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Despite Monarchy, Britain is best democracy. Elucidate

Introduction:

Britain stand as unique example where ancient monarchy coexist with a thriving democracy. Although it maintains a royal family, the UK consistently ranked as full democracy indices. monarchy practices ceremonial values while the real powers and duties lie with the elected representative.

The combination of old tradition and democracy maintain unity, it also ensures political stability and public accountability. Such system makes Britain a democratic state.

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British Monarchy

British monarchy is constitutional meaning that British monarch (currently King Charles III) performs ceremonial duties, while real authority lies with the parliament or prime minister (currently ^{keir}Starmer). The monarch cannot legislate, veto, or govern, ensuring full democratic control.

Britain Has Strong Democracy Despite Monarchy:-

@ Parliamentary Supremacy:

The UK follows the principle of parliamentary

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sovereignty where elected representative can legislate over matters. The monarch has no veto power over laws. For example: The Brexit case (2019 - 2020) was passed by the parliament and received royal assent merely as formality, not judgement.

⑥ Free And Competitive Elections:

Britain conducts free, regular and competitive elections where every citizen over 18 can vote and political power transition peacefully. For example The 2024 General Elections witness fair elections where ^{each} every political party such as Conservative, Labour, and Liberal Democrat.

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actively participated under the oversight of electoral commission, not the crown.

© Accountable Political Executive.

The Prime Minister (currently Kier Starmer) is the head of the government and he is accountable to the House of Commons. The mechanism like Prime Minister's questions (PMQs) held every Wednesday are televised nationally to ensure public scrutiny.

For example: In 2022

Boris Johnson resigned after parliamentary pressure, not crown intervention.

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④ Independent Judiciary:

United Kingdom has independent Judiciary from both the executive and monarch. Constitutional reform act 2005 led to the formation of UK's Supreme court. For example in the Miller case (2017), the court ruled that the government could not trigger the Brexit without the approval of ^{the} Parliament. It is basically demonstrating the judicial Independence even in high stakes of national matters.

⑤ Free Press And Expression:~

Media outlets such as BBC, The Guardian, and The Sky report operate

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independently. They can even critique both the Govt. (executive), and the monarch (royal actions). Public figures and journalists routinely question the monarchy's relevance. For example; The debates over royal finance after ^{the} King Harry, and Meghan markles exist without state censorship.

④ Protection of civil liberties ~

The Human Rights act 1998 incorporated the European convention of Human rights in British law. citizens can challenge the government in courts as seen in case like

Begum v. Home Secretary (2001). The monarch has no role in revoking the

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rights or freedoms.

⑧ Devolution And Local Governance:-

Britain practices decentralization. Scotland, Wales and northern Ireland have their own elected bodies. For example the Scottish parliament ~~has~~ passed separate COVID 19 policies in 2020 showcasing regional legislative autonomy without royal intervention.

⑨ Constitutional Stability And Continuity:-

Although the constitution of United Kingdom is unwritten and flexible but it is based on strong conventions and

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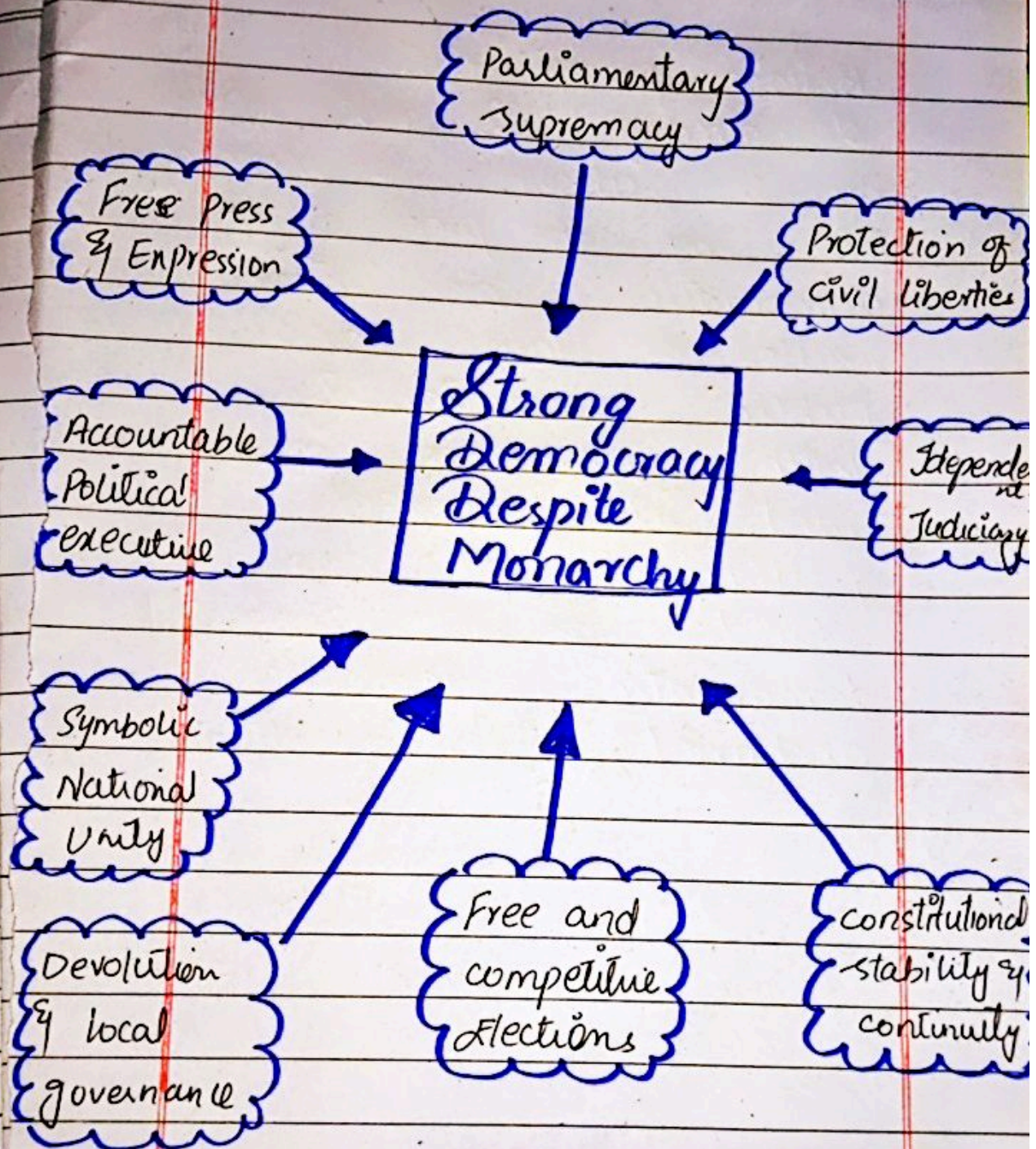
legal precedent. The peaceful transition from Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III is a testament to Britain's stable political culture. Different crises are managed by constitutional processes, not royal edicts.

① Symbolic National Unity:-

Monarchy serves as non-partisan figurehead. During COVID 19, Queen Elizabeth II's "we will meet again" address uplifted national morale, uniting the citizens beyond political lines. Such gestures provide continuity and identity without compromising democracy.

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Conclusion:

Britain proves that democracy is not defined by the absence of monarchy but by the presence of democratic constitution, rule of law, and public accountability.

With powerless monarch, and with powerful parliament, it can stand as a successful democratic governance anchored in tradition.