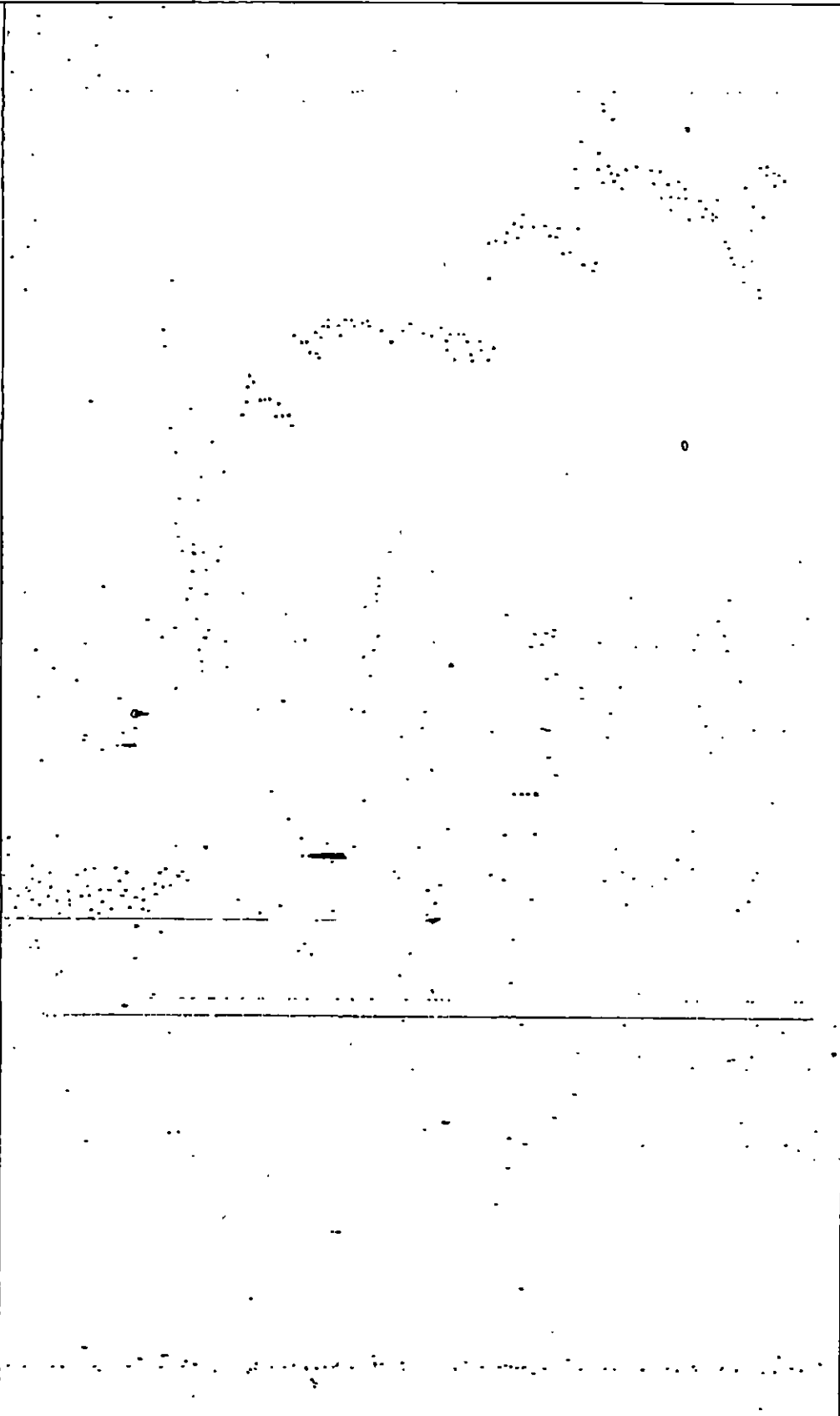


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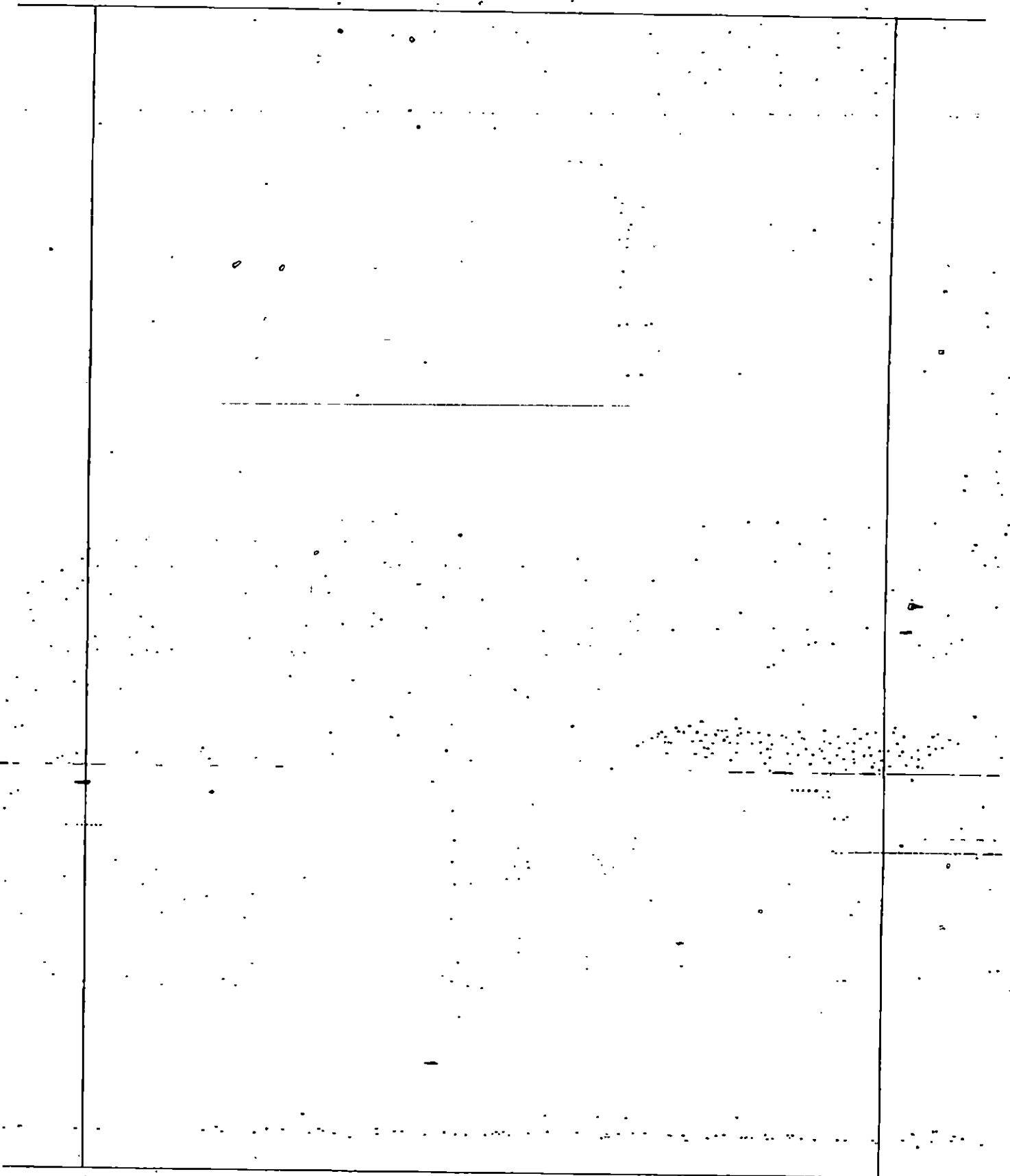


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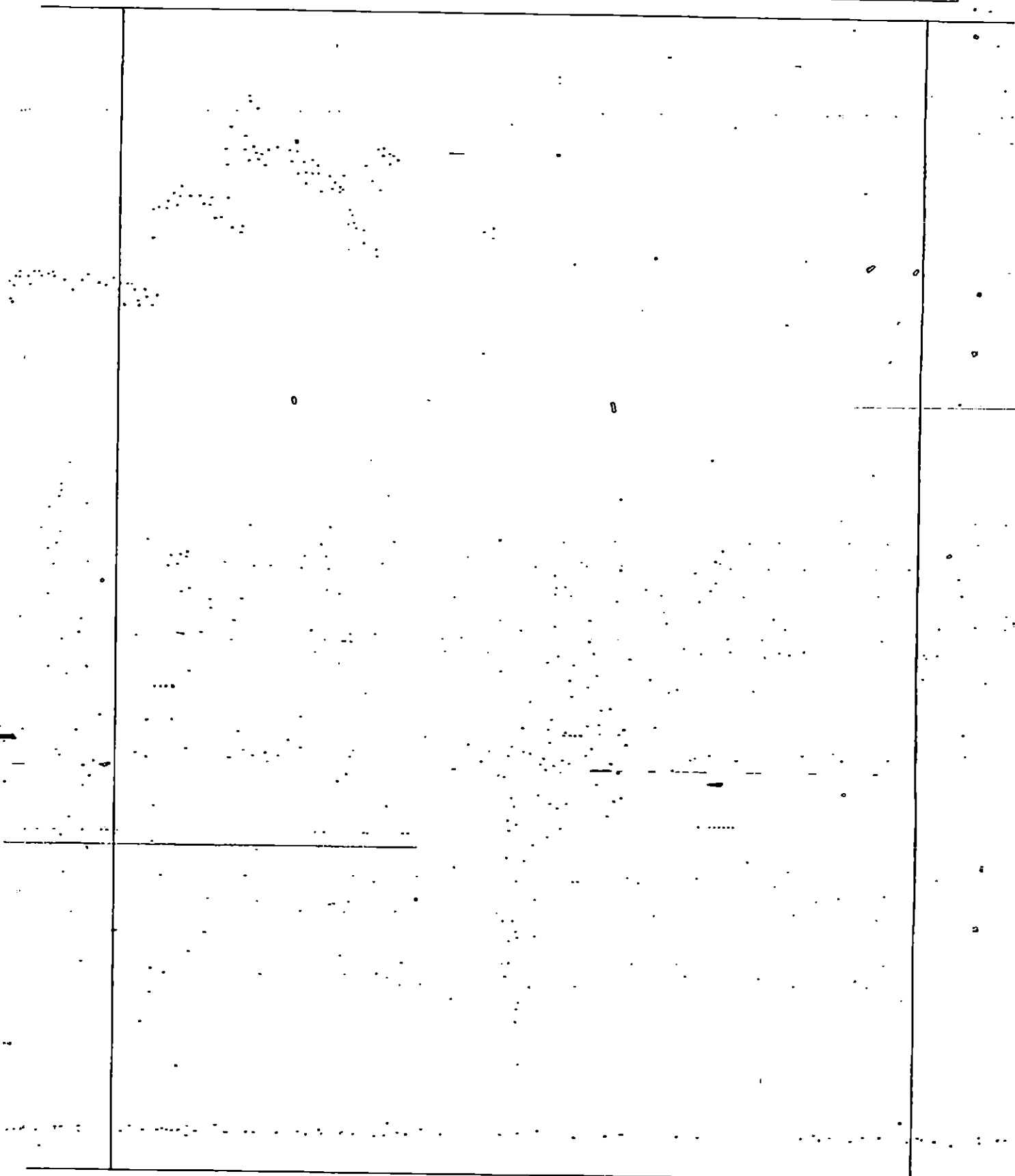
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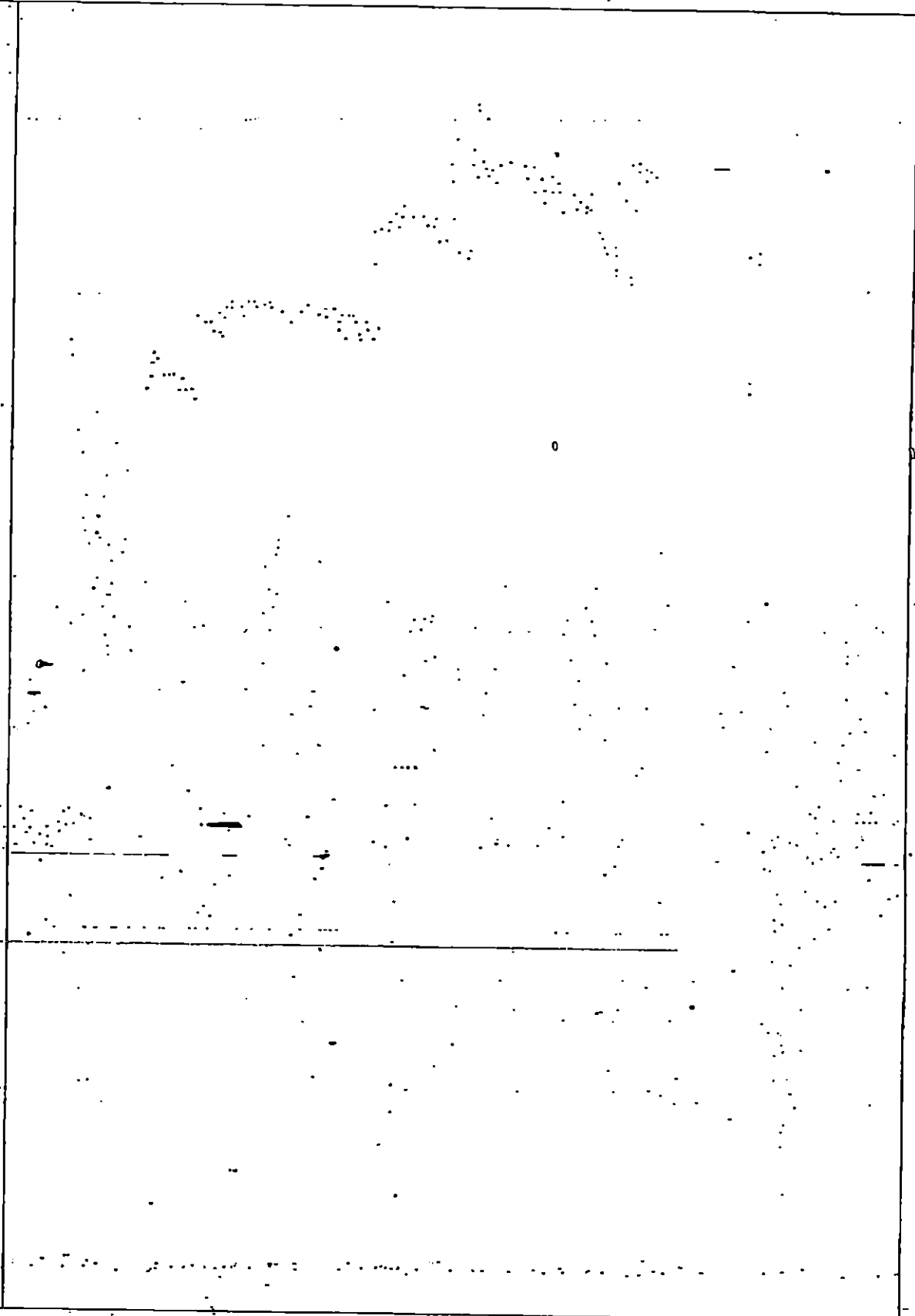


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Fighting Corruption is not just GOOD GOVERNANCE BUT ALSO SELF DEFENSE AND PATRIOTISM

Intra Human Civil. → ability to think + for others. If no corruption → divide resources
 Governed; nation, HRs, money services, infusion of values but if not → corruption
 Corruption → thru Administrative → public resources
Abstract → thoughts, words, actions / 24, local, SPSC
 X Corruption → G/G → defines People Sunlight
Transparency: Contracts, appointments, procedures
Accountability: Tax payers, voters, parliament → G/G
Responsibilities → G/G → Political rights: Various rights
Service & delivery → G/G → Env.

X Corruption → Self defense:

- Public servant - IAS U Sangayam Vigilante, conviction Joshi couple
- Tax payer - future ground, quality & Auguste wetland
- Politician - voters election & former telecom minister
- Common citizen - recipient of service, cost, admission in H.E.

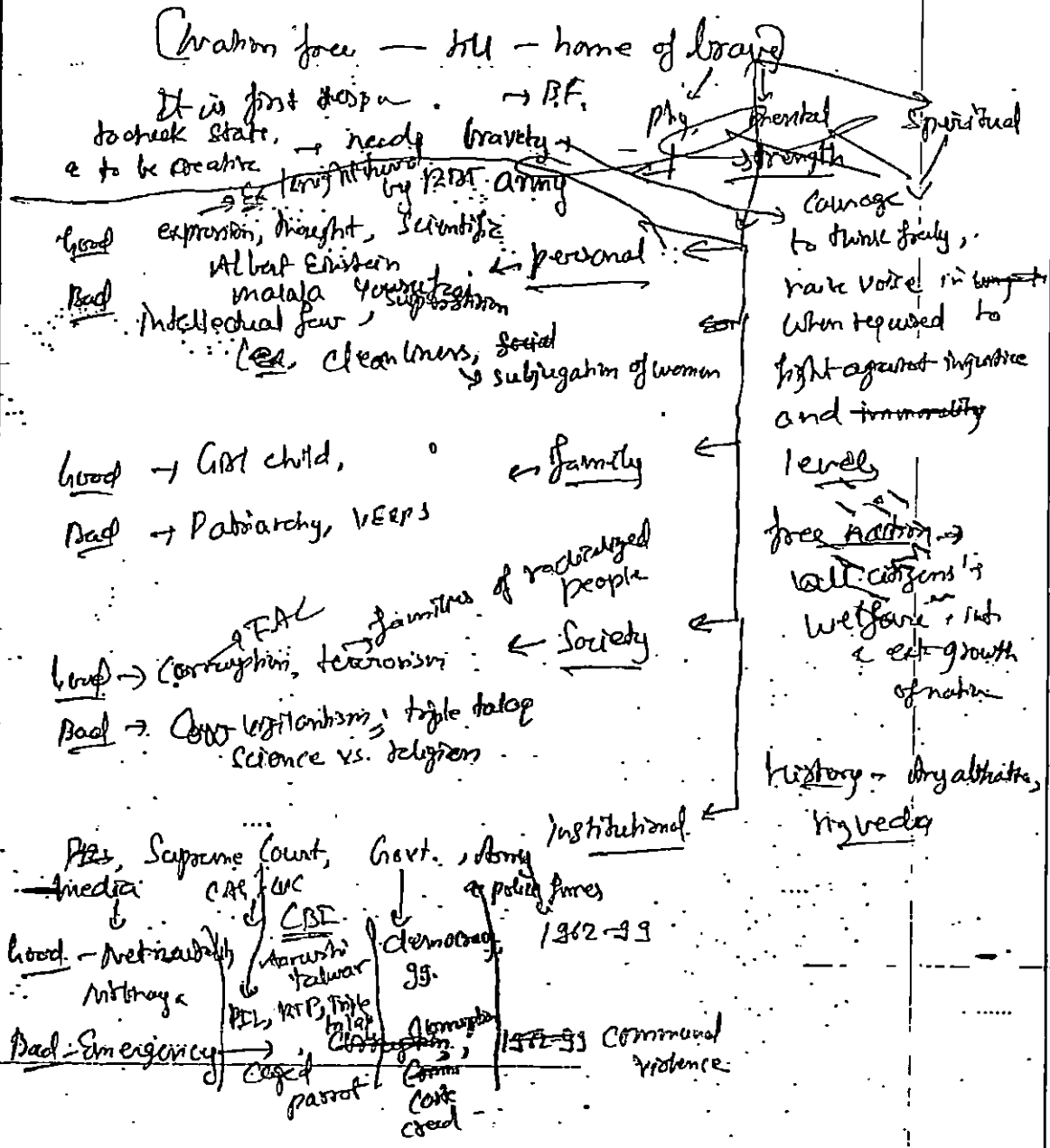
X Corruption → Patriotism (Common good)
 National resources waste in distibn, switching off light | Japan
 Future generations - | Scandinavians
 @ International level - Investors, UNICEF, NSG
 waste in distibn,

X Corruption → personal, family, generations, civilizations
 ↳ relations (E Clinton) → why do we seem. Ashoka, Akbar, Edward, Martin Luther
 ↳ children Socialism

How to fight corruption:

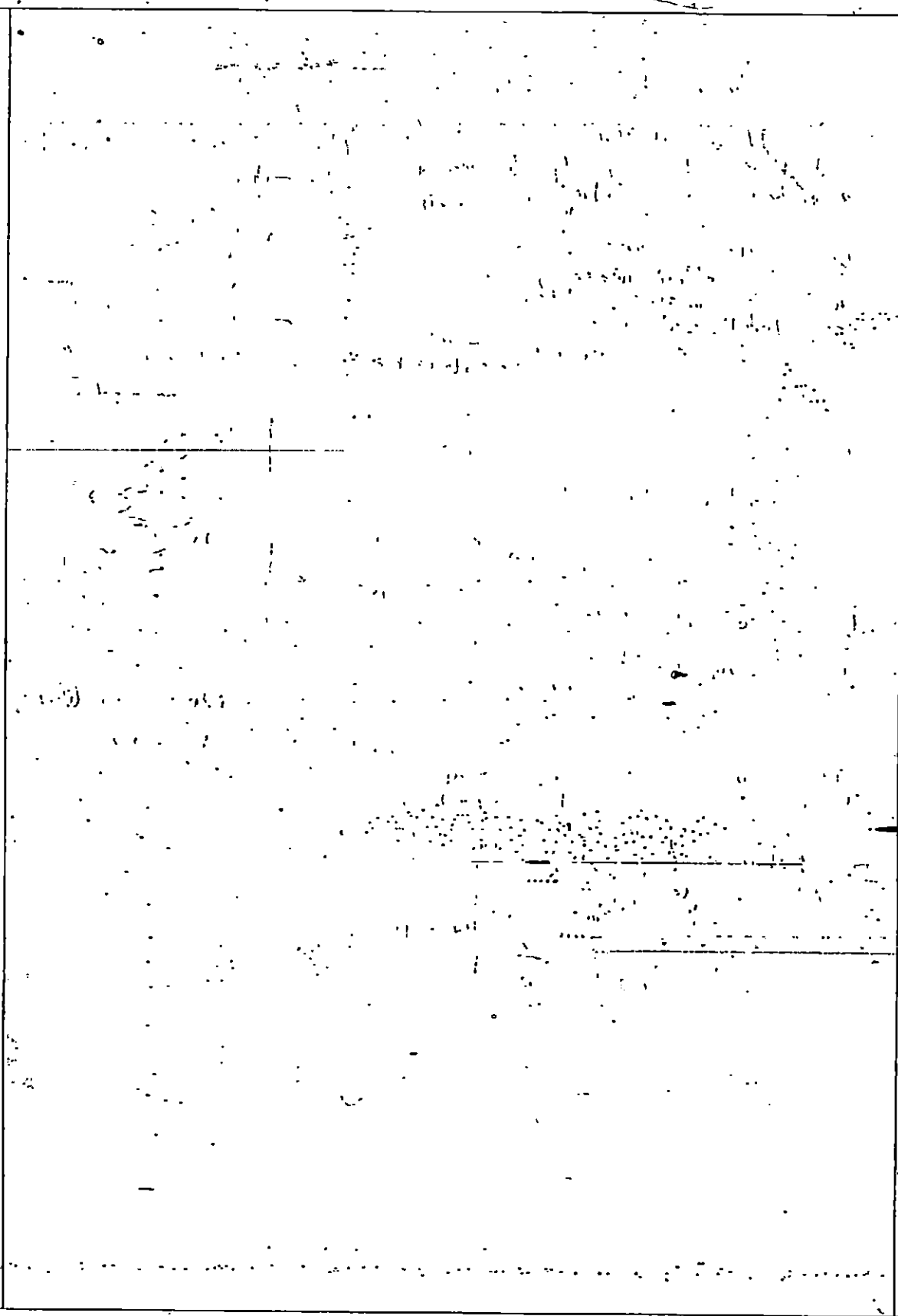
- Pol. - Election funding,
- Adminis - RTI, CC, Social Audit, NY Police, Less cash economy
PCA
- Values -

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