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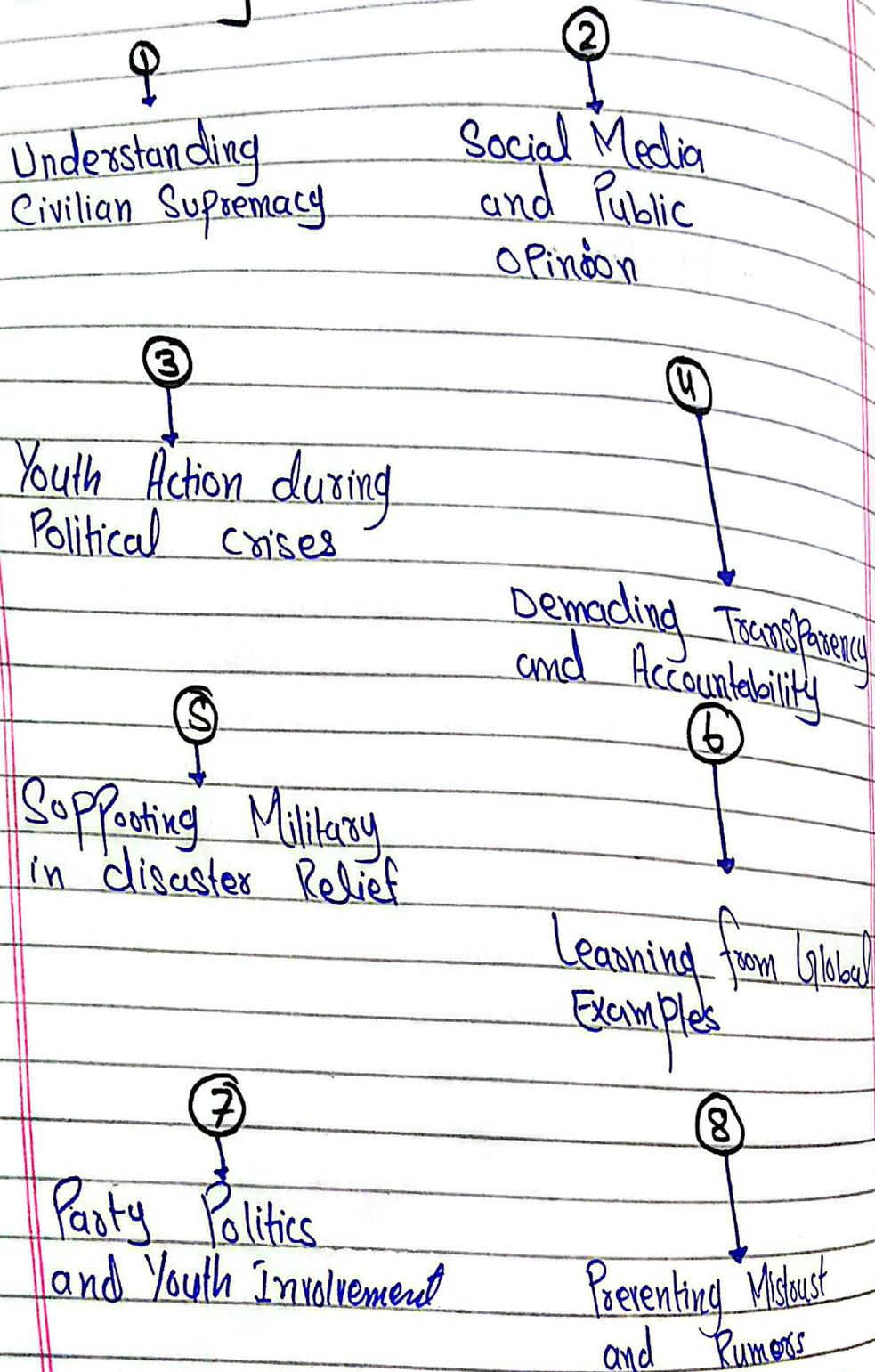
## Q#05

Critically assess how Youth Perspective digital activism, and civil society movements are influencing civil military relations.

### 01 Introduction:

Civil military relations are shaped not only by constitutional arrangements but also by societal forces. In modern states, youth activism and civil society are influencing perceptions, accountability, and institutional balance. Their role is multidimensional: they can reinforce democratic supremacy and transparency; yet they can also show that these actors are neither inherently destabilizing nor automatically repressive; their impact depends on the direction, discipline, and constitutional maturity of their engagement.

# 02 Activism And Civil Military



Some measures mentioned above are discussed

# 01 Understanding Civilian Supremacy

Young citizens increasingly discuss the importance of civilian control over the military. University debates, including at Quaid-i-Azam University, emphasize constitutional supremacy, reinforcing the idea that armed forces operate under elected leadership, which strengthens institutional clarity.

# 02 Social Media And Public Opinion

Platforms like Twitter and Facebook allow youth to influence public narratives. During the PTI protests 2022, online campaigns shaped perceptions of institutional roles increasing awareness but also creating risks of misinformation.

### 03 Demanding Transparency And Accountability

Youth movements advocate for transparency in governance and security issues. As per HRCP reports that demands for accountability, such as addressing enforced disappearances.

### 04. Supporting Military in Disaster Relief

Youth also positively engage with the military during emergencies. In the 2022 floods, volunteers aided the Pak Army for their relief operations.

### 05 Preventing Mistrust And Rumors

Unverified information can weaken trust

in institutions Analysts at Institute  
of Strategic Studies Islamabad emphasize  
that responsible activism with verified  
information protects institutional credibility  
and maintains public confidence.

Law and Constitution  
Movements

Media and Public  
Awareness

Research and Parliamentary  
Support

Peace Talks and  
Dialogue Efforts

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## Civil Society Movements and Civil-Military Relations

Working Together in  
Emergencies

Rights Movements  
and Institutional  
Neutrality

Gender and Minority  
Inclusion

National Unity  
Campaigns.

## 01 Law and Constitution Movements

Movements like the Lawyers' Movement demanded constitutional adherence and indirectly strengthened of military, reinforcing institutional oversight of democratic boundaries.

## 02 Research And Parliamentary Support

Think tanks such as Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency produce reports on governance and defense matters.

## 03 Peace Talks And Dialogue Efforts

Civil society engages in Track-II diplomacy, including dialogues with India. Such initiatives reduce misunderstandings, support stability.

## 04 Working Together in Emergencies

Civil Society Organizations collaborate with the NDMF and armed forces during crises. The 2022 flood response demonstrated that coordination enhances efficiency and strengthens public trust.

## 05. National Unity Campaigns

Campaigns promoting unity and support for armed forces during counter-terrorism or disaster relief enhance morale and public confidence.

## 04 Conclusion:

Youth activism and Civil Society movements strengthen Civil-Military relations by promoting transparency, accountability and democratic values. Guided by responsibility and respect for institutions, they enhance legitimacy and professionalism.