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*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.*

Technology has proven to be both a boon and a bane to mankind. From the simple inventions such as the light bulb, to the rather more obscure discoveries such as the televisions and computers that those of us in privileged households rely on on a day-to-day basis, when used correctly, technology only serves to make our life simpler. Thus, I would disagree with the statement that technology, though aimed to simplify our lives, only makes our lives more complicated.

It cannot be denied that technology poses problems of its own. But unless it is being abused, these problems are of a different, usually less teedious nature. The most common complaint against technology comes from individuals who are getting up there in age, and it tends to be that they are unable to grasp the appropriate way to use the device in their hands. While this is a valid concern, it is much less taxing to learn how to operate, for instance, a calculator than it is to multiply two large numbers by hand. The same principle applies to a lot of fields, especially those involving physical labour, where technology has alleviated the strain put on the human body by putting the responsibility of much of the heavy-lifting onto machines. The most puissant argument in favour of technology simplifying lives is in situations of high risk to human life, such as those in oil wells or mines, where this threat is almost entirely eliminated due to a machine taking up the duty.

Technology simplifies our lives not only by reducing workload, but also by introducing several layers of comfort into it. Air conditioners provide an ease to living in scorching temperatures, and refrigerators help preserve food for longer times. Modern computers possess such great computing abilities that they can perform simulations which allow us to determine whether a particular design or device will function satisfacorily within the required constraints, with a reasonable degree of accuracy. This aids companies in saving huge amounts of physical resources, as they need not produce samples of this design and/or put them up for further testing.

As is the case with everything in this world, technology has its own problems. Overuse has led to several environmental threats, and humans today suffer from over-reliance on gadgets. But, trying to put the blame of human lassitude on devices intended to simplify life is, in my opinion, unfair. Thus, I believe that technology simplifies life, rather than making it more complicated.