

Unit 1 – ICT Applications Homework

1/ What title would you give to each paragraph?

1st: *A new technological age.*

2nd: *A new way of learning.*

3rd: *A new access to government services.*

4th: *A new way to plan travels.*

5th: *A new way to use our money.*

6th: *A new way to share.*

7th: *The end of 'an old age'?*

2/ What are the latest digital technologies used in education?

As it is said in the text, *"The content is moving from traditional text-based learning to text-plus-multimedia and there are numerous opportunities to learn online."* and *"The methods of distribution are now a blend between face-to-face and some other combination of virtual interfaces."*

3/ How is technology changing health administration?

Technology has enabled patient records to be shared between health facilities, helping medical personnel to treat the patient more efficiently. It also helps doctors establish a diagnosis if they are unable to reach patient situated in remote areas (or the opposite).

4/ What has online banking enabled customers to do?

As it is said in the text, *"With online banking, clients can easily pay bills and transfer money from the comfort of their homes (or using their smartphones), minimising the need for customers to visit a branch."*

5/ How has the entertainment industry changed with technology?

The programs, on the tv or on the internet, have become more interactive. Image production has been increased, as well as computer gaming. Also, music distribution was developed in a way which makes it very easy for people to buy or access it.

6/ Which jobs have disappeared as online and computer-based information have taken their place?

Recently, because of technology, some jobs are on their way to disappear. Indeed, jobs which require manual working, such as cashier, factory worker, train station sales assistant, film projectionist... are now replaced by online or computer-based information and do not need us anymore in order to be taken care of.

7/ English in use: Find the words from the text above which match the words in the table below. Are they nouns, verbs, adjectives or adverbs? Write n, v, adj or adv next to each word.

Firmly	Tightly - Adverb
Rise	Growth - Verb
Combination	Blend - Adverb
Distant/isolated	Remote - adjective
Essential	Crucial - Adverb
Cutting Edge	Forefront - Adverb
Integrated	Embedded - Adjective
Reserve	Database - Noun
Public sector corporations	government services - Noun
Allow/help	Enable - Verb

8 / Which tenses are used in the text and why?

The present perfect and the simple present, are used in this text, to justify that this new *Information Age* is actually today and that the transition from the 'old age' to the 'new age' has already taken effect, although in my opinion a lot of things are still evolving today and 10 years from now things might be a far cry from today's technology.