

## 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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## SECTION - A

1. To be successful in Men's world, a woman must be ~~not a smart man~~.
2. Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.
3. True equality means holding everyone accountable in the same way, regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity - or political ideology.
4. Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.

## SECTION - B

1. India hasn't unraveled true potential of its long coastline.
2. We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.
3. One should like to be able to love one's country and still love justice.
4. Sustainability is about Ecology, Economy and Equity.

## SECTION - A

TRUE EQUALITY MEANS HOLDING EVERYONE ACCOUNTABLE IN THE SAME WAY, REGARDLESS OF RACE, GENDER, FAITH, ETHNICITY OR POLITICAL IDEOLOGY.

"All men are born free and equal" This is one of the fundamental principles of the world. It is universally acknowledged, that everyone are born equal. It is the opportunities, circumstances that we grow up in, our experiences, our atmosphere that shape us and mould us into the persons we are today. While this may contribute to our disturbances, the inherent feature of being equal remains the same.

True equality involves holding everyone accountable to the same standards, everyone judged and treated by the same laws, without any discrimination. This ~~reinforces~~ reinforces the feeling of equality in the society and also conveys the message that everyone is the same & this also helps in reinforcing a

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sense of justice among the members of the society.

However, many times equality in the society is observed in name only. True equality in which everyone is held accountable is rarely followed though it is acknowledged. Though we are equal, there are unique characteristics among all humans. These differences in terms of race, gender, faith, ethnicity, political ideology helps in building a more egalitarian society in which everyone contributes in their own way.

It is but natural for one to take pride in the features that may make them unique. But, perpetuating the feeling that because of their features, they are superior than everyone else and hence have different standards is dangerous for all concerned.

This, sadly has been observed in our society for far too long. The discrimination based on race, on skin colour has been continuing for centuries. This led to the erroneous belief that people of colour are inherently inferior.

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Very good insight! Deep observation

to the white man and hence were treated inferior to them. They were subjected to mechanisms such as slavery and segregation, judged at a much harsher standard than that of the white race.

The native people were also thought to be uncivilized and it was the "white man's burden" to lift them to civilization. They were thought unfit to govern, leading to the perpetuation of colonialism and exploitation.

The colonial masters were hardly held accountable for their actions, for which the people suffered. Equality was hardly observed in the society, which led to tensions and a sense of injustice in the society. This led to the independence movements and the civil rights movements to achieve true equality and to be held accountable. This inequality also hampers the development of a society in which the development is concentrated in a few pockets rather than whole of a society further contributing to tensions in the society.

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Inequality in terms of gender is also pervasive in all parts of the world. Women constitute half of the population and yet their voice is stifled and many of them do not get an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to the development of a society.

For a long period, women were being held as being inferior to men, with the result that many of their avenues in which they could contribute were closed to them. This led to a struggle for rights and to be treated equally. Movements like the suffragette's movement and the feminist movements are so outcomes of this.

Being held to different standards are detrimental to both men and women. It prevents the man from taking a stronger interest in home and other areas considered feminine. It also prevents the women from being assertive, taking a bolder stance as it is seen as being aggressive and not desirable.

Hence this perpetuates inequality on the basis of gender and again creates artificial barriers in the society.

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Discrimination on the basis of faith is also undesirable in the interests of equality. While members of a society tend to feel more comfortable among the followers of their faith, if they are not held accountable to the same standards and laws it contributes to distrust among the members of a society.

Of the followers of a majority faith, impose their will on the minority and then they judge them harshly and hold them to stringent laws it creates an atmosphere of fear in the society. This creates a feeling of deprivation in the society. This in its stronger form may lead to scenarios such as the Holocaust and the current menace of radicalisation and terrorism. Hence it is essential to ensure that no one is discriminated on the basis of faith in the society.

Political ideology differs among many members of the society. At a certain point of time, certain ideology may hold supreme and at certain points of time others may hold. Discriminating against certain sections of the society for holding a different view is detrimental to the well

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well being of the society. It is necessary for opposing views to be held in the society to hold the government in power to be accountable. Suppressing the views of one section of the society while the other form of ideology is without any sort of accountability is irresponsible and may lead to dictatorial tendencies in the society. This was amply seen during the era of cold war and in the battle for supremacy between communism and capitalism.

Hence, it is extremely clear that without accountability, and responsibility for one's decisions it is very difficult to achieve true equality in the society. However, while establishing accountability be it in terms of laws, rules and regulations, it is necessary to ensure that like are treated alike.

It is essential to ensure that people of different circumstances are not held to the same laws. A person who is coming from a position of discrimination poverty and the person who is from a position of riches cannot be expected to compete on the same standards. It is necessary for a society to be equal in name and practice for all the members of the society to be held equal to the same standards.

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Hence positive discrimination in favour of the people who are or the yet to experience the benefits of equality is necessary for them to be held to the same standards of accountability.

Hence it is necessary that for a society to flourish and thrive <sup>while,</sup> it is essential to establish equality in the society in letter and in spirit. There are many advantages to a society which is equal: the development in such a society is equally spread among all members of the society. The development in such cases is more likely to be sustainable. There is far fewer cases of discrimination among the society. ~~rather than~~ There are far fewer tensions among the members of the society. Everyone feels that their contribution is valued and they help the society move forward.

\* The such a society also holds the people who are in power, more accountable. There is a lesser chance of corruption, favoritism and discrimination. It leads to a society which is transparent and more open. This society is

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not only accepts the differences among its members but also celebrates the diversity of its members that enables them to be vibrant. There is a ~~reduced~~ tendency for a dictatorship to evolve from such a society.

This open, embracing attitude of a society, also spills over to its members and citizens. The citizens also become more open and welcoming and less inclined towards social, social, ethnic prejudices. He views everyone as equal and does not feel the need to discriminate or show bias. The newcomer, minority in the society also feels protected in the society and valued and hence contribute to the development of the society.

The principle of fairness and equal opportunity to everyone is a natural outcome of these society. Everyone is held accountable for their actions and rule of law evolves organically from a such a society.

Hence it is necessary that for a society to become more open, accountable, equality among different members of the society and positive discrimination towards the oppressed is necessary to ensure that accountability.

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is not only established, but also enforced to  
ensure a holistic and well rounded development  
of a society.

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Crisp, to the point and  
 a holistic treatment!

Excellent analysis! good arguments!

You are really shining in this write up.  
 as a creative and thinking individual!

However, always remember

"Complacency is an enemy, keep  
 working for excellence"

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## SECTION-B

SUSTAINABILITY IS ABOUT ECONOMY, ECOLOGY & EQUITY.

The Earth is the home of man and it sustains him and other organisms and live beings. The Earth is also a planet with finite resources. There is a limit to which the resources can be utilised to fuel development in the world. Hence, "sustainability" is essential to ensure that the resources are not exploited and life is sustained on earth.

*Good introduction*  
 "Sustainability" is the principle of utilisation of resources, services in such a way, that the needs of the present are met, ~~is met~~ without compromising the needs of the future. It involves essentially to make sure that the future generations do have the means to ensure their development and growth.

*Crisp, pointed and relevant*  
 Sustainability is about economy, ecology and equity. If we want to ensure all three it is necessary to adhere to the principles of sustainability.

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In today's world, economic growth is necessary to ensure a country's development and good quality of life for all its citizens. It ensures that the country also has a growing voice in the international arena. Hence, in our quest to achieve economic development we exploited the natural resources available to us, without any concern to the fact that it might be finite or about the damage to the environment.

In the initial days of the industrial revolution, the earth was still pristine enough to handle the exploitation of its resources. But as the hunger for economic growth and monetary gain grew, so did the disregard for the environment. We just sought more and more ways to increase gains from the environment without any concern to the fallout.

But this condition could not be carried out for a long time. There came a point where unbridled exploitation of resources could not be sustained. This can be seen in the exploitation of timber and wood industry. The trees are being cut and used at a far greater rate than they can be replaced with catastrophic consequences.

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This unsustainable use of resources also has other unintended consequences. It also leads to inequity among nations and inequality among members of the society. The resources of the earth are not distributed equally among all nations of the world. Some regions are resource rich and others are resource poor. Similarly, the res. technology for the exploitation of these resources are also concentrated among the few members of the world.

∴ There are regions which are resource rich and underdeveloped. In the quest for economic gains, there is a rush for resource rich regions among the countries of the world. In order to have control of the resources and to propel economic development principles such as colonialism, imperialism, racial supremacy were ensured entrenched.

The people of the resource rich regions were unable to exercise their right to development or control over their own resources. This leads to inequity and subjugation. The countries also had to resort to draconian measures to ensure that their control over the resources existed. Consequently, the people of these regions, were hardly ever

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given the opportunity to develop as and in a peaceful environment. They are subject to interference and conflict. The exploitation of South America by the USA and colonialism of Asia, Africa by Europe are examples of this.

Even in countries, where resources are rich, the benefits tend to concentrate among the few who have the means to exploit it. The riches are accumulated by a few leading to inequality in the society. The majority of the society now have to make do with resources such as water etc which are of significantly lesser quality than others. The concentration of wealth among the few in the society also hampers the development of the society in a holistic manner. This also leads individuals to behave selfishly without any thoughts about the benefits of a larger society. The accumulation of resources and the economic gains among the few of the society also leads to concentration of power among the few. They now influence the political climate of the country and would tend to support the policies and politicians who are supportive of their demands.

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The principle of free and fair elections and the formulation of policies which benefit the majority of the people are pushed back in favour of the select few.

This policy of indiscriminate use of the resources, also spills over into the environment, which can no longer handle the stress of continued destruction.

This leads to the phenomenon of climate change, warming of the earth, oceans, ocean acidification, loss in fertility of the soil, depletion of resources etc. Thus unsustainable use of resources finally strikes at the heart of economic development and brings it down. e.g. unsustainable use of fossil fuels, mining.

Therefore, if development has to be long lasting, sustained and providing to all members of the society and if the principle of equity is to be ensured then the principle of sustainability has to be carried forward.

Sustainable use of resources ensure that short term economic gains do not override long term developmental gains. When resources are used sustainably it ensures that the development is spread equally among

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all members of the society. From a state of competition for resources it moves to a state of co sharing of resources in order to preserve them and do not over exploit them.

Sustainable use of resources also promote a sense of community ownership of the resources, thus leading to development from the grass roots.

In economic exploitation of the resources and its fallout, the most disadvantaged are the women, children and elderly. In sustainable use of resources, it is <sup>seen</sup> necessary that the women take the lead, and traditional knowledge of resource use is taken into consideration thus ensuring a more equitable development.

In the environment can sustain only limited damage and when it goes beyond it, it cannot sustain it and causes damage. The environment is not occupied by the humans alone, it is also home to animals and the other organisms in the ecosystem. Each animal on the ecosystem chain has a part to play in the development and sustenance of the ecosystem. If the ecosystem is destroyed by the destruction of its components then it has damaging consequences for the rest of the world.

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For example, the destruction of a single species of bees could have devastating effects on the food security of the world. Hence it becomes absolutely necessary to ensure that the economic development is sustainable.

with the devastating effects of unbridled economic exploitation of resources such as climate change, increasing rate of natural disasters and economic development which perpetuates inequality the concept of sustainable development is now more important than ever.

The resources on earth are finite in nature, it is necessary to use it sustainably and equitably. This has now been realised and sustainable and responsible economic development has been accepted as the norm rather than the exception. A company which pursues sustainable development has other benefits too. People are more likely to prefer an organisation which follows sustainable principles rather than unsustainable practices. This has led to a robust mechanism by most companies to ensure sustainability in their processes and supply chain.

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This sustainability hinges on ecology. In order to ensure continued growth and existence on the planet it is necessary that environment is managed sustainably. This concept has gained importance with the push for renewables, sustainable development goals, Paris climate Agreement etc.

In order to ensure these goals of <sup>ecology</sup> ~~equity~~ and sustainable development, it is necessary that principle of equity is followed. Equitable access, distribution of resources promotes economic development and preserves and conserves the environment. It also encourages community development with lesser inequality and differences.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The Earth has enough resources to meet everyone's need but not greed". It is up to us to ensure that the resources are used in a sustainable manner to ensure that economic development, ecology and equity are conserved and sustain one another, instead of unmitigated exploitation and destruction of ~~nat~~ resources.

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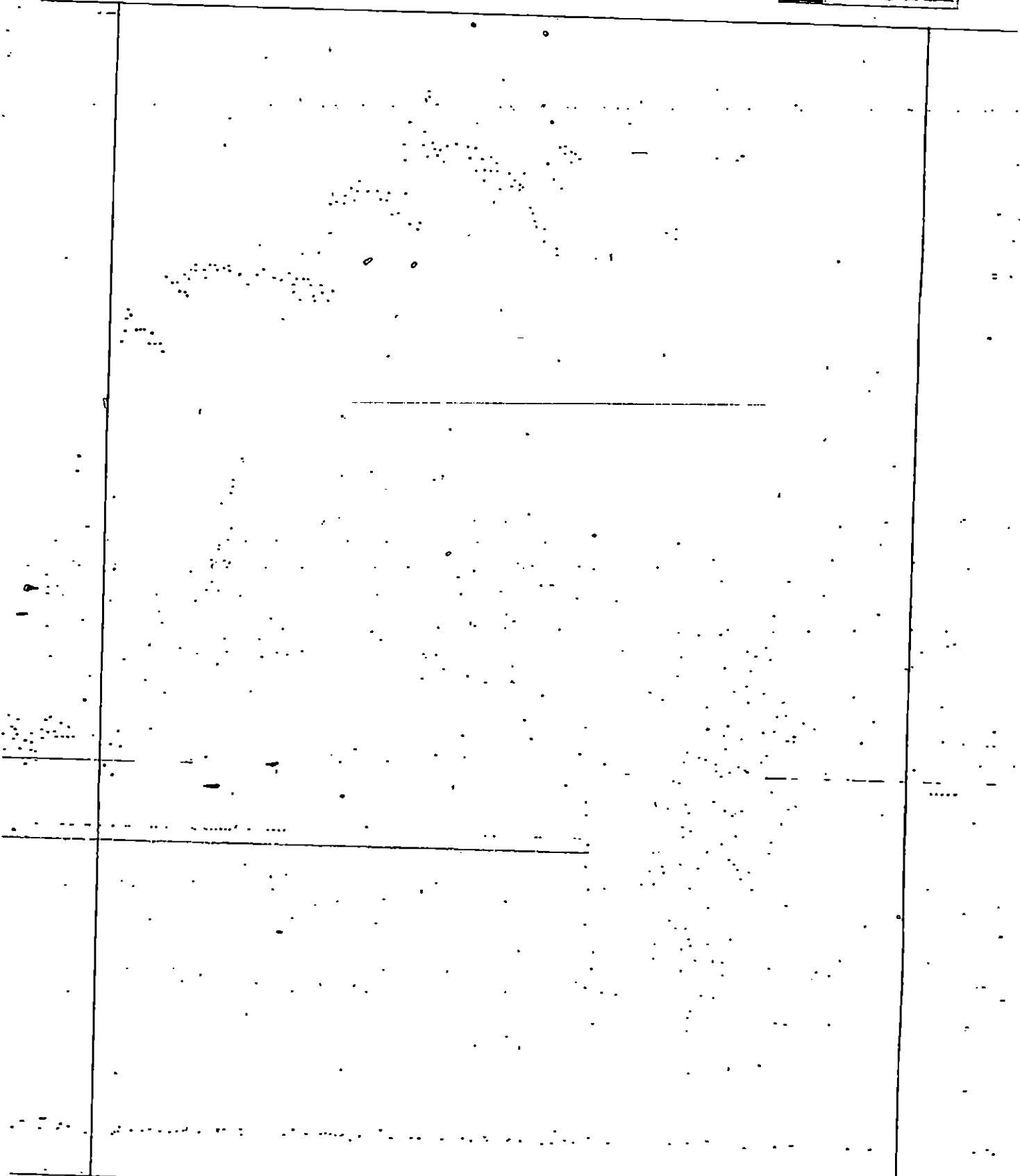
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Very good ideas, examples and observations on sustainability - Ecological, Economy, Equity

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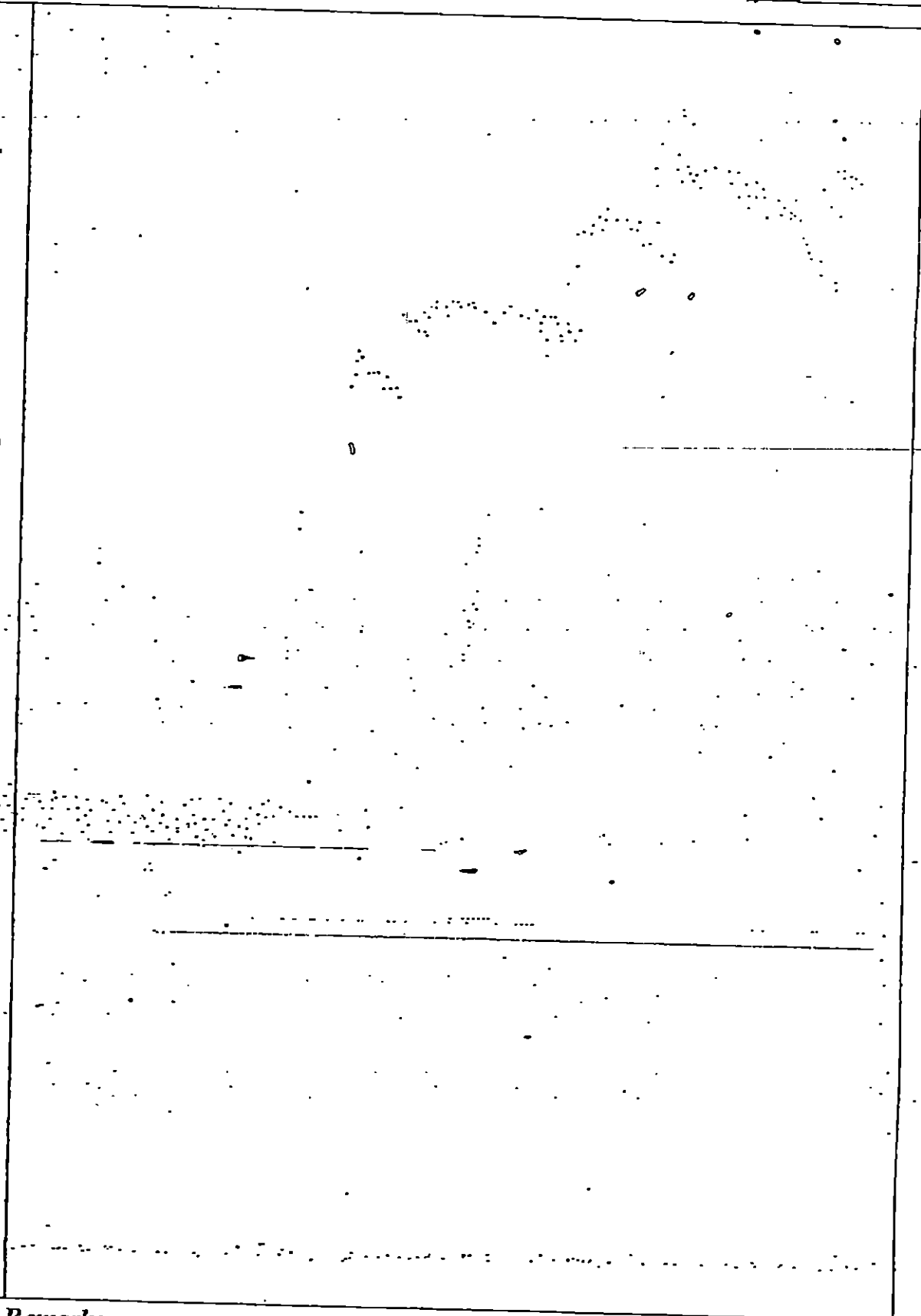


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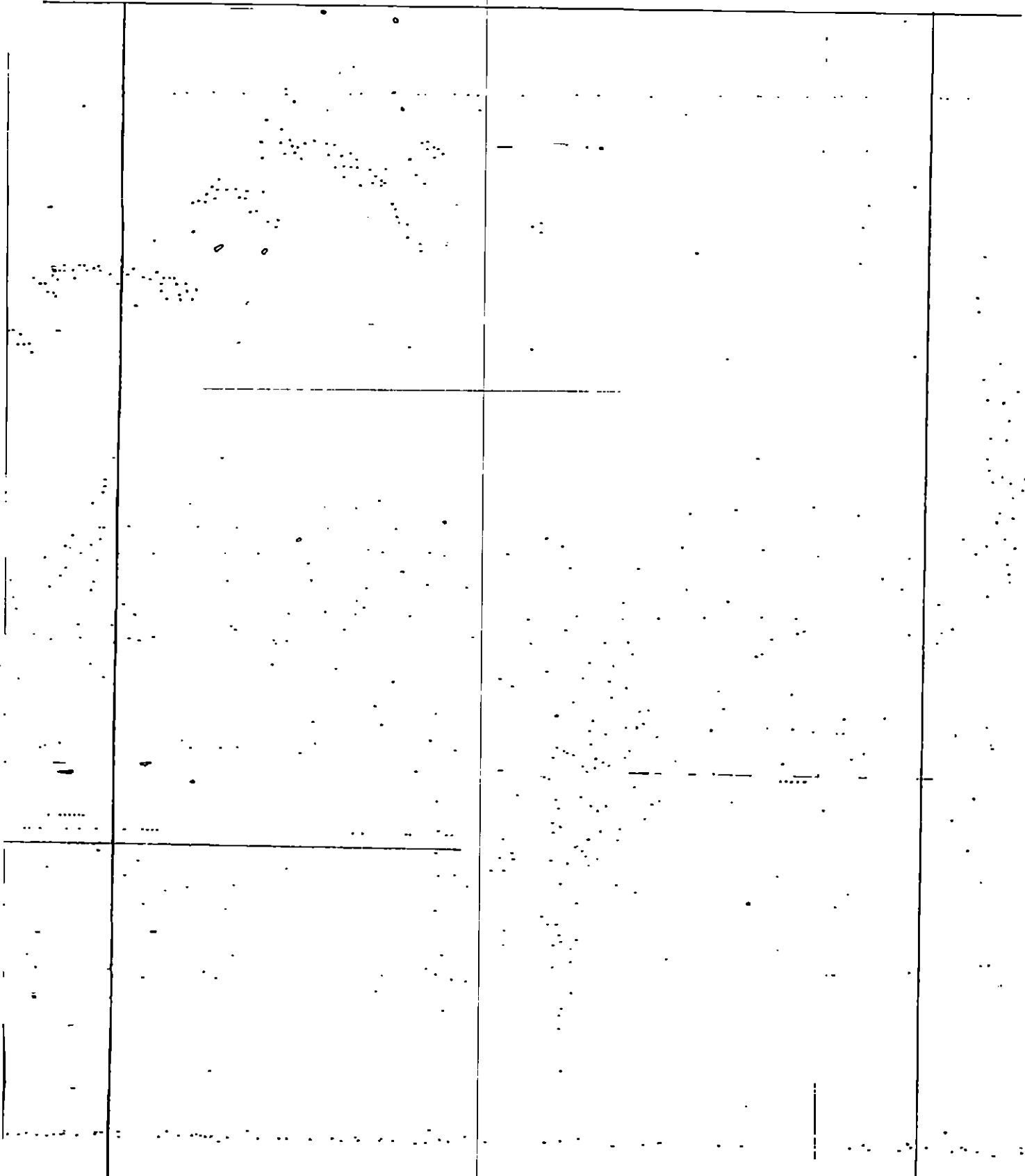
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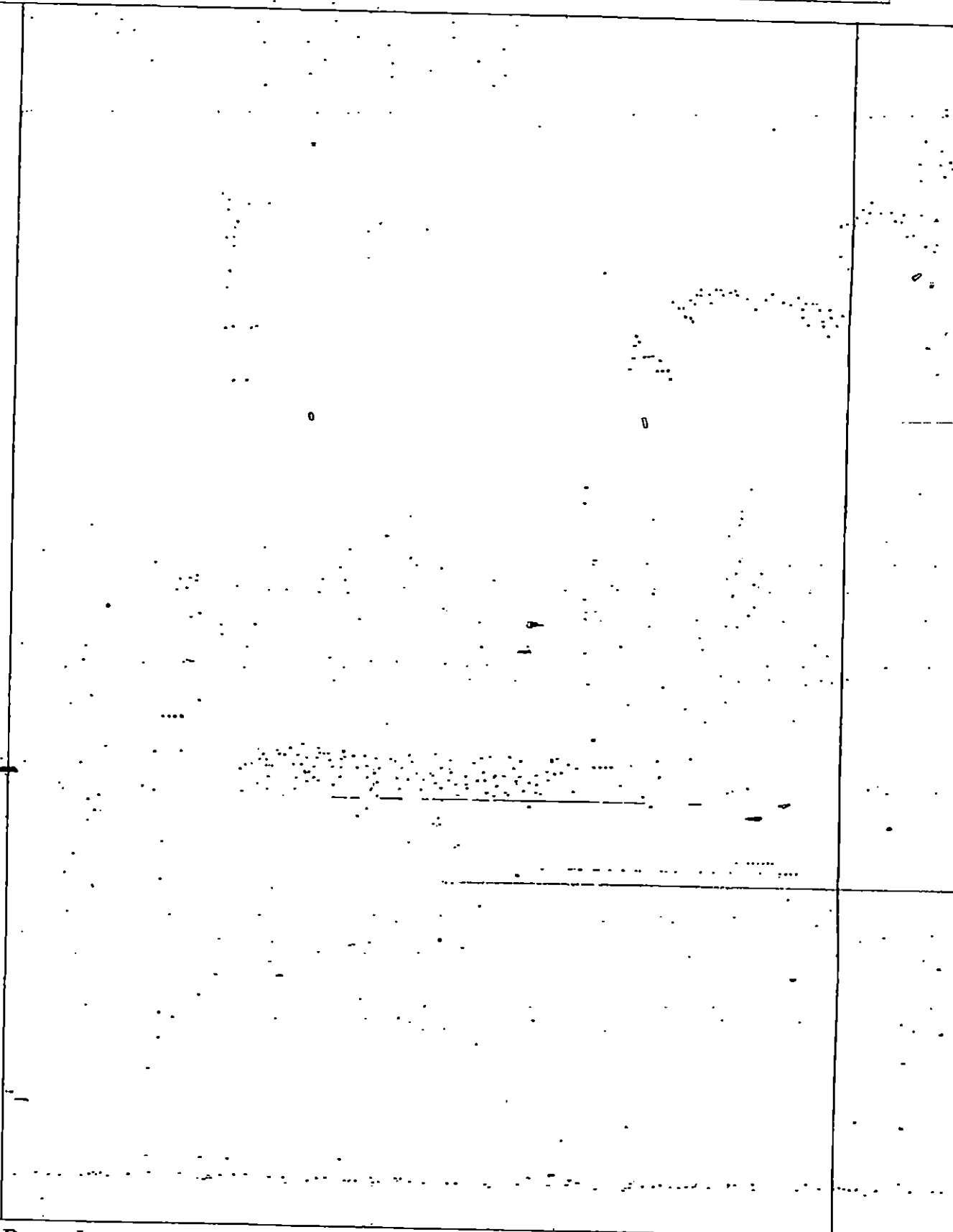
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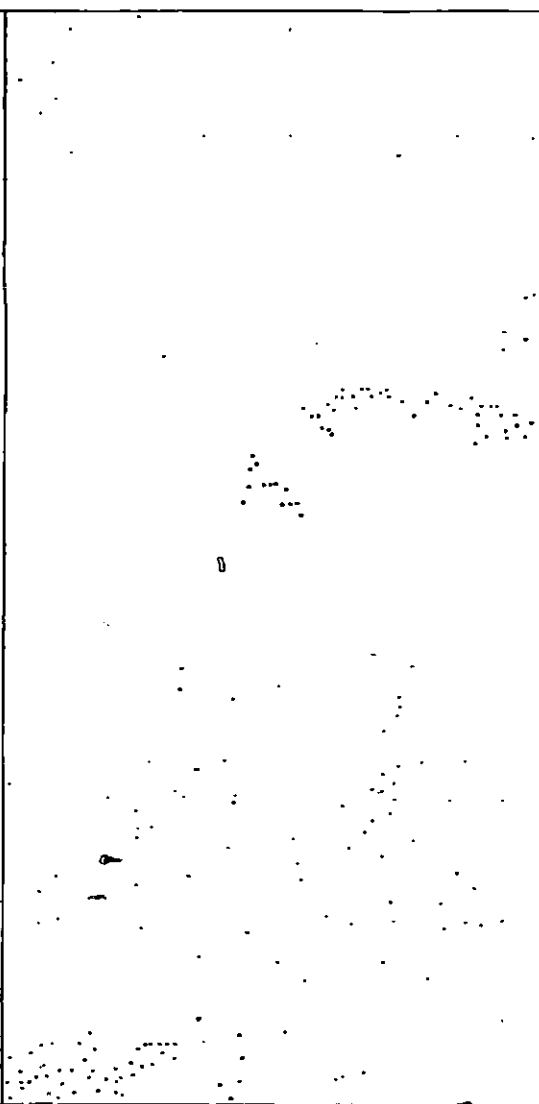
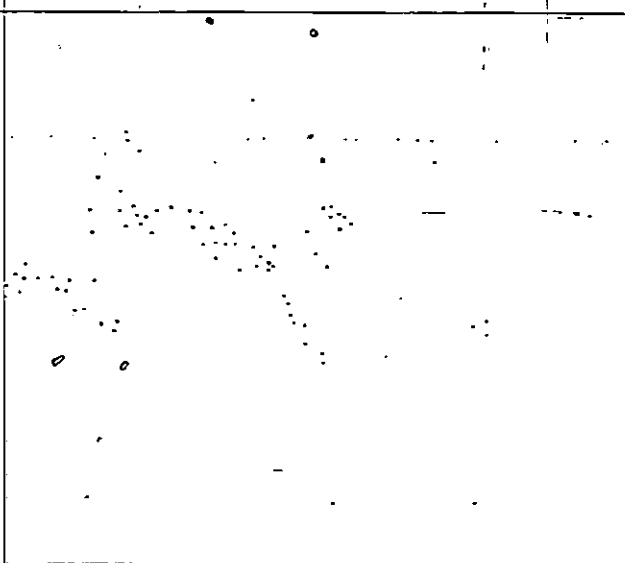
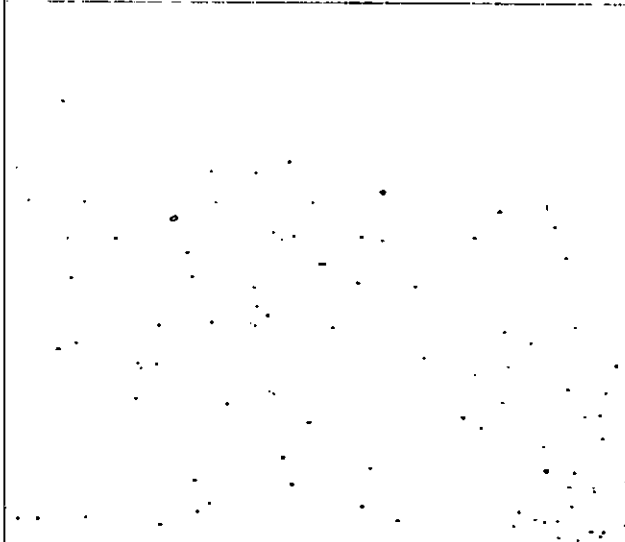
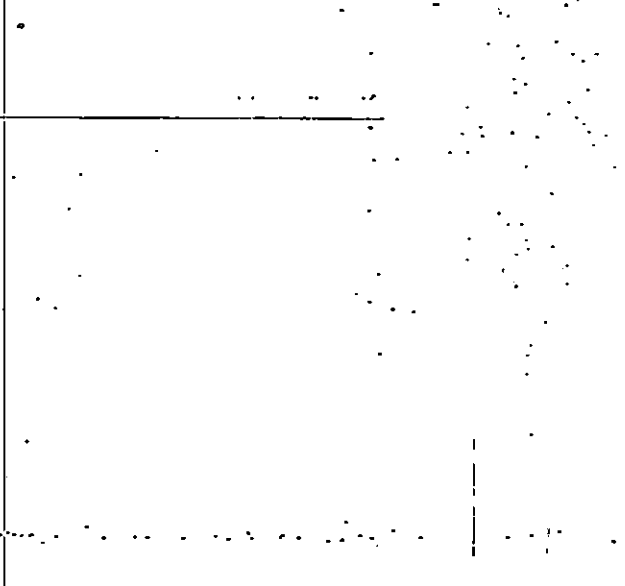
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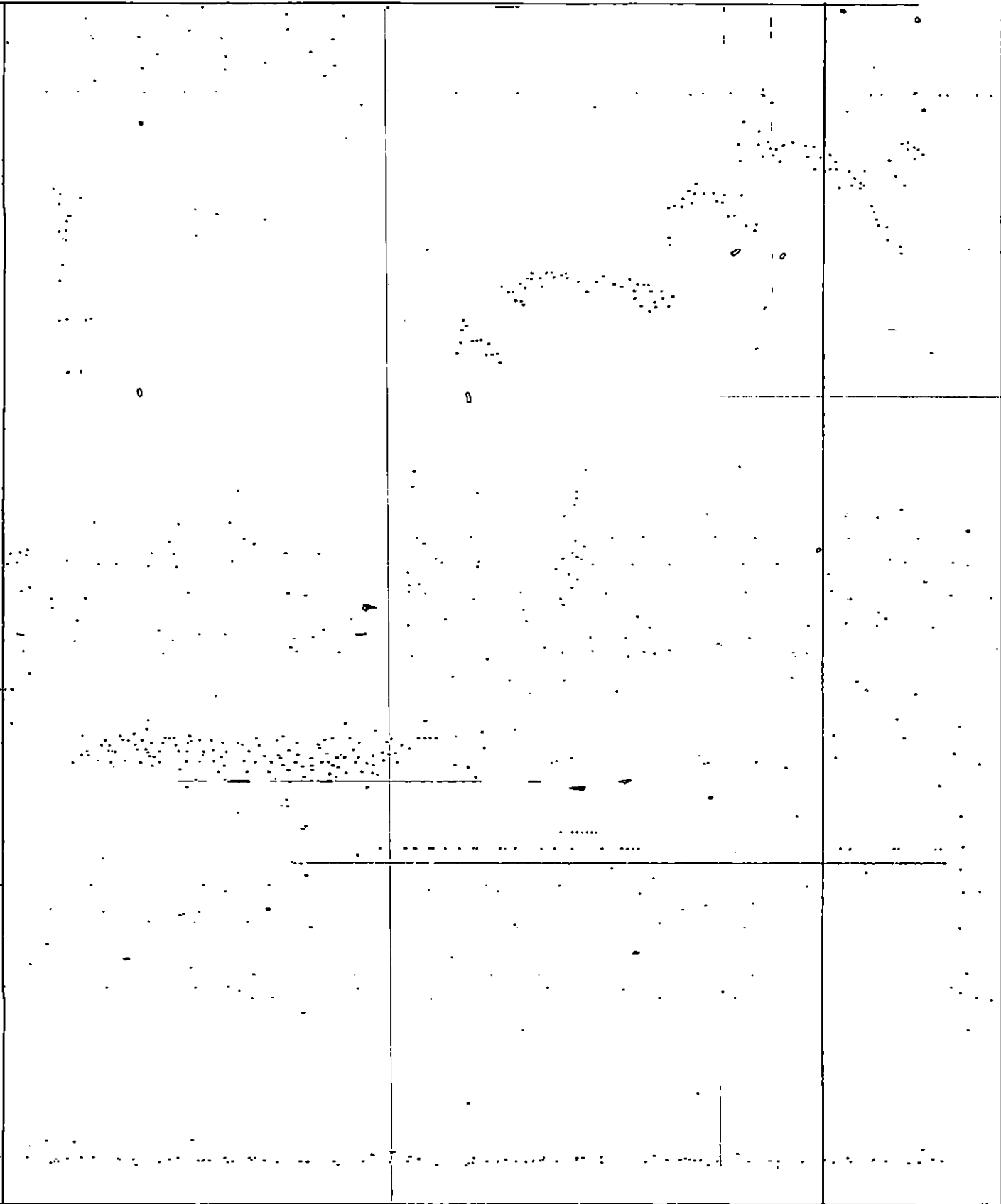
			
			
			

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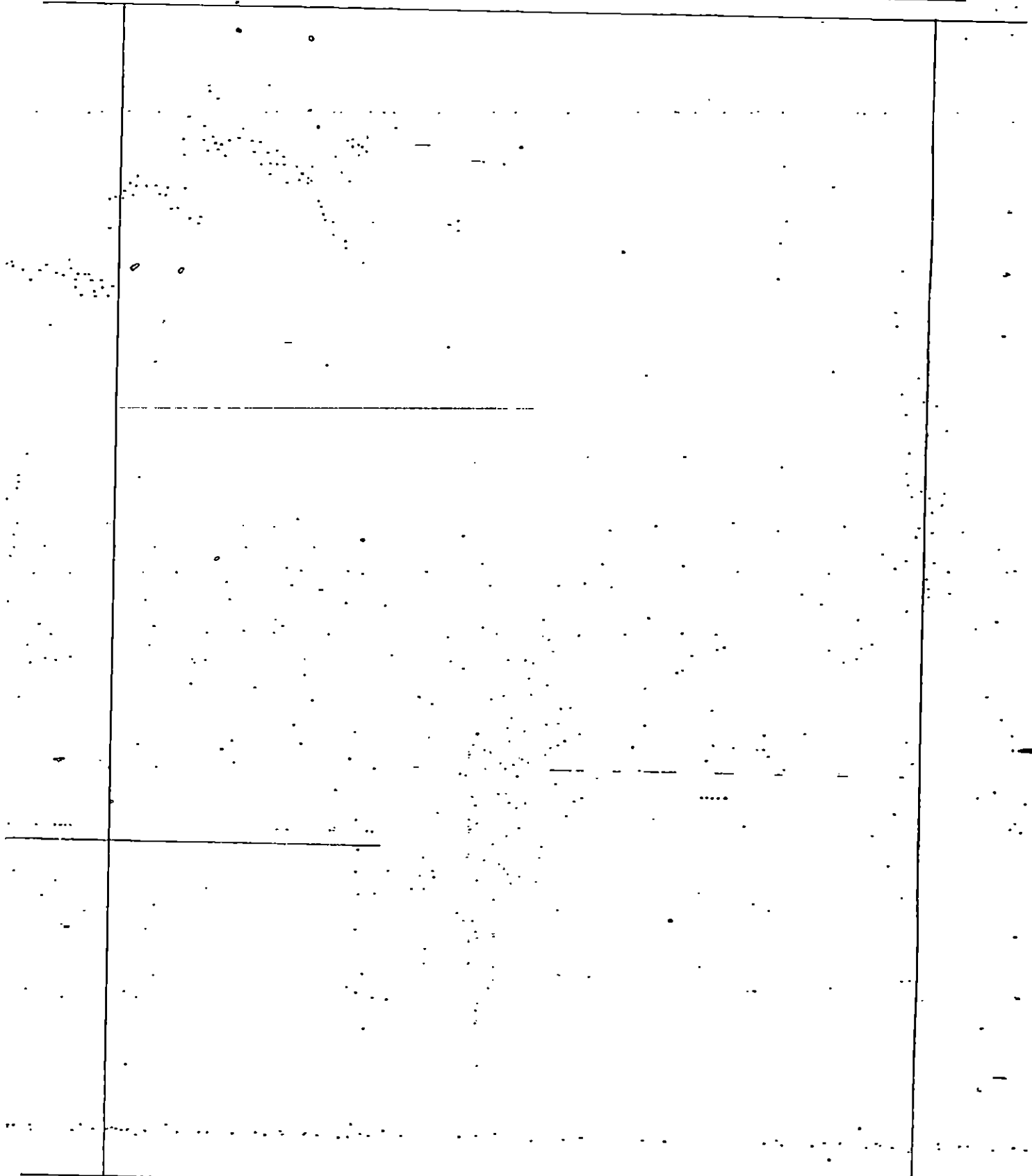
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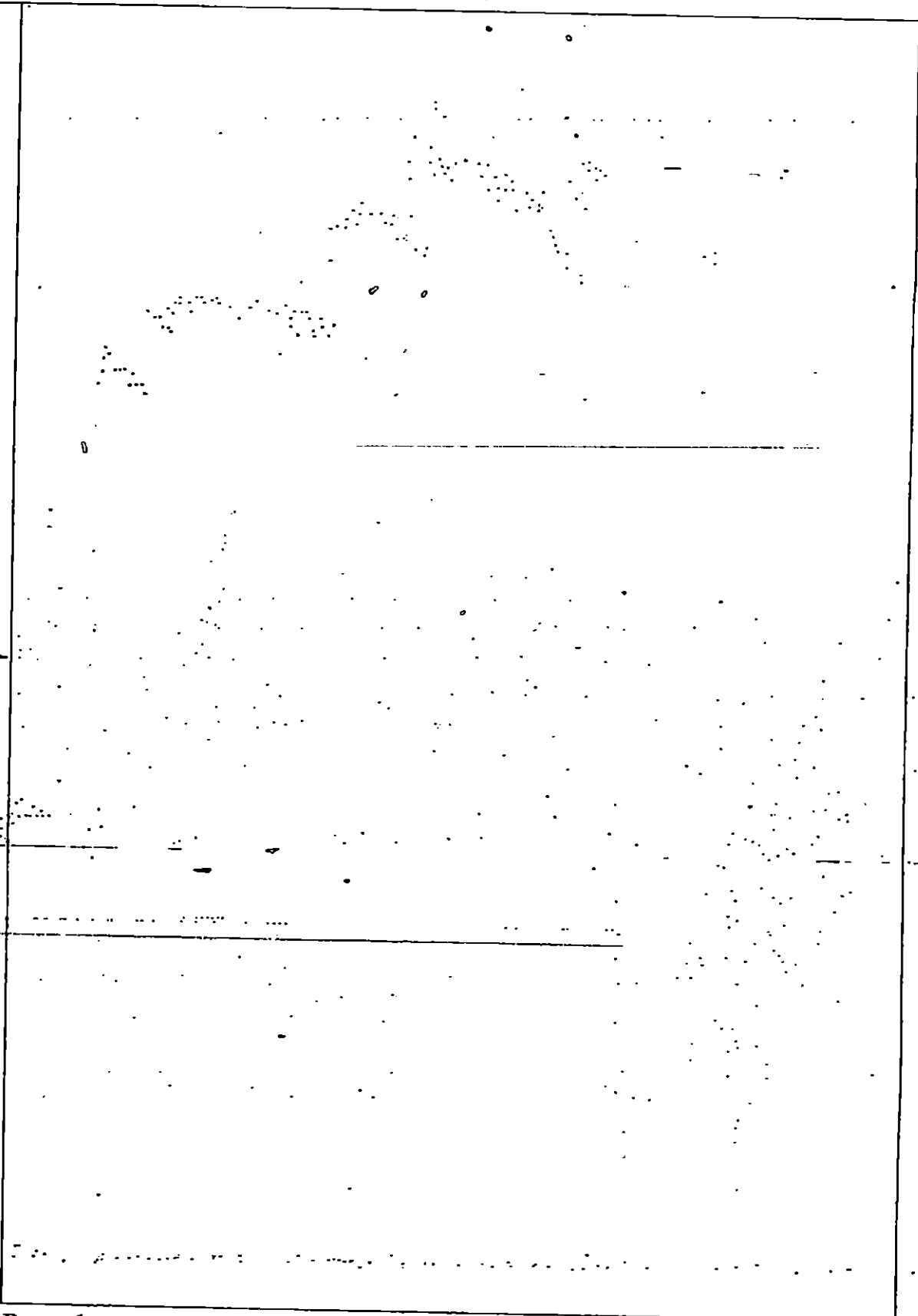
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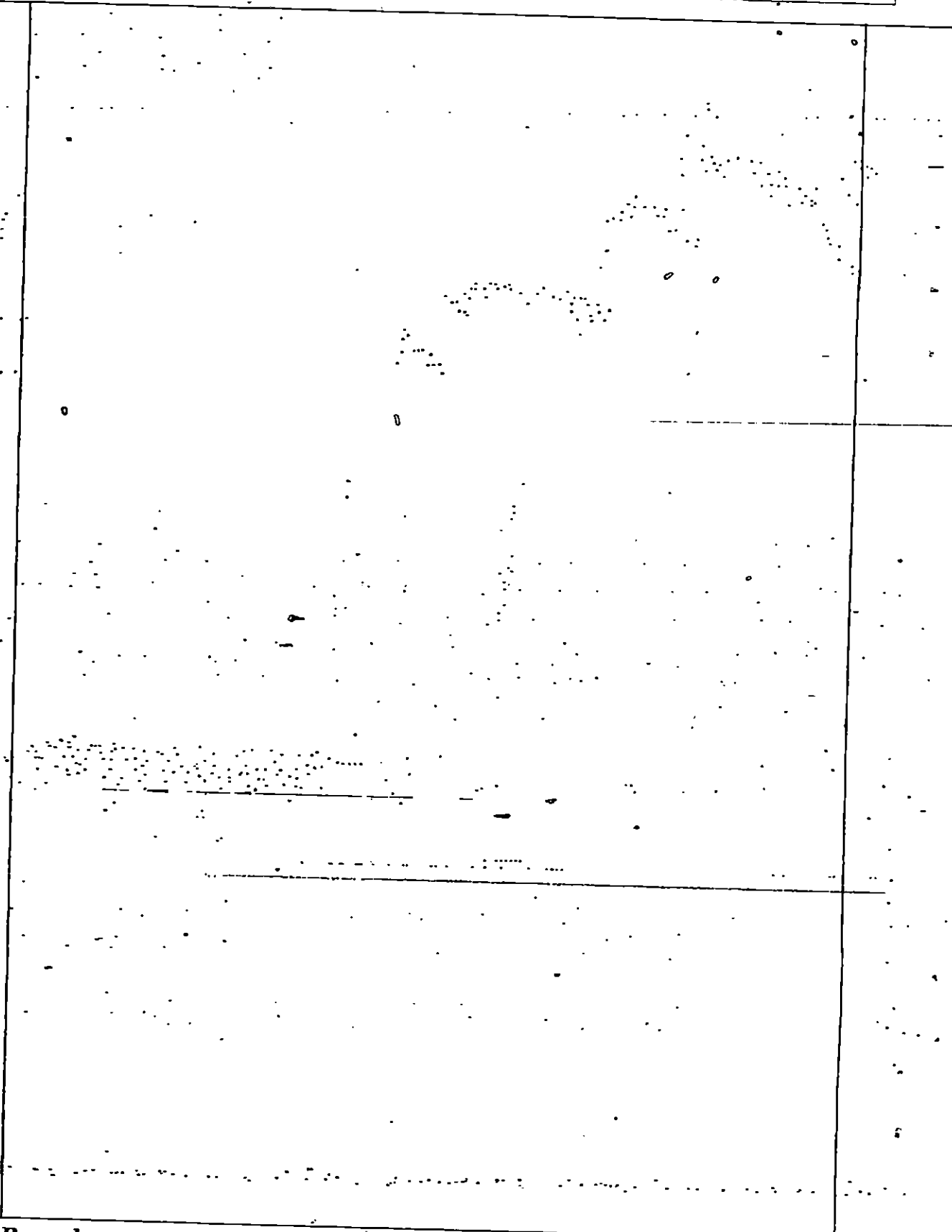
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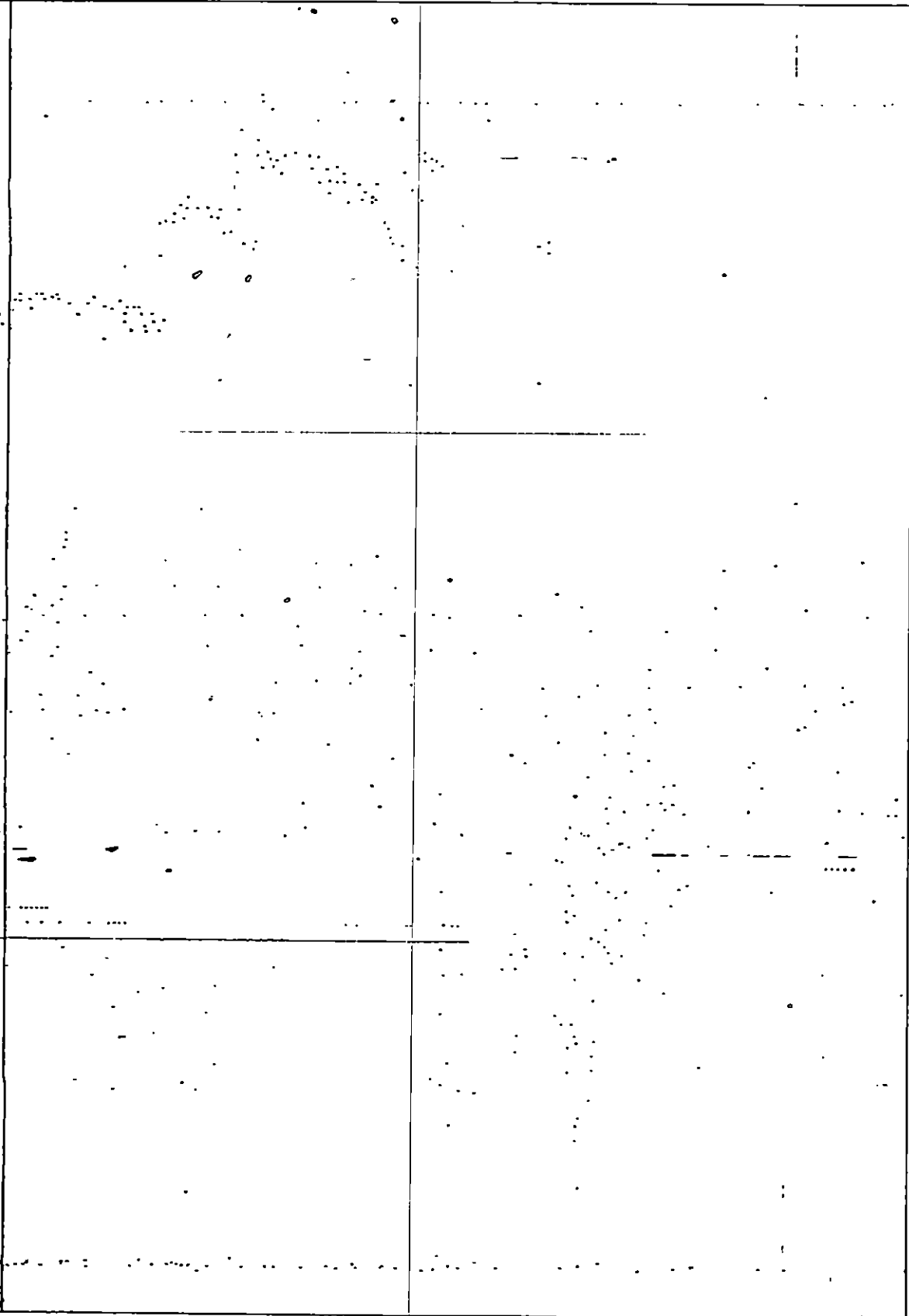
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sustainability is about economy, ecology & equity.

What is sustainability? \_\_\_\_\_

Sustainability & ecology:

- 1) Quality of life
- 2) Animals - conservation & preservation

→ Why sustainability principle is not followed?

→ short term gains of economic development, luxury.

→ long term deterioration

Why sustainability is necessary?

→ Finite resources

→ Essential to live within our means

without sustainability

→ Wastage

Inequity

→ uneconomic; depletes the hands of a few

→ catastrophic destruction of society, environment

→ climate change

Economy: colonialism, competition for resource rich areas

Ecology:

Equity

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True equality means holding everyone accountable in the same way - regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity - or political ideology.

EQUALITY: All men are born equal and free. There is no superior/inferior race, gender, faith, ethnicity

Everyone is born with the same capabilities. It is the resources, circumstances, atmosphere, influences them while growing up that influences.

All societies have differences that make them unique but not superior. When pride becomes dangerous.

Discrimination by

DRAWBACKS OF BEING TREATED UNEQUAL:

For the superior: pride, confidence, more opportunities, better quality of living, peaceful life.

For the inferior: doubt, mistrust, lack of opportunities, struggle for life; Fight against inferior superior

SOCIETY: Torn by tensions, hamstrings devpt; more is conc. with the already devpt. Not a holistic way of devpt.

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Discrimination by race :  
 ↳ white      ↳ Blacks - USA - outcome : civil rights movement  
 Colonialism      Master Race  
 Exploitative - slavery  
 Drawbacks: CIVIL WAR ; violence  
 Struggle shows leaders : MLK, JFK, Rosa Parks

Gender      Male      Female      Transgender → Discriminated against  
 ↳      ↳      ↳      ↳ Poor living conditions  
 Prevents men from being emotional  
 Suicide Risk  
 Laws designed to suppress  
 Feminist movement

Faith → Christianity  
 ↳ Crusades - Medieval  
 ↳ Holocaust  
 ↳ Jihad → terrorism → loss of lives  
 ISIS

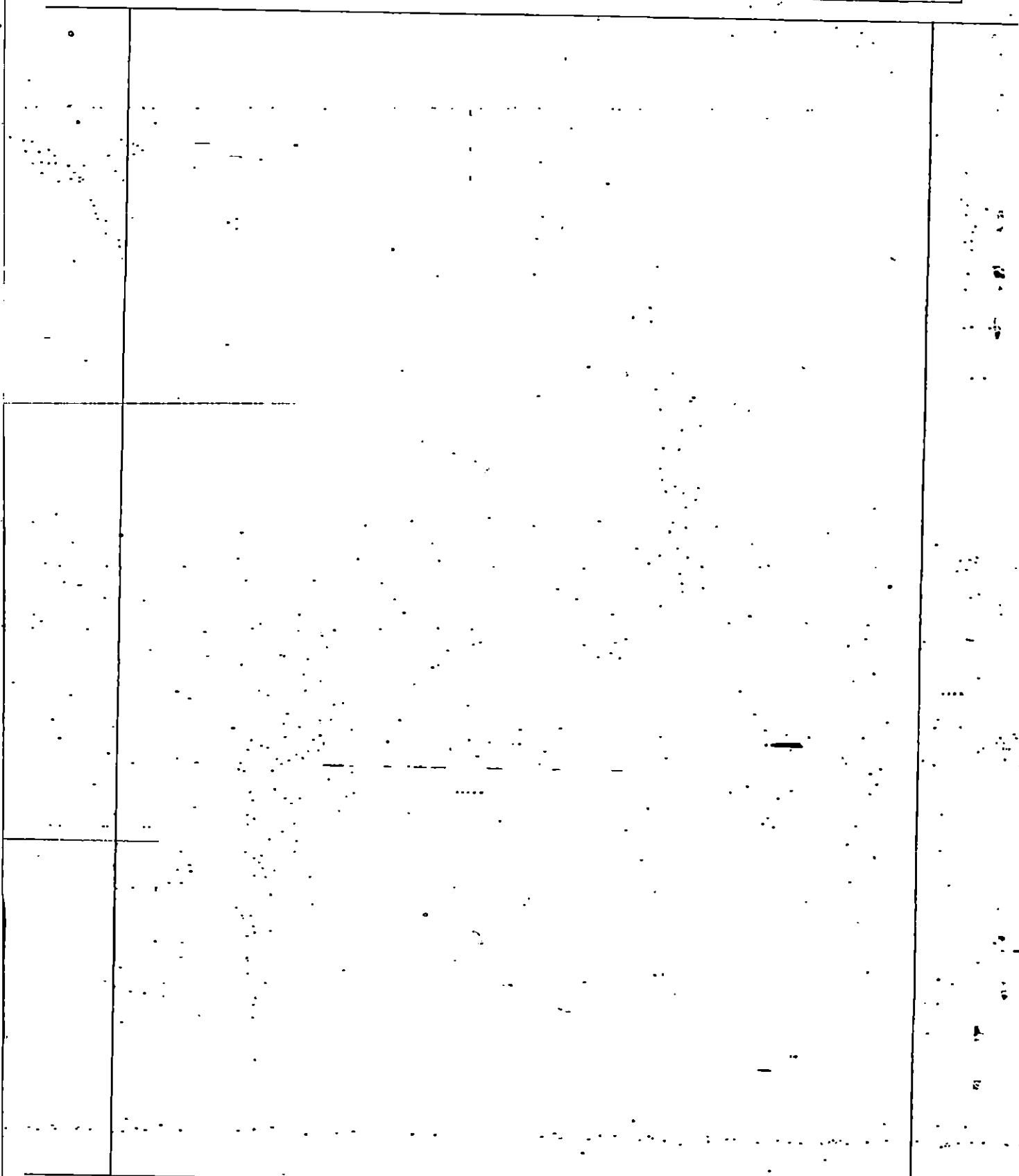
Ethnicity : Hutu ; Tutsi ;

Political ideology : Capitalism vs Communism  
 Cold war

Benefits of living in an equal society :  
 (1) Development distributed      Sweden,  
 (2) All round 360°      Norway.  
 (3) Holistically development      Denmark  
 within India : Kerala

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