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Advantages and Disadvantages of Technology



Advantages of Technology:

Technology has helped in the development of devices that have helped cure people to a great extent. With the help of technology, people who are deaf can hear, people who are dumb can speak, and it has done wonders that you cannot even imagine. It is through technological advancement that people have reached other planets. Today technology is everywhere.

The major advantages of technology are as follows:

+ 1. Increase production

The technology helps increase production multiple times. Human efforts and energy of working are limited. But with machinery, the production can be multiplied the number of times as machines have the capability to perform better. The work done by the machine is more accurate and is done with perfection. All the products are alike, which is not possible in the case of human efforts. Technology has helped people make profits multiple times.

+ 2. Saves times

Today, time is money. Thus, technology helps to save a lot of time and increases efficiency and productivity. We can complete huge tasks within less time. Today everything is automated, and this technology helps to save a lot of time in doing things that are not possible by humans. Example: If you do not have the time to buy clothes, just shop online, and you will get the delivery at your doorsteps. Thus, it is through technology that one can use time on other important things.



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+ 3. Easy and quick communication

Technology has made communication just a click away. With a click of a button, you can make calls, send emails, fax, order things online, and do a lot of things with the help of technology. Technology has helped us in giving better modes of communication. Now you don't need to write letters to your loved ones if you are missing them. Do a video call and feel them close to you.

+ 4. Increase safety

Technology has increased the safety of people. With the help of technology, there are CCTV cameras made that keeps your valuables at the shop and home safe. Everything is captured in the camera, and finding the thief becomes easy. Even our mobile phones, laptops, Godrej locker, have lock systems that keep our data and other valuables safe. You can use fingerprint, eye, or face recognition to open your phone, laptop, and other devices.

ON-TOPIC ITEMS:

- **Development:** noun [C or U] UK /dɪ'vel.əp.mənt/ US /dɪ'vel.əp.mənt/
the process in which someone or something grows or changes and becomes more advanced
- **Advancement:** noun [U] UK /əd'vɑ:ns.mənt/ US /əd'væns.mənt/
the development or improvement of something
- **Production:** noun [U] UK /prə'dʌk.jən/ US /prə'dʌk.jən/
the process of making or growing goods to be sold
- **Machinery:** noun [U] UK /mə'ʃi:.nəri.i/ US /mə'ʃi:.nəri.i/
a group of large machines or the parts of a machine that make it work
- **Profits:** noun [U] UK /'prɒf.ɪt/ US /'prɑ:ɪt/
the good result or advantage that can be achieved by a particular action or activity
- **Efficiency:** noun [C or U] UK /ɪ'fɪj.ən.si/ US /ɪ'fɪj.ən.si/
the condition or fact of producing the results you want without waste, or a particular way in which this is done
- **Productivity:** noun [U] UK /,prɒd.ʌk'tɪv.ə.ti/ US /,prɒd.ʌk'tɪv.ə.ti/
the rate at which a person, company, or country does useful work
- **Automated:** adjective UK /'ɔ:..tə.meɪ.tɪd/ US /'ɑ:..tə.meɪ.tɪd/
carried out by machines or computers without needing human control
- **Just a click away:** phrase
If something is (just) a click away, it is very easy to get on your computer, especially from the Internet
- **Face recognition:** noun [U] UK /feɪs rek.əg'nɪʃ.ən/ US /feɪs rek.əg'nɪʃ.ən/
technology that makes it possible for a computer to recognize a digital image of someone's face



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Disadvantages of Technology:

One most important thing to remember is that technology has its negative effects too. Its negative effects can hamper the environment to a great extent. The development of nuclear weapons, machines, bombs with the help of technology can affect the environment drastically. It can hamper mother earth. In the same way, increasing population and pollution have affected the ecosystem greatly.

The major disadvantages of technology are as follows:

➤ 1. Unemployment

Technology has brought unemployment to a great extent with the advancement of technology. People are being dependent on computers for every work and also for their existence. This further has brought unemployment as a single computer is capable of doing the work of so many people that too in very less time.

➤ 2. Health issues

People today are so obsessed with technology that they forget to care about their own health. This affects their health in different ways. They have eye-sight problems, obesity, insomnia, and a lot more. Some people cannot sleep without using their phones. Some cannot focus on their studies as they have a habit of checking their phone every now and then.

➤ 3. People get distracted easily

People get distracted easily by using different gadgets rather than going through something fruitful. There are social media that has kept youngsters, adults, and children engaged, and thus they get distracted from doing their daily chores. Kids find it hard to concentrate on their studies as most of them today own a laptop or a phone.

➤ 4. Addiction

Some people have an addiction to playing online games, using dating websites, watching a movie every night. There are people who have an addiction to gambling online which has its own diverse effects. In addition to anything, even technology is bad.



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ON-TOPIC ITEMS:

- **Hamper:** verb [T] UK /'hæm.pər/ US /'hæm.pə/
to prevent someone doing something easily
- **Affect:** verb [T] UK /ə'fekt/ US /ə'fekt/
to have an influence on someone or something, or to cause a change in someone or something
- **Existence:** noun [U] UK /ɪg'zɪs.təns/ US /ɪg'zɪs.təns/
the fact of something or someone existing
- **Obsessed:** adjective UK /əb'sest/ US /əb'sest/
unable to stop thinking about something
- **Every now and then:** phrase
sometimes but not often
- **Distract:** verb [T] UK /dɪ'strækt/ US /dɪ'strækt/
to make someone stop giving their attention to something
- **Gadget:** noun [C] UK /'gædʒ.ɪt/ US /'gædʒ.ət/
a small device or machine with a particular purpose
- **Fruitful:** adjective UK /'fru:t.fəl/ US /'fru:t.fəl/
producing good results
- **Addiction:** noun [C/U] UK /ə'dɪk.ʃən/ US /ə'dɪk.ʃən/
the need or strong desire to do or to have something, or a very strong liking for something
- **Diverse:** adjective UK /daɪ'vɜ:s/ US /daɪ'vɜ:s/
very different from each other

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