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Expanding IT: a curse or blessing?

Thesis Statement:

Job displacement, limitation of human creativity, privacy encrochment and many others are the causes which classify expanding information-technology as a curse.

OUTLINE:

1- Introduction:

2- Expanding IT is a curse because it is:

1- Dehumanizing human relations because of availability of easy communication tools.

2. cause of job displacement which lead towards economic disparity among human beings.

3- used as a tool for digital warfare thragh spread of misinformation and hacking.

4- a helping hand of criminals for performing cybercrimes.

5. Creating digital divide in society by classifying human among classes

6. Leading towards the emergence of technological monopolies which results in concentration of power and wealth in the hands of few people.

7. Affects environment negatively because of carbon emissions and electronic wasted by production and use of digital technologies

8. Rich in information but poor in attention by decreasing the attention span of human beings.

9. Source of multiple diseases in human beings.

10. homogenizing cultures and ending diversity from the world.

11. Results in privacy encrochment of individuals

12. limiting human creativity through the use of software for doing multiple tasks

13. spreading materialism aland society.

14. cause of depression and psychological unrest among individuals

15. Spreading obscenity and nudity which curbs the innocence of childeen.

3- **Expanding IT: is a blessing becauseit:**

2- Has made communication easier and accessible

3- Helps saves time of individuals through online app usage.

4- **Conclusion:**

       World is becoming modeenize day by day. It is bringing universe together into a single community. This phenomenon is source of multiple ptroubles in the live of inhabitants. The phenomena of modeinization is teemed as expanding information technology. As, its title name suggests its is the use of technology. This use have impact on society negatively. Expanding Information technology seeves as a curse for society as it dehumanizes human eelations and

emotions and increases job disparity. It also aids into spread of misinformation and is a helping hand for criminals in performing cyber crimes. Expanding Information Technology has also led the control of whole world under hands of few elites. In addition, its emergence has impact environment negatively through e-wastes and multiple diseases. It limits human mind and curbs creativity

On other hand, Spreading IT has also positive contribution towards accessible communication. It ~~has saves~~ ~~time~~ ~~and money of people through online apps~~. Therefore, it can be pronance that job displacement, limitation of human creativity, privacy encrochment and many others are the causes which

classify Expanding IT as a curse.

Expanding IT is a curse because it dehumanizes human relations. Information Technology has provided easy communication tools to people because of which the real feelings and emotions of humans are ~~&~~ being degraded. The physical contact among humans is decreased. Texas university research claims that human are dependent on technology and has left physical meetup faraway. Technology has replaced human sensations and feelings with emojis. This has declined the true sense of relations. ~~This~~ and created distant relations. Thus presenting expanding IT as a curse.

Job displacement is another reason which defines expanding IT as a curse. Multiple tasks traditionally performed by humans are now

automated. Many low skilled jobs are becoming obsolete, while demand of tech savy workers, rise. According to world Economic Forum, around 85 million jobs are displaced by a shift in labor between humans and machines, while 97 million new roles could emerge requiring different skills. This indicates that expanding IT has cause significant decrease in job market taking human position into trouble. Thus, creating an environment of less employment facilities for human beings.

Another curse of expanding IT is its contribution to digital warfare, particularly through spread of misinformation and hacking. These tactis are use to manipulate opinions and destabilize governments. In 2022, a deepfake of Ukranian president was circulated online,

falsely showing him calling on Ukranian soldiers to surrender. This fake news was generated to create confusion among ukranian soldiers and common people. The expanding IT misleads and deceives people without any fear of retribution. This contributes to digital warfare.

Expansion of IT ~~has played a~~ is playing a key role in development of cyber crimes, creating a helping hand for criminals. It has made execution of crimes easier ~~to~~ generating a trouble-free environment for criminals. In 2017, Wannacry Ransomware Attack encrypted files on the victims computer rendering them inaccessible untill a ransome was paid. This attack created trouble for various organizations. However, it benefit criminals to

achieve their goals. There by, cybercrimes are executed by criminals easily through expanding IT.

Disharmony in society is another malediction of expanding IT. It divides society into two halves; one with easy access to expanding technology and other with no or limited access. According to UNDP report about Pakistan, over half the country still has no access to internet. Richest have 15 times greater digital access and development as compared to poorest quintile. This shows that Pakistani society have unequal opportunities. This inequality creates disbalance and disharmony in Pakistani society.

Information Technology expansion leads to concentration of power.

and wealth in han under few hands.
Rapid spread of IT has given lives and choices
of individuals unde in few elites
custody. Social media platforms like
Facebook, Twitter, youtube use algorithms
to prioritize content. These platforms
shape public discourses by determining
which information is seen by users worldwide.
Discourses are shaped by leading powerful
personalities. These discourses control
decision making of people. Therefore,
IT expansion is a curse because it
has provided privilige to powerful elite
to control lives of masses.

IT expansion grants negative
effects on environment. It's rapid
advancement leads to frequent
updates and pro obsolescence of
devices. As new devices are introduced

the users also increase and a e-waste of previous devices also rise. Increase usage of devices escaletes carbon emission on earth. A report mentioned that watching one hour of video streaming on platforms like Netflix is estimated to genereate about 36grams of CO_2 emissions. This means that as much as scrolling and using digital devices increase the carbondioxide emission will multiply. Carbondioxide emi release destroy the healthy environment thus creating trouble for inhabitants of earth.

Information technology provides rich information but decreases attention span of human beings. Expansion of IT adversely affects human attention thus increasing

attention deficit disorders. Iowa State University followed over a thousand children for thirteen months and examined television and video game habits. Study showed that children who engage in more than two hours of daily screen time were at higher risk of developing attention problems. Action on screen contributes to attention deficit as well as decreased concentration. So, IT creates trouble in human lives from an early age proving itself to be a curse.

Expanding IT is a source of multiple diseases in human beings various new maladies are discovered initiated by expanding IT. According to Dr Rowan's report screen time has introduced a new condition called Electronic Screen Syndrome (ESS).

This causes sleep deprivation, social isolation, behaviour problems and a hyper aroused nervous system. The society has undergone new challenge in form of new syndromes with bringing curse to human life.

Expanding IT is a curse because it has terminated the diversity of culture. The extended information technology has homogenize all the culture. It has made world a global village where people have access to whole world eradicating the differences between local and indigenous cultures. Research from International journal of communication highlights that online gaming fosters a shared culture among players worldwide, with standardized games leading to similar social norms and

interactions. The homogenity has decreased the local cultures and diversity of world. ~~is declying~~. In this way expanding IT becomes a curse.

Expanding IT has intervene into private lifes of individuals. As IT is enhancing its abilities it is making life of individuals difficult by interfering in their life. In 2018. Cambridge Analytica scandal was reported. It revealed that data of millions of users was harvested without consent for political advertising. This raises concerns about data privacy and its manipulation. Information technology enroch individual's data without consent. Therefore, it is a curse.

Expanding IT limits human creativity. It hinders human abilities

from doing multiple tasks. Chat GPT, DALL-E and Deep dream are the tools that provide ready made content to individuals. The tools risks the original human thoughts and their ability of productivity declines. The creative abilities of humans are disturbed by the expanding IT leading humans towards its dependency.

Rapid acceleration of IT has spread materialism around society. Social media platforms such as Youtube and instagram celebrates those who have gained material pursuits. A youtuber Rajab Butt resident of Lahore shows his luxury ~~his~~ lifestyle and fame received due to vlogging. He is a less educated man but ~~have~~ enjoys all material pursuits. This instigates

a lust for materialism than morals. Expansion of IT is condensing moralities. Therefore, it is validated that expanding IT is a curse.

Expanding IT is a curse because it is reason for of depression and psychological unrest among individuals. People try to solve real life problems with virtual life solutions. and when unable to do, it ↓creates unrest results· in life. American Psychological Association (APA) study show a correlation between social media use and increase levels of anxiety, depression and loneliness· Social media makes one feels inferior and spurs depression· Increase use of social media increases unrest in life becoming a curse for individuals .

Expanding IT is spreading nudity and obscenity among children. The ~~rise~~ inteenet provides explicit content under one click which ~~makes~~ gives easy access to~~f~~ children. ~~t~~ Reseaeches have shown that many children encanter inappropriate material before the age of 12. The ~~&~~ access to inappropriate content at eaely age becomes dangeraus. children lack morality and innocence in their personality. Thereforre, expanding information technology is a curse for human life.

Every entity have positive and negative side, expanding IT also have a few benefits along with curses.

Foremost, blessing of Information technology is that it has made communication easy and accessible.

It has decreased distance among people. What's App and Zoom ~~aa~~ have made communication process easier and faster. One can contact distant relatives very easily. ~~through~~ Video conferences enable face-to-face communications over long distance making expanding IT a blessing.

Expanding IT is a blessing because it saves time of individuals by providing online apps to accomplish tasks. Every day tasks are easily performed using multiple apps: online shopping apps ~~and~~ and online grocery apps have reduced the burden and ~~time~~ s. saves time. These apps minimize the need of physical travel, saving significant amount of time of individuals.

In a nutshell, the restriction on innovation power of human mind, conflicts in human society, unrest in personal life and many more, reasons demonstrates the curse of expanding IT. To start with, the psychological distress and anxiety is a major curse provided by IT expansion. In addition, the decay of human relations and moralities in society are the dark sides of IT. Increase of evils such as cybercrimes and spread of ~~misinformation~~ fake information is another negative shade of expanding IT. However, there is also a ray of blessing displayed by expanding IT is the decrease of communication ~~gap~~ problems. IT has made connections stronger among people.