MODULE I IMPACTS AND THE LAW · I2

Cultural impacts of digital technology

Original practice questions · 20 marks · ~25 minutes · OCR J277 spec 1.6.1

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions. Answer all questions in the spaces provided. The marks for each part are shown in brackets [ ]. Question 5 is marked with an asterisk (*): it is marked on the quality of your extended response. The total for this worksheet is **20 marks**.

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Total: 4 marks

(a) Tick (✓) **one** box in each row to show whether each statement describes a positive or a negative cultural impact of digital technology. **[4]**

Statement	Positive	Negative
Relatives who live in different countries can see and talk to each other on video calls		
False stories posted on social media can be shared with millions of people within hours		
People who find it hard to leave their home can order shopping online and have it delivered		
Office workers feel they must answer work messages on their phones late in the evening		

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Total: 2 marks

(a) Describe what is meant by the **digital divide**. **[2]**

3 **Total: 4 marks**

A charity in a large city lends laptops to adults and teaches them how to use the internet. Many of the adults it helps do not have a computer or an internet connection at home.

(a) Give **two** reasons why an adult might not have an internet connection at home. **[2]**

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(b) Explain **one** way that an adult without internet access at home may be disadvantaged. **[2]**

4 **Total: 2 marks**

In a market town, a bookshop, a music and film shop and a travel agent have all closed in the last few years.

(a) Explain how digital technology may have led to shops like these closing. **[2]**

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Total: 8 marks

An insurance company has 1,800 office staff who all work in its city-centre office. The company has decided that staff will now work from home four days a week. They will use laptops, video calls, instant messaging and cloud-based software. The company will move to a smaller office in the city centre.

Discuss the cultural impacts of this decision. **[8]**
Include in your answer:

- how staff work and communicate
- staff's lives outside work
- the city centre and the people who work there.

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