

The impact of technology on Belizean Society

We live in a world where telecommunication is now an innate part of our lives. We keep in touch with family and friends via social media sites, we get our news streamed to our phones, we watch movies and TV shows on our computers and mobile devices, and we sit at home and purchase and sell goods and services to almost anywhere in the world, all because of the great invention called the Internet, where everything is interconnected via the world wide web, brought to you by your favourite Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Today almost everyone has a smart phone, tablet, laptop or some sort of device which is connected to the internet. Although technology has its advantages, it also has disadvantages.

One advantage that technology has is that it has the power to open new doors. If you have an internet connection or online banking then you can easily engage in money making business. Many Belizeans are capitalizing in this area and connecting to huge enterprises outside of Belize to do trade.

Another advantage is the flow of ideas. With the internet Belizeans can learn from how to set tiles up to how to fix a complex machine. If you have a problem just go to doctor yahoo and you can get an explanation or video to help and guide you.

Technology is revolutionizing our country in all areas but along with these positive changes, challenges are also clear in the horizon. We must balance technology along with keeping to our cultural roots.

Read the following passage and answer the following questions

1. How do we contact family and friends?

a) via social media b) through signals c) TV shows d) radio signals

2. Technology is now an innate part of our lives. What does this phrase mean?

a) technology lives inside us b) technology is every where and we use it everyday c) technology is not necessary today.

3. What makes us able to connect with one another and to people around the world?

a) laptop b) cell c) internet d) smart phone

4. Internet has the power to open new doors. What does this mean?

a) the internet can open a door in your house.

b) it can create doors in the internet c) it can open up new opportunities

5. One advantage of the internet is?

a) it can lead to an increase in cybercrimes b) we sit at home and purchase and sell goods and services to almost anywhere in the world

c) it can distract us from our roots d) it can lead to dependence on the internet.