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**BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES OF ICT**

The following are the benefits or advantages of ICT:

1. Timely, better and cheaper access to knowledge and information.

2. Speeds up transactions and processes.

3. Provides opportunities for human beings to interact with one another in new ways easily.

4. Makes distance to become irrelevant in business transactions and dealings.

5. ICT has brought about innovative ways of interaction.

6. It provides employment opportunities to people globally

7. It is very useful as a medium of instruction in schools. It also makes people to acquire knowledge especially in ICT.

8. When used in governance, it leads to efficiency. This is called e-administration.

9. It is useful in medicine for medical diagnosis.

**Disadvantages of ICT**

The disadvantages of ICT include the following:

1. It can lead to job loss as a result of computerization of transactions in an office.

2. Youth often abuse the internet by using it mostly for entertainment, watching pornography and using it to commit crime, notably cybercrime.

3. ICT use often leads to a breakdown in social bonds between people. People prefer to send e-mails or call their loved ones on phone rather than visiting them.

4. Repetitive strain injury, strain on tendons in the arms, back problems and painful eyes are caused by prolonged use of the computer

5. ICT use can lead to computer addiction, obsessive computing behaviour and stress.

6. Advent of ICT has led to infringement of people’s privacy and confidentiality of information today can no longer be guaranteed.

7. Some software can be difficult for some generations and people to use.

8. Viruses are contacted from the internet and this damages the files in the computer.

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. Mention six (6) benefits and disadvantages of ICT.