

Section II

25 marks

Attempt ONE question from Questions 18–20

Allow about 45 minutes for this section

Answer the question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

In your answer you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate an understanding of societal influences on wellbeing
 - apply the skills of critical thinking and analysis
 - illustrate your answer with relevant examples
 - present ideas in a clear and logical way
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Question 18 — Family and Societal Interactions (25 marks)

- (a) Analyse the ways in which local communities provide a range of leisure and recreation facilities that contribute to the wellbeing of young people. **10**
- (b) Evaluate the role of government policy and legislation in addressing the issues arising from the ageing of the Australian population. **15**

OR

Question 19 — Social Impact of Technology (25 marks)

- (a) Identify the ‘piece of technology’ selected as the focus of your case study. **10**
Analyse the impact of this piece of technology on individuals, families and the community.
- (b) Evaluate the roles and responsibilities of employers and employees in accessing and accepting technology in the workplace. **15**

OR

Question 20 — Individuals and Work (25 marks)

- (a) Analyse the ways in which workplace regulations and entitlements support individuals in managing family responsibilities. **10**
- (b) Evaluate the impact that social, legal and technological change have had on current trends in patterns of work. **15**

End of paper

a) The Internet is a piece of technology which has grown rapidly in popularity and use over time. Technology is the know how or creative processes which may assist a person to utilise tools, resources and systems to enhance control over the natural and made environment.

The Internet is ~~an~~ technology as hardware. It has the ability to enhance our practical well being as it enables us to understand and communicate in the world we know.

This piece of technology has a great influence on individuals as it ~~has~~ provides great



entertainment ~~and~~ educational
and communication value.

Through the internet individuals
are able to access games
and programs which add to their
leisure. Such entertainment
can enhance one's individual
well being due to it providing
enjoyment to an individual.

Educationally, the internet
provides many individuals with
immense research and knowledge
helping with work, research,
schooling and assignments. The
internet is able to teach
individuals great research
skills which can be used
later in life for employment.

The internet can benefit an
individual intellectual well being
immensely as it is another



source of information available. The use of the Internet also teaches invaluable computer literacy skills, which are becoming increasingly important in our society.

Communication is also a benefit of the Internet. Communication via e-mail and chat rooms allows individuals to communicate ~~anywhere~~ to others anywhere in the world and eliminates geographical barriers. The Internet is fundamental in the emergence of a global community.

The Internet is also invaluable. It can be argued that the internet and email is detrimental to an individual's

social well-being as it is becoming a direct replacement for face-to-face communication.

The internet has also had a great impact on families. The communication capabilities encompassed by the Internet allows for greater communication between families divided by location.

Online shopping and banking has also meant that parents and families can shop and bank online, eliminating the time spent in supermarkets and bank.

As a result parents may have more free time to spend with their children or on their own.



the community as a whole also benefits from the Internet, although there are some disadvantages.

Businesses and workplaces benefit greatly from the Internet as it has provided new target markets and initiated new business ideas.

There is also less need for business travelling, meaning expenses are considerably less, due to email and internet communication.

The community living rurally are able to make greater access to services now as location is not an issue. Online educational services also exist.

The internet has had a great impact on all individuals, families and communities. It has great educational, communication and entertainment potential.

b) ~~Employees have the responsibility~~
Employers have the responsibility to train and educate their staff about new technologies and processes. Without training or education employers may find their staff are resistant to the technological changes.

Employees have the role of trying to learn the skills and knowledge needed to make proper use of these technologies. Employees

are invaluable in making sure the technologies introduced into the workplace are efficient and productive.

If employees are resistant or hesitant towards new technology they may find their is little place for them within a business.

Technology within the workplace can give employees the skills and knowledge to make use of technology outside the workplace increasing their access and acceptance.

Employers have the role of constantly monitoring the environment to anticipate new technology which may be beneficial to the workplace.

Employers will work as change agents who have the role of encouraging employees to accept the technology and use it to their advantage. As technology can often result in the deskilling of workers, employers have the role and responsibility of redefining these employees' jobs and retraining them in new positions. Without this, employees will lose their sense of job satisfaction as they will feel worthless to the business.

An employee has the role and responsibility of using and accepting technology in order for the business to be profitable and for them to achieve job satisfaction.



Employers have the role and responsibility of addressing the unemployment increase due to the advances in technology. An employer should strive to make as many employment positions open as possible when introducing new technology.

In order for employees to maintain job security they should strive to always be learning the skills and knowledge required to make use of technology.

Employers have the role of introducing the new piece of technology in order to allow for the employees acceptance of the technology. Part of this introduction is the



training and educating of staff on
how to make proper, efficient
use of the technology.