

SPECIALIZED ENGLISH PROGRAM 1

READER RESPONSE FORM

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Section: 1-C

Date: 03/16/2022

Score:/50

Title of Reading Selection: Are We Too Dependent On Technology?

Summary

Direction: Write a one-paragraph (approximately 10 sentences) summary of the reading selection. It should include the title of the reading selection, the author's name, author's thesis, and supporting points.

The article Are We Too Dependent on Technology written by Terry Brown, describes us, humans, in the twenty-first century are being too contingent on technologies on our daily basis that if we were given a simple addition subtraction problem, we would take out our phones from our pockets and have it do the computation for us. The author argues that though it might save us time, it would prompt us to depend more on these technologies, and our brains would slowly lose their computing power since we do not utilize it anymore, or exercise it just like our body, becoming slow and unhealthy. The author argues that depending too much on technology to store memory, do computations, makes us forget a lot more. He noted that in a span of four years, from 30% to 36% in 2019, people tend to forget the phone number of their partner. He also quoted from a study that 31% of consumers believe these days we will have to go to mind gym training to maintain and practice our thinking. The author concluded that our dependence on technology is uncertain if it is too much or not, but advocates that the lesser we use our brains, the weaker it becomes. But the author suggests that we can not remove technology from our daily basis. Technology became part of our lives, businesses, infrastructure, and society. Technology has its advantages, but it all comes down to whether or not our dependence on technology is far impressive for our good. The advantages and disadvantages of technology will vary from the one who uses it.

Response

Direction: Write a one-paragraph (approximately 10 sentences) response to the reading selection. It should include your reaction to the author's thesis, and assessment of author's achievement of the text's purpose, clarity, and objectivity.

As a student who uses technology for studying. As an employee of where our work revolves around technology. I believe that the author's claim on how we abuse the use of technology in our everyday lives makes our processing slower, remember lesser, and overall make our brainpower weaker is not just per se true, but also a creeping and inevitable real-world problem that a lot of people tends to overlook. People would disagree with the author as they use technology for basically everything. They will defend their use of technology as it makes their work easier and saves them more time since technology will automate tasks by itself. But what good does it make if technology saves us more time if we would use the time we conserved to do more work? Instead of spending time outside, connecting with nature, conversing with our family and friends, we would still choose to sit down in front of our computers and do more work. The author states that it depends on the person who uses technology whether or not it is unhealthy for ourselves. A major downside of dependence on technologies is the increase in consequences if those technologies break or disappear. Lewis Dartnell's "The Knowledge" offers a delightful (and frightening) exploration of how survivors of a humanity-devastating apocalypse could salvage and maintain 21st-century technologies (Jonathan Coopersmith, 2020). I have to agree with this since I managed to train myself out of it. I once became too dependent on technology until I noticed that I forgot lots of things. Like terms or words that

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are common, midway through my speech, I will pause. Computations of simple addition and subtraction in my mind, I tend to process wrong outputs. I realized that I became so toxic with the use of technology that I had to stay away from any technology if unnecessary. I have been on hiatus for over two months now, and I noticed that my brain slowly regains its power. Honestly, if I had to write this response before I decided to hinder myself from using technology unnecessarily, I would not be able to. We put all this technology together with our naked human brain and we get something that is smarter. The result is that we, supplemented by our technology, are actually capable of accomplishing much more complex tasks than we could with our un-supplemented biological abilities(Anthony Chemero, 2021). We depend more on technology than ever before, that we can do more than ever before. Collectively, today's technology made us more smarter, more capable, and more productive, but what technology has not done to us is make us wiser (Jonathan Coopersmith, 2020).

Rubric

This reader response will be evaluated based on the criteria below:

Criteria	6-10 Points	1-5 Points	Score
Comprehension	Summary demonstrates understanding of main idea and supporting points in the source text	Summary contains inaccurate information.	
Critical Reading	Response demonstrates sound reasoning in reacting to author's thesis and in justifying analysis and assessment of the text's communicative value	Response contains one or more logical fallacies.	
Clarity	Ideas in sentences are clearly stated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides pertinent details of the text (i.e., title, author's name, some publication details) in an introductory sentence. Uses transitional devices and accurate words 	Ideas in sentences are not clearly stated.	
Completeness	Important ideas/information from the text are quoted to prove reader's reaction/rhetorical analysis.	Lacks ideas/information from text which is necessary to prove reader's reaction/rhetorical analysis.	
Conventions	Writing displays correct grammar, spelling, and mechanics.	Writing displays incorrect grammar, spelling, and mechanics.	