Task 8: Working and understanding VPN





Summary: VPN Benefits and Limitations

Benefits of VPNs

- 1. **Enhanced Privacy**: VPNs prevent ISPs, hackers, and government surveillance from viewing your online activities.
- 2. **Secure Public Wi-Fi**: Encrypts your data on unsecured networks (e.g., airports, cafes).
- 3. **Bypass Geo-Restrictions**: Lets you access content and websites restricted in your region.
- 4. **Avoid Bandwidth Throttling**: ISPs cannot detect your activity and throttle your speeds.

Limitations of VPNs

- 1. Slower Speeds: Encryption and rerouting can slow down internet speeds.
- 2. **No Protection from All Threats**: VPNs don't block malware, phishing, or zero-day attacks (antivirus is still needed).
- 3. **False Sense of Security**: Users might assume total anonymity, but some VPNs log data or leak IPs.
- 4. Legal and Policy Risks: Some countries ban or restrict VPN usage.
- 5. **Trust Issues**: Free or shady VPNs may log data or sell it to advertisers.