

Writing Task 1

From the Commodore 64 to the iMac, Computer ownership over the past years have drastically increased, creating an indication that computers are now more widely available to the public. With computers used to being used as for tools for research among the top universities using archaic technology such as Mosaic to share research information among university labs, the vast advancement with the internet made it so that anyone can be a contributor of shared information and also be a consumer at the same time.

Looking at the rise in the percentage of computer ownership by education level, we can see that it is proportional among all levels of education to the rise in computer ownership. This is not only because of the technological advancements that went with creating computers improved, but also because education as an institution became more available to the common mass. This created a positive effect in which institutions needed to have more computers available to be able to share information across the growing number of higher education students. It could be inferred that the graphs also show the relationship of how information is shared, because the use of computers throughout 2002-2010 contributed to not only widening the internet, but the dot-com bubble, which also symbolizes the economical power that came with the rise in computer ownership.

In conclusion, we can see that the graphs not only show the proportional relationship with computer ownership and the widespread availability of computers across all levels of education, but it also shows the historical relationship of how information was shared across the years.

Writing Task 2

As computer ownership have increased in all levels of education, a person's "worth" is created on what you can do with the tools that are given to everyone else such as a computer or the internet. Although it may seem

through the window of social networks that material possessions and social status matter more than ever, I feel that because people are now on a more leveled playing field, a person's worth is created on what you can do differently than someone else. I think that old-fashioned values have not changed, but the way society as a whole gave social capital to values such as honor, trust and kindness have changed.

What do I mean by the way a society gives back social capital and how is this in relation with old-fashioned values? The framework of value used to be that we should go to college, get a family, and get a house. These things used to be flag points in which society used to give back social capital. It used to be that if you went to a Ivy League College, people would congratulate you and be in awe. But now more than ever, I think that more people are careless about what college someone goes to, which is creating a trend that more people are not going to college. It is amazing to see how old-fashioned values like being educated at a university is being changed. Being educated at a university used to mean job security, it used to mean that you were more responsible about getting a job and upholding any income from the family. It also used to mean that you created trust with people you meet in the field of profession, as people associated the university to your level of understanding. But things have changed. As more available options are online, old-fashioned values like getting a education at a university, is not getting as much social capital as it used to give back. It is relevant in SFC for example, because you could be able to code at a online course like Treehouse than pay for thousands of dollars at a university. A online course would be able to keep you relevant, and be able to teach you the necessary frameworks that would be needed to get a job, and probably would be able help with the job hunting process better than a university. I feel that if it can work for a skill like programming, which is being the 21st century unit of value for a lot of companies, I think that many other old-fashioned values can be changed as well. The problem with historically, we looked down on people who didn't go to college, but we now see many role models that didn't finish college create massive amounts of social value such as Mark Zuckerberg or Bill Gates. All of the things that used to be signaling

are gone, but the interesting question is, what are they replaced with? The values stay the same, but the medium for how these values are expressed has changed over time. Even a Facebook post on someone's birthday can now be resembled as "kindness". I think that although the mediums for such things are not what they used to be, it is the thought and the action behind it that matters, not the form in what it takes.