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Impact of Computers on Society

Part 1: By yourself or in groups of two, try to identify as many examples as you can of the positive or negative impact that computers and technology have had on society.

Try to have at least 3 answers for each area.

1. Personal Impact: (example: The invasion of privacy)

2. Community Impact: (example: Traffic control through computerized traffic lights)

3. National Impact: (example: Surveillance to insure people's safety)

4. Global Impact: (example: The instant access to global current events)

5. Future Impact: (example: A cashless society)

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Part 2 (Individual): There are many aspects of the impact of computers on society to be investigated. Give your views on the impact of the following topics. Please answer each topic in 2 to 3 full sentences backing up your answers with examples from your life.

1. How do portable computing devices (e.g., smart phones, Tablets, GPS, laptop) affect your everyday life?

2. How does electronic access to information (e.g., instant messaging, youtube, social networking sites, influences our everyday lives, as well as the lives of people in various countries around the world?

3. What are some of the dangers with giving out your personal information to online services (e.g., passwords, address, phone numbers, work and school locations)?

4. What are some of the negative effects of computers and computer use on the environment and on human health?

5. What might be some of the legal and ethical issues related to the use of computers?

6. Doing all your shopping and banking from your personal computer without having to leave home. How would this affect social relationships?