

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Impacts of technology on our life

In the past few decades there has been a revolution in computing and communications technology. These advances present many significant opportunities but also pose major challenges.

One of the most significant outcomes of the progress of information technology is probably electronic commerce over the Internet. With the Internet, e-commerce is rapidly expanding into a fast-moving, open global market with an ever-increasing number of participants. Digitized products can cross the border in real time and consumers can shop 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition, advances in information technology will affect the craft of teaching. Distance learning via the Internet is likely to complement existing schools and universities. The Internet provides a better delivery of instruction. Textbooks can be combined with audio/video, and students can interact in real time via e-mail and discussion groups.

However, the rapid increase in computing and communications power has raised considerable concerns about economic competition, intellectual property rights, privacy protection, and affordability of and access to information. Serious measurements must be taken by governments to avoid the negative social and economic impacts of technology.

Choose the correct answer from a,b,or c:

1. What is one advantage of e-commerce NOT mentioned in the text?
 - a) Eliminate travel time.
 - b) Competitive markets.
 - c) Lower costs.

2. What is the author's main concern about technology?
 - a) People can shop carelessly.
 - b) Economic boom caused by e-commerce.
 - c) The quality of distance education.

3. In what ways will information technology affect education?
 - a) Videos will completely replace textbooks.
 - b) Distance learning will supplement current schools.
 - c) Limits face-to-face interactions.

4. According to the text what is one challenge caused by technology?
 - a) Protecting copyright.
 - b) Virtual learning.
 - c) Social isolation.

5. In paragraph 3, it can be inferred that the author -----

- a. believes that distance learning is efficient.
- b. is worried about the craft of teaching.
- c. is anxious about students' interactions.

6. The main purpose of the text is to -----

- a. compare the old ways of teaching to the latest developments.
- b. outline how much technology has changed since ancient times.
- c. discuss the effect of technology on our world.