

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.

1. Fighting corruption is not just good governance but also self-defense and patriotism

There is a lady in my village who got old age pension after many visits to Panchayat office. She thought that all was well now. But when she visited the office to get her first pension, officials showed the same attitude. By this time that simple old villager had learned about the ways of government offices. She bribed the official so that she does not have to spend a lot more time and additional bus fare. This is a very common thing to see in India. Many of us do the same to avoid hassle of visiting an office again and again. It has resulted in inefficient administrative machinery at the receiving end of which are citizens and private entities. Therefore, to ensure a better service to all and for the fast and equitable development of India, every

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Always try to pick illustrations from public domain. Be concise in less words, you can give more content & clear message. Also always keep illustration short.

citizen should fight corruption. It is not just essential for the good governance, but for the betterment of lives of themselves and their fellow citizens. It is a patriotic duty of the citizens to fight for the betterment of country and its people.

Good Governance

Good governance is defined as a citizen-centric governance which is transparent, responsive, and accountable. It is clear then that the citizens are at the centre of good-governance and various organs of the government are for the service and betterment of society. Corruption is the antithesis of good-governance.

Firstly, it puts a burden on the citizen in terms of bribes and delays. Anyone who has visited a local public office for payment of bills or issuance of

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certificates or IDs knows this. Secondly, increase in corruption makes bribe-taking and other forms of corruption acceptable in society. In this situation even an otherwise honest citizen has to pay bribes in case of emergency. It also puts a huge burden on the poor and marginalised communities, we do not have enough resources to satisfy the next person.

Finally, corruption leads to decrease in transparency and accountability. This has direct effect on the way government works. Reduced efficiency and increased red-tapism leads to stagnant economic growth and as a result underdeveloped country, society and human resources.

But for a common citizen, there is a more direct challenge posed by the corruption - self-interest.

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Fighting Corruption is a matter of self-defense

At the receiving end of any government service are citizens and private entities. So they are the ones facing the brunt of bad services, extortion, delay on account of corruption. For example, a company risks losing a potential investment opportunity to its competition if it is not willing to use corrupt practice which its competition is using them. In an environment where it is acceptable to use corrupt means, we cannot expect a businessman to be untouched by it. They consider practical solutions more than morally correct solutions. In case of citizens, they need to pay ^{extra} for the services for which they have a right.

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to get as a citizen. On the top of it, they need to face delays and unhelpful officials. This is a situation which is more personal than a matter of achieving some tall ideals of good governance.

In such a situation, an honest citizen and company has no other option but to fight corruption as a matter of survival. By fighting corruption they try to eliminate the ~~unconvenient~~ inconveniences faced by themselves. They have a dream of a better future where they get better services as a matter of right. By choosing to fight it, they are also expressing their anger over their frustration with the state of affairs. It is this anger which shows up in movements like Anna movement in terms of number of people joining.

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Equitable Society

The ^{most} ~~severe~~ effect of corruption is faced by the weaker sections of society. A person who does not know if he will have a source of income next month or not will have to think about spending even ten rupees. In such a case, if he has to pay over and above the fees for required services, he will most ~~prop~~ probably choose to not get that service or get issued that ID. He also does not have the means to leave his work more than a day to visit an office multiple times.

This can lead to inequitable society when some people are not able to access some services due to their lack of economic resources or lack of

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knowledge and connections. Fighting corruption
also means fighting against inequality
and fighting for social justice.

Not all corruptions are extortion

Some other forms of corruption like
collusion between the officials and the
other parties for say award of contracts
or preferential access to a resource or
service is also common. In this case
the other party is willingly paying
money or providing benefits to the
officials for preferential treatment. Even
this collusive form of corruption is bad
for citizens as this leads to inefficient
allocation of resources, slow economic
growth, ignoring of social problems
like pollution, profecting, exploitation by
the officials.

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Another form of corruption is nepotism. This leads to preferential treatment based on contacts with authorities. This preferential treatment can come in the form of bad allotment of office, ignoring of illegality, bad allocation of resources. Even this form is quite detrimental to people who do not have ~~contacts~~ contacts.

Bad Political Culture

Corruption leads to a self-serving cadre of politicians, who use voters to attain their personal goals. It results in ^a the bad bureaucracy and a deteriorating quality of life. Political corruption can take many forms like electoral malpractices, criminalization of

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politics, major grafts, etc. All of this results in a weak democracy depriving people of able leadership.

Political corruption leads to people thinking corruption as a norm and ~~deprives~~ weakening their trust in democracy. This can cause them to be indifferent towards political process and ~~to skipping~~ voting. There are many well-educated people who do not vote precisely because of this reason.

Patriotic to fight corruption

This leads to final point that it is patriotic to fight corruption. It is one of the top forms of patriotism for a citizen. By fighting a corruption, a ~~patri~~ citizen is not only fighting for his own rights but also for the

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rights of his fellow citizens. It is an act of solidarity against an evil in society and administration. Additionally, he is in effect advocating for a honest and responsive government and politicians. It can result in a vibrant democracy. Finally, by fighting corruption he is ensuring that the economic system of his country is working effectively and efficiently, that resources are allocated based on merit and not on the basis of favoritism. This results in a higher growth for the country and better standards of living for its people. All of these ~~can be~~ aims should be on every patriot's mind.

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Therefore, while being an important and integral part of fighting corruption, good governance is not the sole reason to do it. Many other considerations like self-defense, patriotism and a sense of solidarity among the citizens is also a very important reason to fight corruption.

Good content & good explanation. But key ideas can be crafted in more effective way.

- ① Corruption :- extent & threat.
- ② How it makes democracy dysfunctional.
- ③ What is our experience in this regard.
- ④ Good governance & Role of institutions & individuals.

Self defense & patriotism

- ① what we can learn from countries whose kept corruption at bay.
- ② Lessons for future.

Let essay cover logically & complete each dimension effectively.

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Section B.

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

The 10th board topper of my school failed in 12th board. Obviously, she did not turn from a bright, ~~had~~ student to a dull one in a period of two years. Barring any personal or health reasons, the most likely explanation seems to be that she did not work hard enough and took it very lightly. This is a very common phenomenon among successful people. Some cannot easily digest success and become victims of bad habits, some become lazy after getting their first success. The point most people miss is that retaining that one success by

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consistent hardwork, perseverance and a constant zeal for learning, is in itself another success.

Success is a marathon, not a sprint

Even a sprinter will acknowledge this fact that the game for him ~~begs~~ began much earlier than that final race. The game was not about him working hard in that one race, but about working hard consistently over years ~~to make this one race much much easier.~~

Importance of practice can never be overstated. Any professional truly ~~has~~ learns his craft only after he has spent enough time practicing it. If this were not the case, then by knowing about perfect brushstrokes, one

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could become an artist. Or by knowing about the various cricket shots, one could become a cricketer.

Every win is a ladder.

Successful people know that the only way to maintain their success is to win another game. Yesterday's winner is not the winner. He is always ~~yes~~ yesterday's winner. Cherishing a win is important, but preparing for tomorrow's game is equally important.

Only fools will equate winning a battle to winning a war. Winners keep practicing for the next battle to come. It is their zeal which gave them victory in the first place. It is that same zeal which will keep them a winner.

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Importance of learning

It is important to keep in mind that every challenge is a new one, every game a different challenge and every battle unique. Nothing but practice and learning can prepare us for a new challenge every time.

So, it makes sense to enjoy the process of learning itself rather than just the ~~just~~ final outcome. It may be said that working for the win only is a recipe for disaster. A successful cricketer did not start playing so that he could be a successful cricketer. He enjoyed playing so much that he was able to reach the success.

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Importance of character

The most important differentiator between successful and others is not just a difference of talent, but a difference of character. To keep improving even after winning is very important. Success is a battle against oneself. To winning against your previous self and keep improving is the ~~final~~ should be the chief goal.

Keeping sight of the goal

It is all well to improve and learn, but one should not lose the sight of the goal. Too many failures can have as much bad effect, as a one lucky success. It is on to decide what their goals are, but after

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that it is matter of duty to keep it in mind always.

Perseverance

There are many distractions and many opportunities to quit. But to keep going requires perseverance. It is okay to stopping and taking rest when one feels to, but rest should not become the permanent state.

Perseverance is the key to demolish a mountain, stone by stone. Most of the times ~~there does not~~ progress is ~~not~~ evident. But to quit is to waste all of the efforts spent.

Perseverance requires a realistic goal setting. Without it, a realistic goal, the goal will become a burden one would like to get rid of. On the other hand, a realistic goal will

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encourage people to work even harder $\&$ towards it.

In essence, living in the dreams of past success will do no good. It is fine to enjoy glories of past. But to win the next battle, one should be prepared. For that one should work hard and learn continuously keeping the goal always in sight.

~~Answer~~
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 each key dimension
 can be treated more
 effectively -

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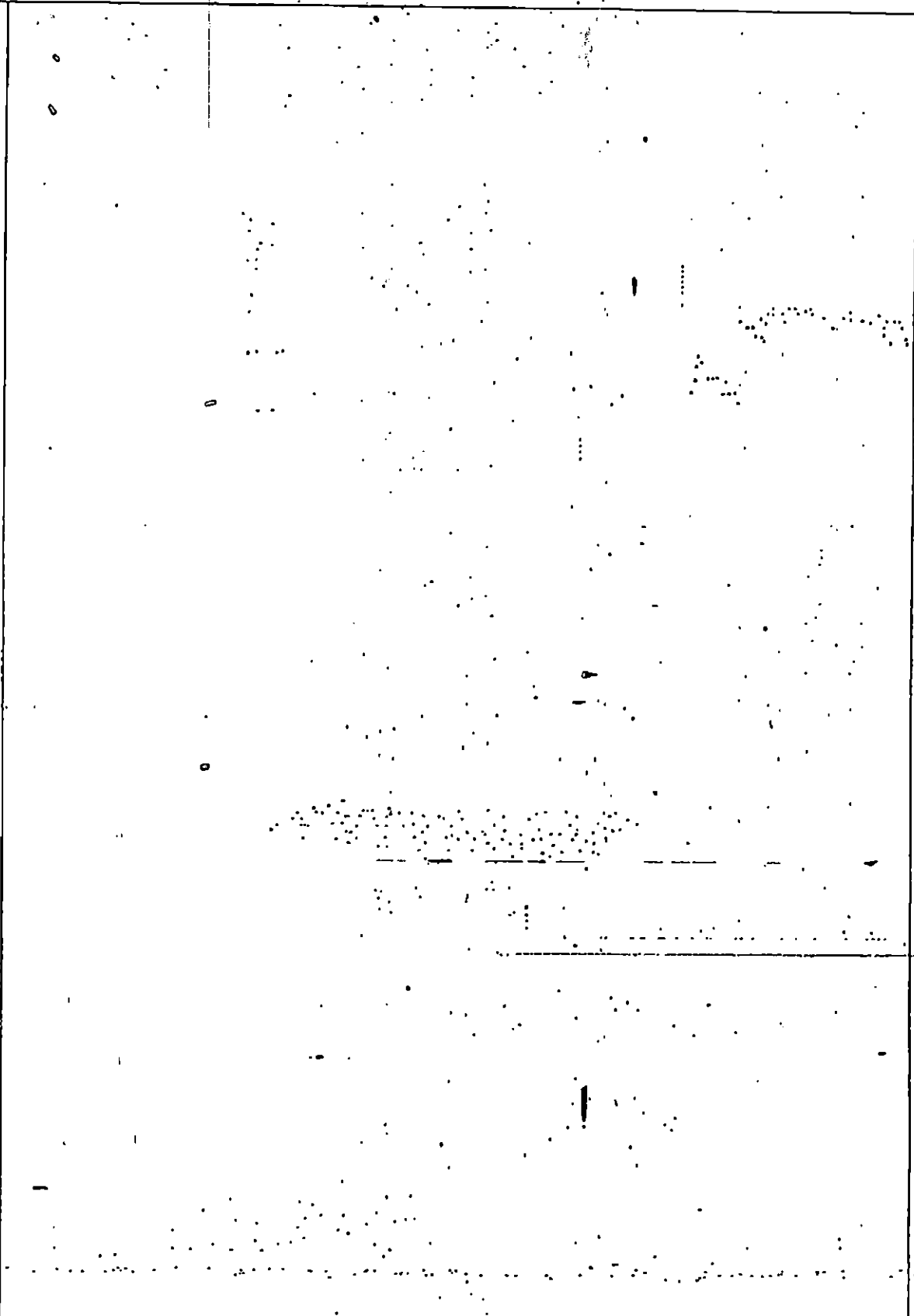
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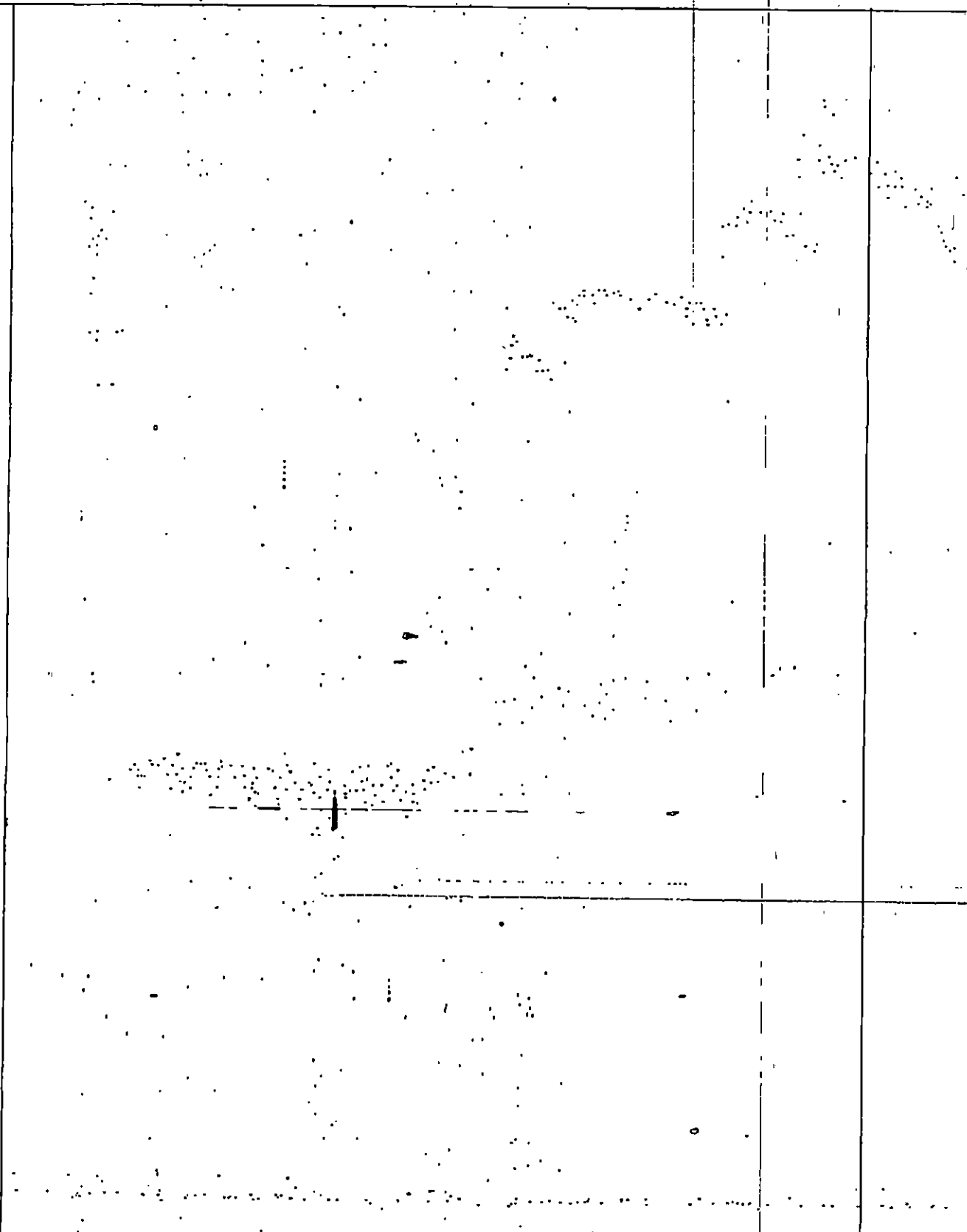
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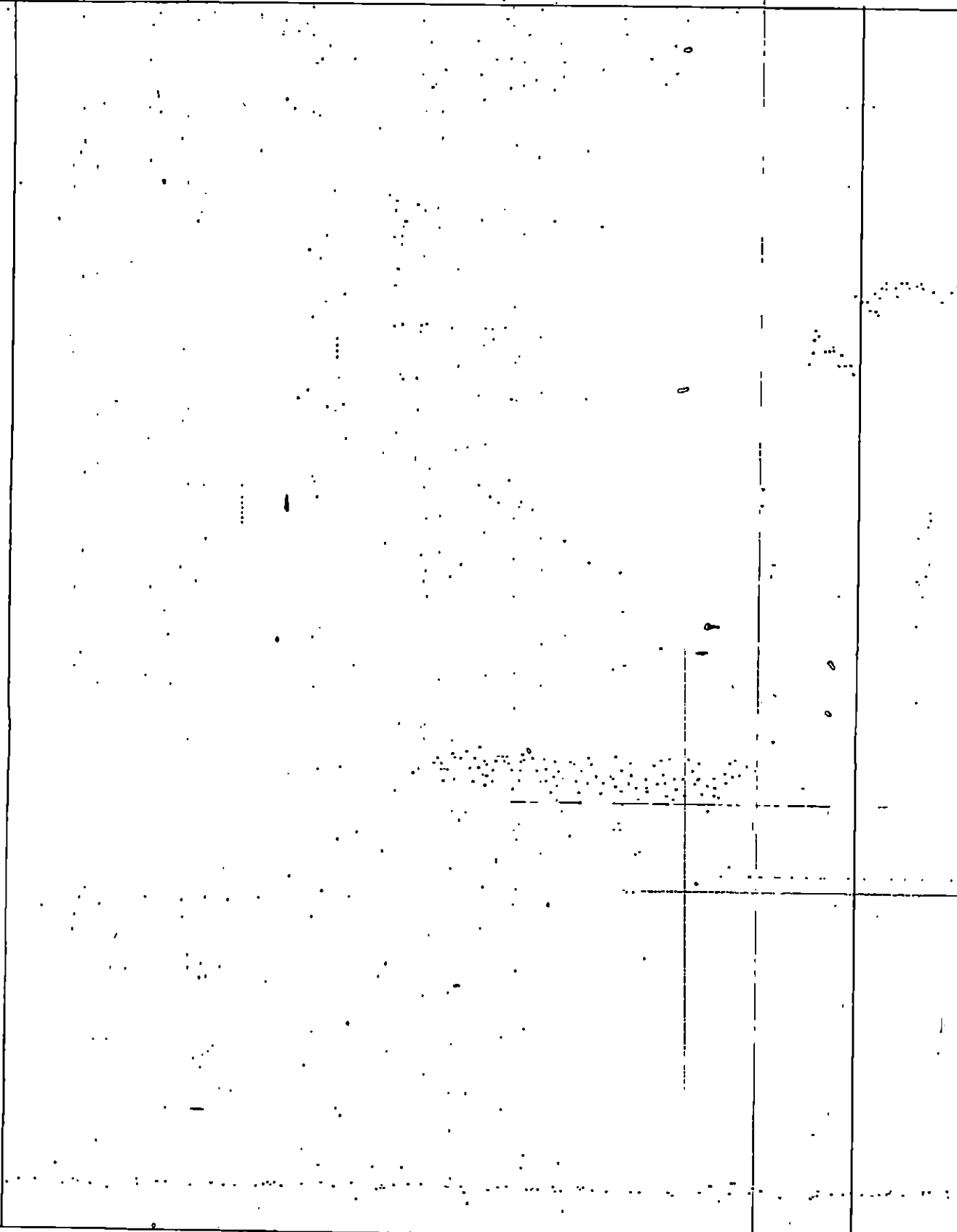


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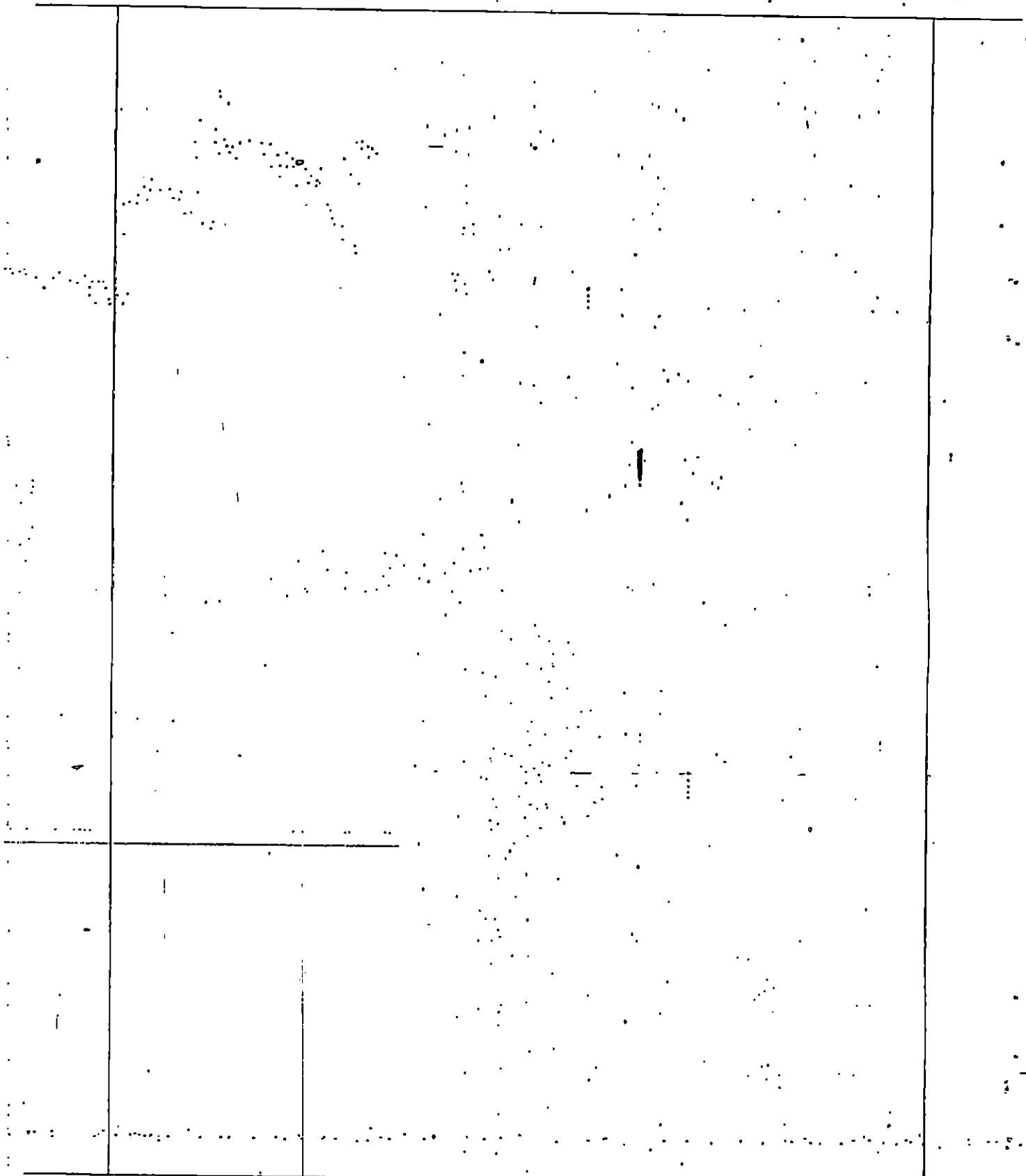
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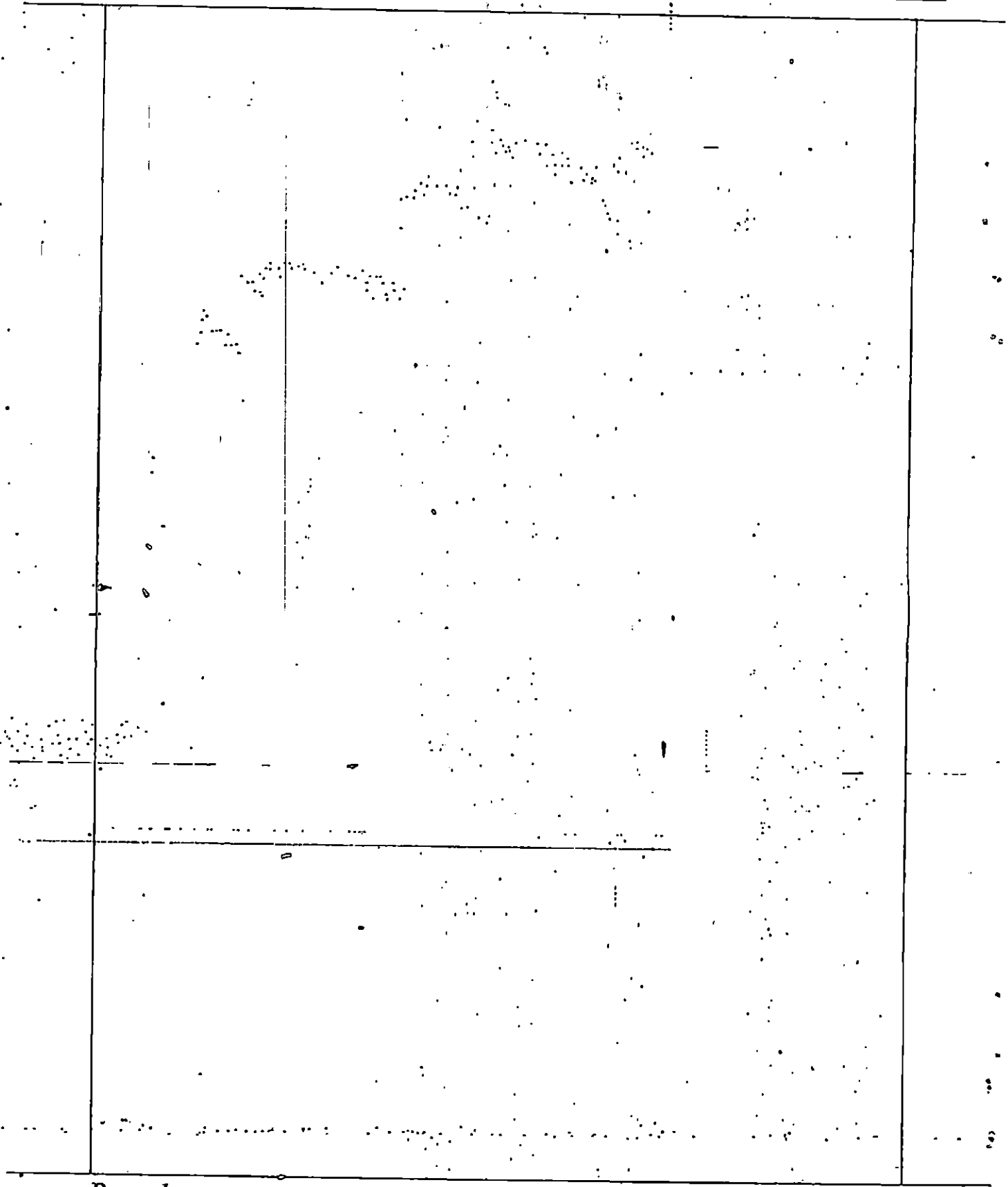


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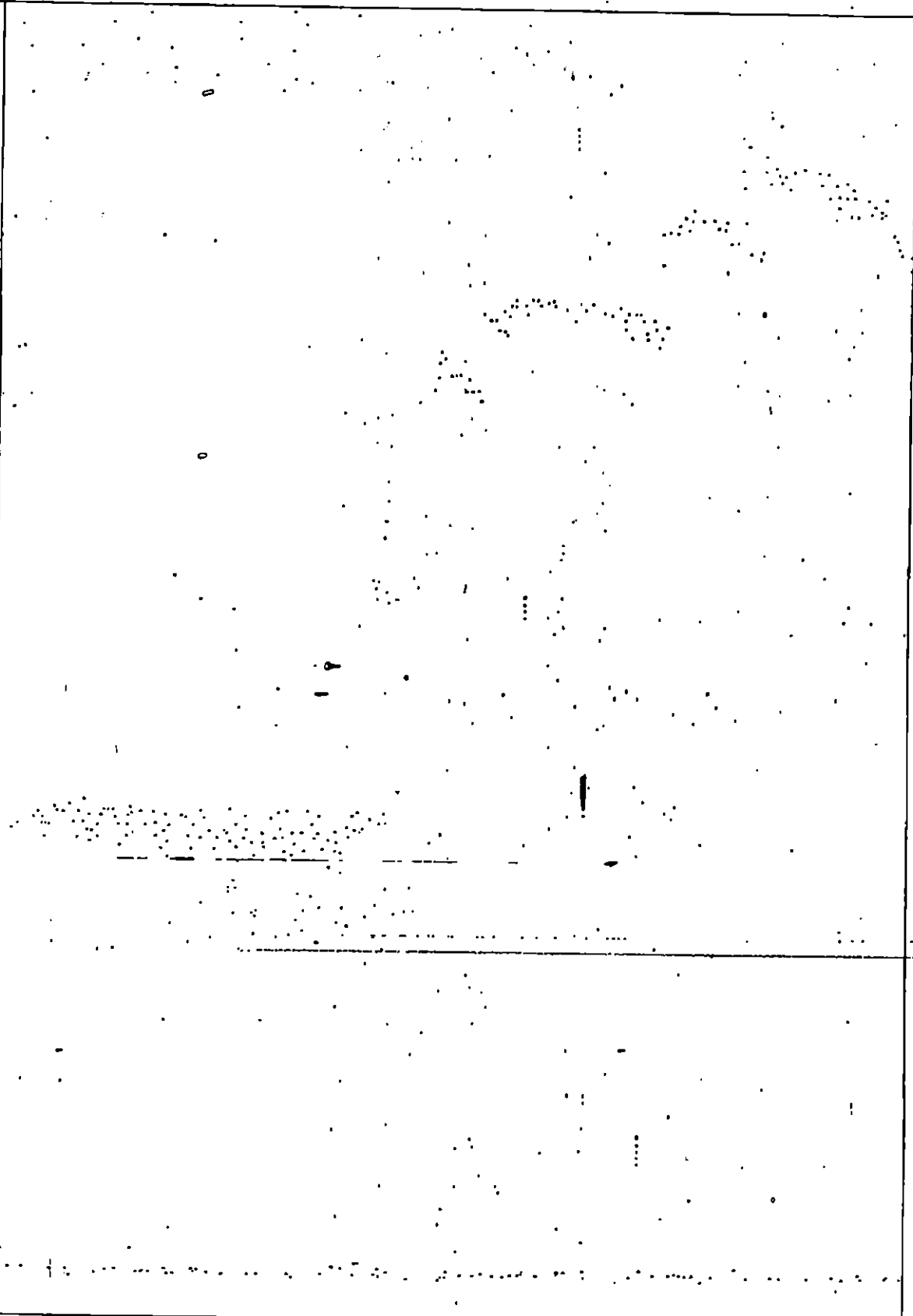
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Yesterday's score doesn't

- Practice
- Perseverance
- Life / sports
- Never stopping
- ~~Failure is as important (minor mishaps)~~

Importance of Learning

Defines character.

losing sight of ^{the} goal

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Corruption → self defense, good-governance,
patriotism.

Effects: Economic, administrative, societal,
 Equity, equality, political, moral, democracy,
 Better Services.

Fighting: People, leaders, civil society, business.

↓ Better government services development
 ↓ Effectiveness organisation organisational values,
 ↓ Pollution

Types: Collusive, extortion.

Essay type: Elaboration, giving support, good thornist
 giving counters to opposition (Politicians,
 bureaucrats, etc. fighting it.)

Conclusion? It is in our interest to fight it.

Patriotism: Solidarity for people (weaker section),
 taking part in development of country,
 making sure that government (bureaucracy
 is accountable.

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