

1.5 LEGAL, MORAL & ETHICAL · 1.5.2

Privacy & censorship

The two big "discuss" issues — the trade-offs & why censorship is hard. Spec 1.5.2.

01 Privacy

Def Control over your own information.

Threats Search/app logs · phone location · ANPR · facial recognition · social media.

Concern **Scale · consent · misuse** — not that data exists.

02 Censorship

Def Restricting what can be seen/published.

By Governments · platforms · schools/workplaces.

For Protects from harmful/illegal content.

Against Can suppress free speech / dissent.

03 Why censorship is hard

Global Content abroad = outside jurisdiction.

Encryption Hides traffic from filters.

Volume Too much to check; filters err.

VPNs Route around blocks.

04 The trade-off

Gain Security: catch criminals, protect people.

Cost Privacy & freedom of the innocent.

Balance Strict rules on **access & retention**.

Format **9–12 mark "discuss" essay.**

FINAL PASS BEFORE THE EXAM

Rapid exam tips

Six slips on privacy/censorship essays.

01

Argue the **trade-off** (security vs privacy) — not "it's bad".

02

Be specific: **what** data, collected **how**, why it matters.

03

Censorship is hard: **global · encrypted · volume · VPNs**.

04

Both surveillance & censorship have real **benefits and harms**.

05

Always reach a **justified conclusion**.

06

Suggest safeguards: limits on **access & retention**.