**Has the Internet provided a lot of valuable information?**

The Internet...is it a boon or a curse? This is a very debatable topic. We would

need to look at the pros and cons of it and then draw conclusions. Even then it

would not be possible to totally answer yes or no to the question. It would

depend upon individual personalities as well as the situation that we are in. In

my opinion, the Internet is definitely a valuable source of information, but as

with all forms of technology one must know how to make the best use of it.

Let's step back a few years from now. We were totally dependent on books, the

experience of other people or data stored in other forms for getting information

of any sort. The problems with those kind of information sources is that it is

time consuming, inconvenient and often times even misleading. The concept of

weeding out data from old reports and books was a time consuming and painful

process and would itself deter people from trying to get new information.

But today with a touch of a button we can get any information available, sitting

in the comfort of our homes. We are more knowledgeable and aware of things

happening around us. Technology has given us the greatest power at our

fingertips...the power of knowledge!

Lets take an example. Suppose someone wants to start off a business venture.

He can get all information regarding other companies in the same line of

business, he can do a cost benefit analysis, gather corroborating data, make new

contacts, and so on, thanks to the internet. He is now well informed. If he has to

discuss this with other potential partners he is armed with a wealth of

information.

On the other hand the Internet does supply an overload of information. Hence if

you give a topic in a search engine such as Google, you will get a number of

sites that would cater to the information required. Now if one were unable to

decide what information to cull out and what to leave, it would be a painful

experience rather than an enjoyment.

So in conclusion, it really depends on how you use a particular technology -

used in moderation and in an intelligent manner it could be the greatest tool.

Otherwise an enemy that steals time and waylays and deters a person from

achieving his ultimate goal.

*Topic 84* **The Internet**

Nowadays, no one can deny the importance of the Internet. Sitting in front of a

computer, clicking a mouse three times, you can get access to the information

highway, which provides you numerous valuable sources of information.

Thanks to the Internet, people can quickly sell, advertise and share knowledge,

idea, and personal feelings.

Because we are easy to access to so much information, it can create some

problems to us. Children are easily suffering from inappropriate information on

the Internet, since it is very hard to control information from the Internet. More

and more porn pages are quickly emerging and continuously sending emails to

children's account. With their curiosity, children click on these links that lead to

these pages, and see things that they should not have seen. They do not realize

that they are unconsciously affected because their parents cannot examine all

the content they view.

Consequently, children are now becoming the number one victims of sex abuse

and criminals in America where it is very easy to access bad websites such as

porn sites and sex forums. It is the Internet that probably causes problems to

children if parents do not pay much attention to them.

Although the Internet offers us large amount of information, its reliability is

dubious because many untrue news stories can be posted to it and cause

confusions to many people. It is very difficult for us to find out what websites

are reliable and what are not. My teacher, for example, is advocating her

students to use books to study, research, or write a report instead of using the

information on the Internet.

In conclusion, the Internet causes trouble to people, especially young people

and children. Although people can get access to up-to-date knowledge and

information, problems caused by using information from the Internet are

inevitable. Therefore, while the Internet can provide a lot of useful information,

its hard cannot be underestimated.

*Topic 86* **A time and a place in the past**

One of the most exciting events of the last century was the end of World War II.

By defeating the German army, U. S and British forces stopped the tyrant Hitler

in his way to conquer the rest of the world. All over Europe, the day that ended

the war resembled a new era. Thus, it would be fascinating to witness how

things changed dramatically from war and death to peace and bloom.

The end of the biggest war mankind has ever known also ended the Holocaust.

Hitler and his administration decided that they should kill all the Jews in

Europe. Thus, under the mask of "working camps" they planned to build

special prisons, where they can deliver the Jews in order to murder them in

various ways. This evil plan caused the biggest massive murder in the history

of mankind. The day the war ended, reflects also the end of this evil murder,

which followed by the recreation of the Jewish nation.

After the end of the war, nations started to rebuild themselves; big countries in

Europe like Germany, France and England signed peace agreements that

influenced the future of the whole region. Without borders between countries

and with free marketing system, Europe gradually forgot the sorrow of the

deathly war. At that time, Europe countries were famous due to the amazing

achievements in sport, art, and fashion. For example, Picasso, one of the world

greatest artists, inspired by this era and reflected his feelings in his works.

Gradually, the situation of the economy changed, and Europe became one of

the best places to live and to invest in.

"History repeats itself is a famous and practical sentence; being a witness to

this kind of amazing change is experience that takes place once in a life time,

thus this specific segment of history is extremely interesting and important, and

if I would have the opportunity to choose time and place in the past - this is

what I would choose.

*Topic 87* **What is an important discovery in the last 100 years?**

I think the most important discovery that has been the most beneficial for

people in my country is the invention of the Internet. So far as I can tell, the

Internet has been beneficial to people around the globe. My view is a

commonsense one, based on the fact that the Web is a vast storehouse of

information and opinions, which can be of science, literature, politics, sports or

even, sex. Anyone with access to a computer and a dialup connection can

unlock the door and trawl through its offerings.

The Internet can be used as a broad base of knowledge that contributes to the

educational system. Students and teachers benefit from the use of the Internet,

as well as administrators and others outside of formal education. Students

benefit because the Internet provides a resource to supplemental information

for any subject. Educators benefit because the Internet provides a vast

knowledge base to prepare for teaching topics. People are not only learning

from the Internet, they are contributing and sharing knowledge through

networked communities. The Internet is the advancement of education for all

its users.

The Internet is changing the way we do business. The Internet can deliver

better customer services to people. Using Internet broadcasting, we are able to

target the right audience, prepare and present a technical presentation on a

popular topic, interact with new customers, and collect hundreds of highly

qualified leads. As Internet companies continue to find innovative ways to

leverage the capabilities of the Internet for businesses, the more we will learn

how to provide optimal solutions for customers. Which in turn, will greatly

benefit people.

The Internet today is a way to transfer and share information. On the whole, it

is a benefit to individuals of all kinds. We do have problems surrounding the

Internet that need to be solved, but as with all new technologies there are

debates and opinions. Since the Internet technology is spreading, it will soon

become as popular as all other forms of communication. If you have not tried it,

do so.