Reading text: An opinion essay

Nowadays all the information we could ever need is available online and some people say that means the end of having to learn anything.

It is true that these days everything you want to know is a few clicks away as long as you have internet access. However, not everyone has working internet all the time, for example in certain buildings or remote locations, so we do need to be able to remember information.

Moreover, it takes time to look up everything you need to know online, whereas remembering something is immediate. The human memory is a much more efficient system.

Another problem is the quality of the information online. How do we know if it is accurate or reliable? We need to think about other facts we know and remember how to compare information from different websites. Knowing (and remembering) how to find certain information will be more important than knowing the information itself.

Finally, the internet is a good tool, but it is not a useful replacement for our brains. If we did not remember anything, we would all spend even more time on our phones and computers than we already do, which is not good for society.

In conclusion, the internet offers us many things, but it is still important to use our knowledge and memories. We need our memories to function without the internet and we also need to know how to use the internet properly.

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Task 1

Write a number (1–5) to put the essay paragraphs in order.

____ **Main point** – the advantages of using memory over searching online

____ **Main point** – the negative social effects of internet use

____ **Introduction** – an explanation of the essay question in other words

____ **Conclusion** – the internet cannot replace memory

____ Main point – the difficulty of finding good quality information online

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