

The lesson delves into the realm of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the digital age, exploring its definition, historical evolution, and significance across various sectors. ICT, comprising hardware and software components for processing and communicating information, has progressed through different historical ages to culminate in the Information Age. In the contemporary digital landscape, ICT plays a pivotal role in communication, connectivity, information access, business transformation, education, healthcare advancements, entertainment, and social and political impact. The key goals of ICT involve enhancing data processes, improving capabilities in diverse fields like business, education, and medicine, and finding real-world applications in communication, automation, e-government services, fintech, healthcare technology, smart cities, education technology, entertainment and media, research and development. The technologies encompassed within ICT, such as internet-enabled communication channels, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cloud computing, big data technologies, IoT, e-commerce technologies, and robotics, collectively shape the interconnected digital world, fostering communication, information sharing, and digital interactions.

What marked a pivotal moment in technology during the Stone Age?

a. c. Development of writing

b.

* d. Introduction of machinery

c. b. Mastery of fire

d. a. Invention of the wheel

The correct answer is:

a. Mastery of fire

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Which historical age introduced machinery for manufacturing and advancements in weaponry?

a. d. Information Age

b. b. Industrial Age

c. a. Middle Age

d. c. Electronic Age

The historical age that introduced machinery for manufacturing and advancements in weaponry was the Industrial Age [1].

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What characterizes the Electronic Age in the evolution of technology?

a. a. Development of writing

b. d. Fabrication of essential tools in the Iron Age

c. c. Mastery of fire

d. b. Advent of computers and the internet

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In the Information Age, what is a consequence of the unprecedented volume of information?

a. c. Information overload

b. b. Knowledge decline

c. a. Information scarcity

d. d. Technological stagnation

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What is a key significance of ICT in the digital age related to communication?

a. b. Regionalization

b. c. Global Connectivity

c. a. Increased isolation

d. d. Language barriers

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HOW has the digital age democratized access to information?

a. b. Centralized control

b. a. Restricted access

c. c. Monopoly of knowledge

d. d. Empowering individuals to retrieve and share knowledge easily

The digital age has democratized access to information by empowering individuals to retrieve and share knowledge easily [1].

[1] Information Access and Sharing: - Knowledge Sharing: ICT allows for the easy dissemination and sharing of information, promoting knowledge exchange and collaborative learning. - Access to Information: The digital age has democratized access to information, empowering individuals with the ability to retrieve and share knowledge easily.

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7 -What impact has ICT had on education and learning in the digital age?

a. c. E-Learning and interactive learning experiences

b. b. Decreased interactive learning

c. d. Exclusivity in education

d. a. Limited access to resources

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How does ICT contribute to increased efficiency and productivity in the digital age?

a. b. Manual optimization

b. d. Dependence on traditional methods

c. c. Automation of tasks and data analytics for decision-making

d. a. Centralization of tasks

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In the healthcare advancements facilitated by ICT, what does telemedicine involve?

a. d. Limited access to medical information

b. b. Virtual consultations and remote monitoring

c. a. Traditional in-person consultations

d. c. Physical health assessments

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What role does ICT play in social and political impact in the digital age?

a. c. Mobilizing social movements and facilitating political engagement

b. a. Decreased political engagement

c. d. Limitation of discourse

d.

* b. Suppression of social movements

ICT plays a role in social and political impact in the digital age by mobilizing social movements and facilitating political engagement [1].

[1] Information Access and Sharing: - Social and Political Impact: ICT plays a role in organizing and mobilizing social movements and activism through social media platforms and online forums. - Political Engagement: Digital platforms provide avenues for political discourse, election campaigns, and citizen engagement in political processes.

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