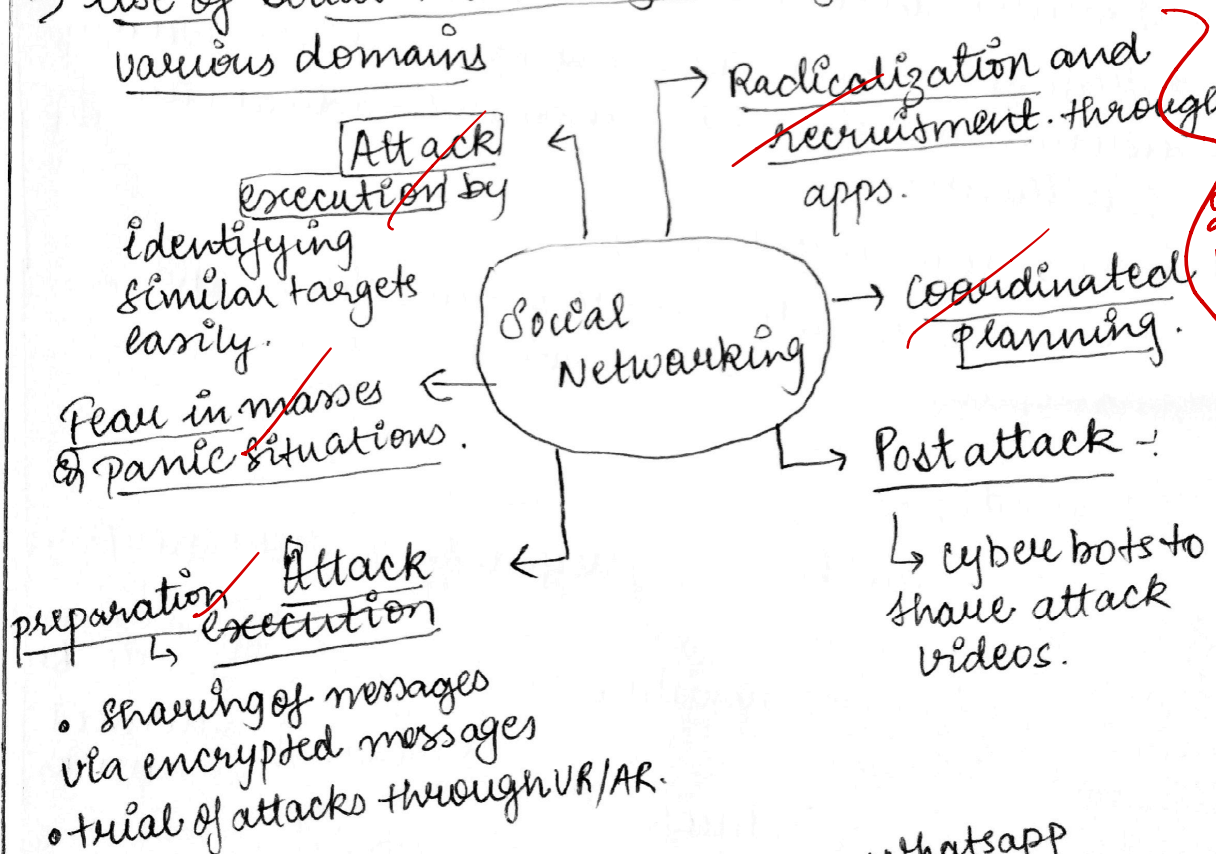Q) Social media networking sites have increasingly become a tool for various activities including those that pose threat to national security. Discuss how social networking sites can be utilized for terrorist activities including radicalization, recruitment and propaganda. Analyze the challenges posed by such uses and propose measures that can be implemented to mitigate risks associated with exploitation of these platforms by terrorist organisations.

Ans) Social media networking sites are the most cost effective, mass penetrating and accessible tool that can be used by terrorist for various destructive purposes and increasing complexity in terror attacks.

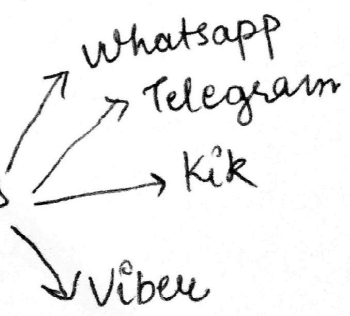*You can have it more specific by writing some recent example*

→ Use of social networking sites by terrorists in various domains

Radicalization and recruitment through apps.

Coordinated planning.

Good. Improve your presentation

Post attack -:
  └→ cyber bots to share attack videos.

Attack execution by identifying similar targets easily.

Fear in masses & panic situations.

Attack preparation └→ execution
• sharing of messages via encrypted messages
• trial of attacks through VR/AR.

→ In recruitment -:
1) Use of unpoliced applications
   → whatsapp
   → Telegram
   → Kik
   → Viber
• easy to contract potential recruit through these apps.

2) Easy access to information -:

• large amount of data on social media can lead to easy target of vulnerable and radical sections of society.

3) Easy accessibility to people -:

• Facebook, Twitter, whatsapp provide easy access to people outside the social circle of terror groups.

→ **In Radicalisation** -:

1) Enhanced individual capacity -:

• large active & small terror cells and groups has increased dissemination capacity of these radical messages

2) Social media outreach -:

• high speed and large man accessibility through youtube, twitter etc. has increased radical view proliferation

3) Advanced digital technologies -:

• Use of AI to autogenerate overwhelming and manipulative radical content easily.
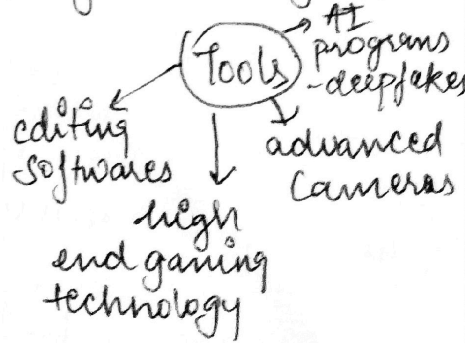
→ **In Propaganda** -:

• various tools have been employed by terror groups for -:

1) Sharing impactful manipulative videos and messages

2) spreading fake narratives, ex- sprituality in Syria, through edited and morphed videos

3) attracting youngsters by video games like → Salil-al-Swarem which gained 3.5 million views on YouTube.

(Tools) AI programs - deepfakes
editing softwares ↓ advanced cameras
high end gaming technology

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you can make your arguments more stronger by showing how terrorist organisation do it through its messages

Add how they are doing it Ex- Youtube exist that host videos that are normalizing & glorify violence comprehensively

4) Propaganda propagation by striking on people vulnerabilities by presenting messages to address issues/ factors of locals.

⇒ Challenges through social network exploitation -:

1) Increased resilience by networking of many small cells in interweaving fashion.

2) Social networking further paves way to money laundering, dark webs/crimes/drugs/human trafficking by these terror groups.

3) Increased susceptibility to internal security through disinformation and national security through cyber attacks.

4) Increased novelty in terror attacks through better coordination atl and widespread connectivity.

⇒ Measures to mitigate these issues -:

Legislative
- penalizing illicit content for company/individual to host
- transparency in big budget of social media companies to fight terrorism.

Measures

Digital Resilience & **media literacy**
- peaceful adress to grievances due to radicalgation through literacy.
- assessing fake content
- empowering vulnerables

Social media companies
- blocking illicit accounts/websites.
- taking down terror based & fake news
- trustworthy flagship

Content based
- public private partnership in spreading positive message
- spreading alternatives to terrorist manipulation like online counselling
- countering narratives of extremism and terrorism online -

Conclusion:
• countering terrorism in cyberspaces also time is of utmost important for enhancement of international security.

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→ Instead of always number your points ex-1) your visibility
→ Try to give more crispier & readable points
→ Read the more carefully to understand the demand of question
→ Focus on the concluding part as asked in the Ex & Challenge section

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Keep proofreading your work do good
I am interpreting suggestion I am giving

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