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### **The Importance of Technology**

We have always sought for ways to improve our lives and to make every process and duty simpler, faster, and more efficient. Some of these improvements have become integral parts of our lifestyles and it will be hard to live without them. These improvements include but not limited to computers, the Internet, television, radio, motor vehicles, and medicine.

There are a number of people who currently live without the previously mentioned technologies. These people are mostly natives and aborigines of some nations. Their medicines are spells, prayers, and herbs prescribed by the tribe's shaman and their education is given by the elders. What is more, they have little or no information of the outside world other than their tribe and the immediate surrounding community.

Our overall lifespan has significantly improved for the past centuries thanks to modern medicine. With the help of technology, we are finding new cures and vaccines to combat various diseases. Logistic is now faster and more reliable due to modern transportations which is why we are able to distribute medicines to remote areas such as the villages in Africa and war zones. Modern transportations also connect the world together and making it easy to commute to different countries. Another technology that connects the world is the Internet. We are now able to share a wealth of information from across the globe within seconds. We can also pay our bills, make reservations, read news, and shop online in the comfort of our homes. Television and radio provide us with both entertainment and information just like the

Internet but with limited degree. Today, many television sets have built in computer or made so that they are able to connect to a computer to increase their functions and usability. Analogue television sets and radios have become obsolete.

We may be able to live without computer but it will be increasingly difficult to do even the simplest task such as paying our bills since almost everything is done electronically. Organizations like banks and stores are cutting costs by closing many physical locations and most of their businesses are online making it inconvenient and maybe even impossible for those without computers to reach out to them. In spite of this, there are still many who do not have computer and even more who are computer illiterate. Furthermore, many institutions require workers with competence in computers since their corporation data such as personal information and sales are stored digitally. Those who are computer illiterate may find it extremely challenging to compete for jobs in this modern world.

Even though technology makes our lives easier, it also has various negative impacts. We pollute the Earth with our toxic wastes and some of us are estranged to friends and families due to the Internet and television. However, we still cannot live entirely without technology lest we are willing to live like the Shuar tribes in Peru and forsaken all the wonderful inventions of our forefathers. Now, we are building our future and improving our technologies so that they are safer and environmental friendly.