

CLASS XI • COMPUTER SCIENCE • STUDY BOOKLET

Unit 7: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Computing System

*Complete Question Bank — MCQs, Short Questions,
Long Questions & Solved Textbook Exercise*

58 MCQs

56 Short Questions

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Section 1 | Multiple Choice Questions

#	Question	Options	Ans
Terms of Use			
1	What is the main purpose of Terms of Use?	(a) Make service look official (b) Protect only the provider (c) Build a fair user-provider relationship (d) Attract more ads	C
2	How do Terms of Use help users?	(a) Hide important rules (b) Show clear rules and expectations (c) Make service cost more (d) Limit all users	B
3	Which is NOT a user right in Terms of Use?	(a) Right to privacy (b) Right to misuse service (c) Right to get info (d) Right to complain	B
4	Why do companies use "Limitation of Liability"?	(a) Charge more (b) Avoid full blame for service issues (c) Give more rights (d) Allow illegal use	B
5	Which clause protects company content like logos or articles?	(a) User rules (b) Data use (c) Property rights (d) Service end	C
6	What may happen if someone breaks Terms of Use?	(a) Get reward (b) Get blocked or face legal action (c) Get free access (d) Get discount	B
7	What do User Obligations usually say?	(a) Ignore privacy (b) Misuse service (c) Follow rules and use responsibly (d) Share passwords	C
8	Why should Terms of Use be clear and fair?	(a) Confuse users (b) Trick users (c) Help users trust and understand (d) Make long document	C
9	Which rights are included in Terms of Use?	(a) Share accounts (b) Privacy, info, and consent rights (c) Copy content (d) Break rules	B
10	Why should users read Terms of Use before agreeing?	(a) Skip rules (b) Know their rights and duties (c) Delete app fast (d) Avoid using service	B
Digital Divide			
11	What does the digital divide mean?	(a) Gap between people with and without tech access (b) Difference in phone brands	A

		(c) Internet speed variation (d) Cost of mobile data	
12	Which is NOT a cause of digital divide?	(a) Lack of money (b) Poor digital skills (c) Fast internet (d) Living in rural area	C
13	How does digital divide affect education?	(a) Students get more books (b) Poor students struggle with online learning (c) Teachers get paid more (d) Schools get more funds	B
14	Which group is most affected by social barriers in tech access?	(a) Young people (b) Older adults and women in some areas (c) City workers (d) Software engineers	B
15	What is a major economic impact of digital divide?	(a) More jobs for all (b) Limited job opportunities for those without tech (c) Higher salaries (d) Better schools	B
16	Why is digital literacy important?	(a) To use social media only (b) To improve tech sales (c) To develop digital skills and reduce the divide (d) To buy better phones	C
17	How does digital divide affect healthcare?	(a) More hospitals built (b) People can't use online health services (c) More doctors available (d) Medicine cheaper	B
18	Which group has better access to e-government services in Pakistan?	(a) Rural people (b) City dwellers (c) Students (d) Farmers	B
19	Which is a way to bridge the digital divide?	(a) Increase data prices (b) Build internet infrastructure (c) Stop online education (d) Limit phone use	B
20	What role do schools play in reducing digital divide?	(a) Provide digital education and access (b) Sell computers (c) Block internet (d) Reduce homework	A
21	What is a public-private partnership in bridging digital divide?	(a) Government and companies work together (b) Users share passwords (c) Companies compete (d) Users pay more	A
22	What has the Government of Pakistan done to improve rural internet access?	(a) Stopped mobile services (b) Introduced mobile broadband in remote areas (c) Increased data prices (d) Banned smartphones	B
Digital Citizenship and Ethical Considerations			
23	What is digital citizenship?	(a) Using only social media (b) Using tech safely and ethically	B

		(c) Buying new devices (d) Gaming online	
24	Why is responsible digital behavior important?	(a) To use more apps (b) To share passwords (c) To stay safe and protect others online (d) To download freely	C
25	What is one way to practice responsible digital behavior?	(a) Avoid phishing scams (b) Use weak passwords (c) Share accounts (d) Ignore privacy	A
26	What does ethical use of information mean?	(a) Copy others' work (b) Ignore rules (c) Share secrets (d) Use data fairly and legally	D
27	How can you avoid plagiarism?	(a) Give credit to original authors (b) Copy text directly (c) Hide sources (d) Use others' accounts	A
28	Why should you avoid sharing personal info online?	(a) To get more ads (b) To protect your privacy and safety (c) To make friends (d) To use apps faster	B
29	What is cybersecurity awareness?	(a) Knowing how to use apps (b) Using strong Wi-Fi (c) Buying antivirus only (d) Understanding online threats and how to stay safe	D
30	What are the uses of phishing?	(a) Online gaming (b) Fast internet (c) Fake emails to steal info (d) File sharing	C
31	How can you protect against malware?	(a) Download from unknown sites (b) Ignore updates (c) Share passwords (d) Use updated antivirus	D
32	What is collaborative problem solving?	(a) Working alone (b) Solving problems with others and tech (c) Avoiding tasks (d) Copying others	B
33	How can technology help in teamwork?	(a) Share and organize work easily (b) Hide data (c) Reduce communication (d) Avoid tools	A
34	What does accessible digital content mean?	(a) For experts only (b) Limited to videos (c) For tech users only (d) Usable by everyone, including people with disabilities	D
35	How can you make content more accessible?	(a) Add image descriptions for screen readers (b) Use fancy fonts (c) Ignore feedback (d) Use small text	A

36	Why is user feedback important?	(a) To ignore users (b) To improve content and usability (c) To delete content (d) To limit access	B
Privacy and Security Threats			
37	What is spam?	(a) Harmful software (b) Fake websites (c) Unwanted messages (d) Secure login	C
38	What does spyware do?	(a) Blocks ads (b) Secures passwords (c) Filters emails (d) Tracks online activity secretly	D
39	How can cookies be a threat?	(a) They delete files (b) They track online behavior (c) They block websites (d) They slow internet	B
40	What is phishing?	(a) Email scams to steal info (b) Fake websites (c) Secure login (d) File sharing	A
41	What is pharming?	(a) Unwanted emails (b) Fake links in emails (c) Automatic redirect to fake site (d) Cookie tracking	C
42	Which method is most used for phishing?	(a) Phone calls (b) Email (c) Fake websites (d) Pop-up ads	B
43	What do spam filters do?	(a) Delete all emails (b) Block unwanted or dangerous emails (c) Track user data (d) Install spyware	B
44	What does antivirus software protect against?	(a) Spyware and viruses (b) Lost passwords (c) Slow internet (d) Fake websites	A
45	Why should you manage cookies?	(a) To speed up the device (b) To download faster (c) To protect privacy (d) To get ads	C
46	How can you recognize a phishing email?	(a) Clear sender name (b) Urgent request for personal info (c) Official company logo (d) Short message	B
47	What helps protect against pharming?	(a) Click all links (b) Ignore browser warnings (c) Share passwords (d) Check website URL and "https"	D

48	Why should you use multiple security tools?	(a) To cover different types of threats (b) To slow down the system (c) To delete all emails (d) To track online activity	A
Computing's Impact on Individuals and Society			
49	How has computing changed learning?	(a) Less access to books (b) Fewer teachers (c) More access to online info (d) No change	C
50	What is a benefit of computing in communication?	(a) Global connections (b) Slower messages (c) Less sharing (d) No social media	A
51	How has computing helped small businesses in Pakistan?	(a) Limited reach (b) Access to more customers (c) Higher costs (d) Less competition	B
52	What is a major negative impact of computing in Pakistan?	(a) Better schools (b) More jobs (c) Fast internet (d) Digital divide	D
53	How did social media help during the Peshawar school attack?	(a) Hid the news (b) Blocked messages (c) Raised awareness (d) Reduced support	C
54	Why does misinformation spread online?	(a) Fast sharing of unverified content (b) People read less (c) Better education (d) Slow internet	A
55	Why is digital literacy important?	(a) To use social media only (b) To buy more devices (c) To spot fake news and stay safe (d) To use apps fast	C
56	What is a privacy concern with computing?	(a) Personal data can be misused (b) No data is stored (c) All sites are safe (d) Passwords are always secure	A
57	Which event in Pakistan showed the need for data protection?	(a) Growth of Daraz (b) NADRA data leak (c) Rise of smartphones (d) Better internet	B
58	What is a benefit of online education platforms?	(a) Only for rich students (b) Only for city schools (c) No internet needed (d) Students can learn from top universities	D

Answer Key

1	C	2	B	3	B	4	B	5	C	6	B	7	C	8	C	9	B	10	B
11	A	12	C	13	B	14	B	15	B	16	C	17	B	18	B	19	B	20	A

21	A	22	B	23	B	24	C	25	A	26	D	27	A	28	B	29	D	30	C
31	D	32	B	33	A	34	D	35	A	36	B	37	C	38	D	39	B	40	A
41	C	42	B	43	B	44	A	45	C	46	B	47	D	48	A	49	C	50	A
51	B	52	D	53	C	54	A	55	C	56	A	57	B	58	D				

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Section 2 | Short Questions

#	Question	Answer
Terms of Use		
1	What are Terms of Use, and why are they important for users and providers?	Terms of Use are legal agreements that explain how a service or product can be used. They are important because they protect the rights of users, provide clarity about what to expect from a service, and help providers avoid misuse or legal issues.
2	How do User Obligations in Terms of Use protect both users and service providers?	User Obligations explain what users must do, like using services properly. This protects providers from misuse and helps users understand how to use the service responsibly.
3	Why are Limitations of Liability included in Terms of Use?	Limitations of Liability protect service providers by stating that they are not responsible for issues beyond their control, such as service downtime or errors caused by the user.
4	How do Privacy and Data Use clauses help users?	These clauses tell users how their personal data is collected, used, and protected. They help users understand and control how their information is handled.
5	What is the purpose of Intellectual Property Rights in Terms of Use?	These clauses protect the service provider's original content like logos, software, and articles. They stop users from copying or misusing the content without permission.
6	What does the Termination of Service clause mean for users?	This clause allows the service provider to stop a user's access if they break the rules. For example, social media platforms can suspend accounts that spread fake news or hate speech.
7	What are the consequences of breaking the Terms of Use?	If someone breaks the Terms of Use, they may be banned from the service, face legal action, or have to pay fines. For example, using unlicensed software can lead to legal problems.
8	Why are ethical considerations important in Terms of Use?	Ethical considerations like fairness and transparency help build trust. If the terms are clear and honest, users can make better decisions and feel confident about using the service.
9	What personal rights do users have under Terms of Use?	Users have rights like the right to privacy, the right to know how their data is used, and the right to ask for corrections or deletion of their personal information.
10	Why should users read and review Terms of Use regularly?	Users should review Terms of Use regularly because platforms often update them. Staying informed helps users know their rights and responsibilities.
Privacy and Security Threats		

11	What are privacy and security threats, and why are they a concern?	Privacy and security threats are risks that can expose personal or sensitive information. They are a concern because they can lead to identity theft, financial loss, and damage to online safety for both individuals and organizations.
12	What is spam, and how does it affect users?	Spam is unwanted and unsolicited messages sent via email or SMS. It can be annoying and sometimes leads to scams or phishing attacks.
13	What is spyware, and how does it harm your device?	Spyware is harmful software that secretly monitors your online activity. It can steal personal data like passwords and credit card details without your knowledge.
14	How do cookies help and harm users?	Cookies help by remembering your login details and preferences. But they can also track your online behavior to show targeted ads, which may invade your privacy.
15	What is phishing, and how does it trick users?	Phishing is a scam where attackers pretend to be trusted sources (like a bank) to trick users into giving personal information, like passwords or credit card numbers.
16	What is pharming, and how is it different from phishing?	Pharming is a cyberattack where users are automatically redirected to a fake website without their knowledge. Unlike phishing, it doesn't need the user to click a link — it works behind the scenes.
17	How do spam filters help protect users?	Spam filters help by automatically separating unwanted or suspicious emails from the inbox, reducing the risk of scams and phishing attacks.
18	Why is antivirus software important for online safety?	Antivirus software protects devices from harmful programs like spyware and viruses. It scans files and blocks dangerous content before it can cause damage.
19	How can managing cookies improve your online privacy?	Managing cookies helps by deleting unnecessary ones, especially from unknown websites. This limits tracking and protects personal browsing data.
20	How can you recognize a phishing email?	You can recognize phishing emails by checking for suspicious senders, urgent requests for personal information, and links that don't look official.
21	What are some signs of a pharming attack?	Signs of a pharming attack include being redirected to a fake website that looks real. Always check the URL for correctness and look for "https://" and a padlock symbol for security.
22	Why is it important to use multiple security strategies online?	Using multiple strategies (like antivirus, spam filters, and secure browsing) gives better protection because each method covers different types of threats.

23	What is the digital divide?	The digital divide is the gap between people who have access to modern technology like the internet, computers, and smartphones, and those who do not.
24	Why is the digital divide a serious issue?	It is serious because it leads to unequal opportunities in education, jobs, healthcare, and social participation, which increases inequality in society.
25	What are the main causes of the digital divide?	The main causes are economic barriers (can't afford tech), geographical barriers (no internet in rural areas), educational barriers (lack of digital skills), and social barriers (based on age, gender, or disability).
26	How does the digital divide affect education?	Students without access to the internet or devices struggle to study, especially during online learning. This creates an education gap between rich and poor or urban and rural students.
27	What impact does the digital divide have on employment?	Many jobs today need basic digital skills. People without access to technology may not get job opportunities, increasing unemployment in disadvantaged areas.
28	How does the digital divide affect healthcare access?	People without internet access may not get health information or use telemedicine services, making it harder to get medical help, especially in rural areas.
29	Why is digital literacy important in reducing the digital divide?	Digital literacy helps people use technology properly. Without it, even if devices are available, people may not benefit from them, widening the divide.
30	How does the digital divide affect social and civic participation?	People without internet may miss out on news, social media, and online government services. This makes it harder for them to stay informed or take part in democratic processes.
31	What are some ways to bridge the digital divide?	Ways include government support for internet infrastructure, educational programs to teach digital skills, and public-private partnerships to make technology more affordable.
32	How can schools help reduce the digital divide?	Schools can provide digital education and access to computers and the internet, especially for students who don't have these resources at home.
Computing's Impact on Individuals and Society		
33	How has computing changed the way we live and work?	Computing has changed our lives by making information, communication, and services more accessible. It has improved how we learn, connect with others, and do business.
34	What is one major positive impact of computing on education?	Computing has made education more accessible by providing online platforms like Coursera and edX, where students can learn from top universities no matter where they live.

35	How has computing improved communication?	Computing has made communication faster and easier through social media, messaging apps, and video calls, allowing people to connect across the world instantly.
36	How has computing helped the economy grow?	Computing has created new jobs and industries, such as e-commerce. Platforms like Daraz allow small businesses to reach more customers and grow.
37	What is the digital divide, and why is it a problem?	The digital divide is the gap between people who have access to computing technology and those who don't. It's a problem because it creates inequality in education, jobs, and opportunities.
38	How has computing led to the spread of misinformation?	Computing and social media allow information to spread quickly. But this also means fake news and misinformation can go viral, causing confusion and fear.
39	Why is digital literacy important in the age of computing?	Digital literacy helps people tell real news from fake news and make smart decisions online. It's important to stay informed and safe in a digital world.
40	What are privacy concerns in computing?	Privacy concerns arise because computing systems collect and store personal data. If not protected, this data can be misused or leaked, violating people's privacy.
41	Give an example of a privacy breach in Pakistan.	In Pakistan, the leakage of citizens' data from NADRA shows how important it is to have strong data protection laws and systems in place.
42	How did social media help during the 2014 Peshawar school attack?	Social media raised awareness about the attack and helped bring people together to show support and solidarity for the victims and their families.
Digital Citizenship and Ethical Considerations		
43	What is digital citizenship?	Digital citizenship means knowing how to use digital technology and the internet responsibly, ethically, and safely to create a positive online environment for everyone.
44	Why is responsible digital behavior important?	It helps protect individuals and others from online harm, ensures privacy, and promotes respect and safety in digital spaces.
45	How can you practice responsible digital behavior?	By using strong passwords, avoiding phishing scams, and treating others with respect online.
46	What is ethical use of information?	Ethical use of information means handling data and digital content in a fair, legal, and respectful way, such as not stealing or misusing others' work.
47	What is plagiarism, and how can it be avoided?	Plagiarism is using someone else's work without giving credit. It can be avoided by citing sources and using your own words when writing.

48	Why should you avoid sharing personal information online?	Sharing personal details like your address or phone number can put your privacy and safety at risk. It can be misused by strangers or scammers.
49	What is cybersecurity awareness?	Cybersecurity awareness means understanding online threats like phishing and malware and knowing how to protect yourself from them.
50	What is phishing, and how can you recognize it?	Phishing is a scam where someone pretends to be a trusted source to steal your personal info. You can recognize it by checking for suspicious links or unexpected requests for passwords.
51	What is malware, and how can you protect your device from it?	Malware is harmful software that can damage your device or steal data. You can protect your device by avoiding unknown downloads and using updated antivirus software.
52	What is collaborative problem solving?	Collaborative problem solving is when people work together, often with the help of technology, to solve a problem or complete a task more effectively.
53	How can technology help in teamwork?	Technology allows people to share ideas, work on projects together from different places, and use tools like spreadsheets or online documents to organize their work.
54	What does it mean to create accessible digital content?	It means designing digital content (like websites or documents) so that everyone, including people with disabilities, can use and understand it.
55	How can you make digital content more accessible?	By using readable fonts, adding descriptions to images (alt text), and collecting user feedback to improve usability.
56	Why is user feedback important in creating digital content?	User feedback helps creators understand how people use their content and what improvements are needed to make it more helpful and accessible.

Section 3 | Long Questions

Q.1 What is the purpose of Terms of Use and why are they important?

“Terms of Use”, also called Terms and Conditions or Terms of Service, are legal agreements that outline how a service or product can be used. These terms are set by the provider (like a website, app, or software company) and must be agreed upon by the user. The main purpose is to establish a fair and transparent relationship between the provider and the user, ensuring that both parties understand their rights and obligations.

Example: When you use a Pakistani online shopping platform like Daraz, the Terms of Use may include clauses about payment methods, return policies and delivery procedures, ensuring that customers are aware of what to expect and what is expected from them.

Importance

Understanding Terms of Use is important for several reasons:

- **Protection of Rights:** Terms of Use protect users by defining their rights, such as the right to privacy, the right to receive certain levels of service, and the right to seek redress if something goes wrong.
Example: When we use a food delivery service in Pakistan like Foodpanda, the Terms of Use specify what happens if your order is incorrect or the delivery is delayed.
- **Clarity and Transparency:** These terms provide clarity and transparency about what users can expect from a service. They explain what the service provider will deliver, under what conditions and what actions are not permitted. This prevents misunderstandings and helps users make informed decisions.
Example: If we use a mobile phone for sending or receiving payments, the Terms of Use will outline transaction limits, fees and process for reporting unauthorized transactions.
- **Legal Safeguards:** In business, these terms act like legal protection. They help stop users from misusing the service. These terms also save companies from legal problems.
Example: A Pakistani online education platform may include terms that do not allow sharing of course content without permission, protecting their intellectual property.

Q.2 What are some common clauses in Terms of Use, and how do they protect both service providers and users?

Terms of Use usually contain several common clauses, which are designed to protect both the provider and the user. These clauses include:

- **User Obligations:** These clauses outline what is expected from the user. This clause explains what the user must do when using the service. It also tells what kind of behavior is not allowed.
Example: In Pakistan, popular ride-sharing apps such as Careem include terms that require users to provide a valid phone number and prohibit the misuse of the service for non-transportation purposes.
- **Limitations of Liability:** These clauses limit the service provider's responsibility if something goes wrong.
Example: In Pakistan, if you use an online banking service and the app is temporarily down, the bank's Terms of Use will typically limit their liability for such disruptions.
- **Privacy and Data Use:** Privacy clauses explain how a company will collect, use and protect user data. This is particularly important given the increasing concerns around data privacy.
Example: If you use a messaging app like WhatsApp, the Terms of Use will outline how your messages are stored and protected.
- **Intellectual Property Rights:** These clauses protect the content owned by the service provider, such as logos, software and other proprietary materials.
Example: Pakistani news website may include terms that prohibit users from copying and distributing their articles without permission, ensuring that their content is not misused.
- **Termination of Service:** This clause explains the conditions under which the provider can terminate a user's access to the service.
Example: Social media platforms like Facebook have terms stating that they can suspend or terminate accounts that violate community standards, such as accounts that spread hate speech or misinformation.

Q.3 What can happen if someone breaks the Terms of Use of a service?

If someone violates the Terms of Use, they may face legal consequences like fines, lawsuits, or being banned from using the service.

Example: Using software without a proper license can lead to legal action for software piracy. Companies that use unlicensed software also risk legal problems and cyberattacks.

Q.4 What are the ethical considerations in Terms of Use and why are they important for users?

Ethical considerations in Terms of Use include fairness, transparency and respect for user rights. It is essential for companies to ensure that their terms are clear, straightforward and not overly complex or deceptive.

Example: In Pakistan, when users sign up for an online course, the terms should clearly specify whether a certificate will be awarded, how personal data will be handled and whether there are any additional fees.

Q.5 What personal rights are typically included in Terms of Use and how do they protect users?

Personal rights within the Terms of Use include the right to privacy, the right to be informed and the right to withdraw consent. It is essential for users to be aware of these rights and understand how to exercise them.

Example: Under Pakistan's Personal Data Protection Bill, users have the right to access their personal data and request corrections or deletions. When engaging with services like local e-commerce websites, users have the right to know how their personal information, such as addresses and phone numbers, will be utilized.

DO YOU KNOW?

Q. Why should users review the Terms of Use of online platforms periodically?

Ans: Users should review the Terms of Use periodically because some online platforms update them frequently and staying informed about any changes helps users understand their rights and responsibilities when using the service.

Q.6 What are privacy and security threats? How many types of Security Threats? Explain.

In today's digital world, privacy and security threats are major concerns for individuals and organizations alike. These threats have the potential to compromise personal information, financial data and overall online security. Understanding these risks is essential for protecting sensitive information.

Types of Security Threats

There are five primary categories of security threats using online services.

- **Spam:** Spam refers to unwanted messages that you receive on your email or phone.
Example: You may receive numerous text messages from unknown numbers offering products or services you did not request.
- **Spyware:** Spyware is a type of harmful software that secretly watches what you do on your computer or mobile phone.
Example: If you download a free app from an unreliable source, it may install spyware on your device. This spyware can secretly monitor your online activities, such as the websites you visit or the information you enter, without your knowledge.
- **Cookies:** Cookies are small files that websites place on your device when you visit them. They help the website remember things like your login details and personal preferences.
Example: When you visit an online shopping site in Pakistan, cookies save your login information so you do not need to enter it each time you visit. However, cookies can also track your online activities, such as the products you view, to show you advertisements related to your interests.
- **Phishing:** Phishing is a type of scam where someone pretends to be a trustworthy organization to steal your information.
Example: You may receive an email that looks like it comes from your bank, asking you to click a link and enter your account details. If you follow these instructions, your money could be at risk because the email is fake.
- **Pharming:** Pharming is a smart trick where users are redirected to a fake website without their knowledge.
Example: Imagine you want to access your online banking account, but due to a pharming attack, you are sent to a counterfeit site that looks just like your bank's real site. If you enter your login information on this fake site, the scammer collects your details.

DO YOU KNOW?

Q. How are most phishing attacks carried out?

Ans: Over 90% of phishing attacks are conducted through email, often disguised as legitimate messages from trusted organizations.

Q.7 What are some key security threat prevention techniques?

To protect yourself from online threats, it is important to use various security tools and practices. These techniques help safeguard your personal information and ensure a safer online experience.

- **Spam Filters:** Spam filters help keep unwanted emails out of your inbox.
Example: If you receive a lot of promotional emails that you don't want, a spam filter can automatically move these emails to a separate folder or delete them. This way, you only see the emails you actually want.
- **Antivirus Software:** Antivirus software protects your computer from harmful programs like spyware.
Example: If you download a file from the internet, antivirus software checks it for any hidden threats. If the file is safe, you can open it without worry. If it is harmful, the software will alert you and prevent the file from causing damage.
- **Cookie Management:** Cookies are small files stored on your computer by websites. Managing cookies means deciding which cookies you want to keep and which ones you want to delete.
Example: You can keep cookies from your favorite shopping website so you don't have to log in every time, but you should delete cookies from other sites to protect your privacy.
- **Recognizing Phishing:** Phishing is a type of online scam where attackers try to trick you into sharing sensitive information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, or bank details.
Example: You may receive an email that appears to be from your bank, asking you to click a link and enter your account details. Recognizing phishing involves identifying these emails as fake and avoiding clicking any links or providing any information.
- **Guarding Against Pharming:** Pharming is when attackers redirect you from a real website to a fake one to steal your information.
Example: If you type in the URL for your bank's website, pharming can send you to a fake website that looks just like your bank's site. To guard against pharming, always check that the website's address is correct and secure (look for "https://" and a padlock symbol in the address bar).

TIDBITS

Q. Why is it important to use multiple security strategies online?

Ans: Using multiple strategies like spam filters, antivirus software and cookie management helps cover different types of threats, providing stronger overall protection against cyberattacks.

Q.8 What is Digital Divide? What are the main causes of the Digital Divide?

The digital divide refers to the gap between individuals, communities and regions that have access to modern Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and those that do not. The digital divide is a critical issue because it can lead to unequal opportunities in education, employment, healthcare and social participation.

Common Causes of the Digital Divide

There are many reasons why the digital divide happens:

- **Economic Barriers:** One of the primary causes of the digital divide is the economic barrier. Many individuals and families cannot afford the costs associated with computers, smartphones, or broadband internet. This economic disparity is particularly evident in developing countries, rural areas and among low-income populations.
- **Geographical Barriers:** Access to ICT varies significantly between urban and rural areas. In many parts of the world, especially in remote or rural areas, the infrastructure necessary for internet connectivity is either underdeveloped or non-existent.
- **Educational Barriers:** Lack of digital literacy is another significant factor contributing to the digital divide. Even when the technology is available, individuals may not know how to use it effectively due to a lack of proper education and training.
- **Social Barriers:** Age, gender and disability can also affect access to technology. For example, older adults may be less inclined or able to use new technologies and women in some regions may face cultural barriers that limit their access to ICT.

Q.9 What are the key impacts of the digital divide?

The digital divide has far-reaching impacts on individuals and society as a whole. These impacts can exacerbate existing inequalities and create new ones.

- **Educational Inequality:** Access to the internet and digital tools is increasingly essential for education. Students who lack access to these resources are at a significant disadvantage.
Example: During the COVID-19 pandemic, when schools in Pakistan and around the world shifted to online learning, students from low-income families or rural areas struggled to keep up with their studies due to a lack of internet access or devices. This has led to a widening of the educational gap between different socio-economic groups.
- **Economic Disparities:** The digital divide also has significant economic implications. In today's economy, many jobs require at least basic digital skills. Those without access to technology or the internet may find it challenging to secure employment, leading to higher unemployment rates in already disadvantaged communities.
Example: In Pakistan, access to online job portals and digital banking services is often limited to those in urban areas, further widening the economic gap between urban and rural populations.
- **Social and Civic Participation:** The digital divide can also affect social and civic participation. Access to social media, online news and digital government services allow individuals to stay informed and engaged in civic activities. However, those without access are often excluded from these opportunities, leading to a lack of representation and participation in democratic processes.
Example: In Pakistan, access to e-government services is more readily available in cities, leaving rural populations with limited means to participate in governmental processes or access social services.
- **Health Disparities:** The digital divide can lead to unequal access to health information and services. Digital platforms provide valuable resources for health education, telemedicine and appointment scheduling.
Example: In Pakistan, rural communities with limited internet access may struggle to find reliable health information online or participate in telemedicine consultations.
- **Digital Literacy Gap:** A significant digital divide also creates a gap in digital literacy. Individuals who do not have access to technology may not develop essential digital skills, further reinforcing the divide between those who are tech-savvy and those who are not.
Example: In Pakistan, people who lack access to computers and the internet may miss out on opportunities to learn and practice digital skills.

TALEEM

Q.10 What are some effective strategies for bridging the digital divide?

Bridging the digital divide means making sure everyone has equal access to technology and the internet. This is important for giving everyone the same chances to learn and grow. Here are some ways to do it:

- **Government Initiatives:** The government can help by building the infrastructure needed for internet access in areas where it's not available.
- **Educational Programs:** Schools and community centers can teach people how to use technology.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** When the government teams up with businesses and nonprofits, they can make technology more affordable.

DO YOU KNOW?

Q. What initiative has the Government of Pakistan taken to improve internet access in rural areas?

Ans: The Government of Pakistan has launched initiatives such as introducing mobile broadband services in remote regions to increase internet access and bridge the digital divide.

CLASS ACTIVITY

Think about your own community. Are there people who may not have access to the internet or digital devices? What can be done to help them? Write a short paragraph on how your school or community can help bridge the digital divide.

Solution: Yes, in my community, there are people who lack access to the internet and digital devices, especially in low-income households and older generations. To help bridge the digital divide, our school and community can take several steps. Schools can provide free access to computer labs outside of class hours and offer digital literacy workshops for students and adults. Local libraries can expand their internet services and lend out tablets or laptops. Community centers can partner with businesses to collect and distribute used devices. By working together, we can ensure everyone has the tools and skills needed to succeed in the digital world.

TALEEM

Q.11 Explain the impacts of computing on individuals and society. Discuss both the positive and negative effects of computing technology.

Computing systems have revolutionized the way we live, work and communicate, bringing profound changes to society. The widespread adoption of technologies like the internet, smartphones and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has led to both positive and negative impacts.

Positive Impacts

- **Increased Access to Information:** One of the most significant positive impacts of computing is the increased accessibility to information. The internet has made it possible for people to access vast amounts of information on nearly any topic, breaking down barriers to education and knowledge. Example: Online educational platforms such as Coursera and edX allow students from remote areas to take courses from prestigious universities around the world.
- **Improved Communication:** Moreover, computing has improved communication, making it easier and faster for people to connect globally. Social media platforms like Facebook and X (Twitter) have not only facilitated personal connections but also enabled social movements, such as the #MeToo movement, to gain global traction. In Pakistan, social media played a crucial role in raising awareness about the 2014 Peshawar school attack, mobilizing support and solidarity.
- **Economic Growth and Job Creation:** Computing has also driven economic growth by creating new industries and job opportunities. The rise of e-commerce platforms like Daraz has transformed traditional business models, allowing small businesses in Pakistan to reach customers nationwide and even internationally.

Negative Impacts

- **Digital Divide:** One of the major concerns is the digital divide, where a significant portion of the population lacks access to modern computing technologies. In Pakistan, the urban-rural divide is evident, with rural areas having limited access to reliable internet and computing devices, leading to unequal opportunities in education and employment.
- **Spread of Misinformation:** Another negative impact is the spread of misinformation and fake news, which can lead to social unrest. During the COVID-19 pandemic, misinformation about the virus and vaccines spread rapidly on social media, causing confusion and fear among the public. This highlights the need for digital literacy, so people can critically evaluate the information they encounter online.
- **Privacy Concerns:** Privacy concerns are also a significant issue, as the increased use of computing systems has led to the collection and storage of vast amounts of personal data. Without proper regulations, this data can be misused, leading to breaches of privacy and security. In Pakistan, incidents like the leakage of citizens' data from the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), underscore the importance of robust data protection measures.

DO YOU KNOW?

Q. How has computing technology helped provide education in remote areas of Pakistan?

Ans: Computing technology has enabled “Internet in a Box” projects that offer offline educational resources, bringing digital learning to remote areas without internet access and helping bridge the education gap.

Q.12 What is digital citizenship? Explain responsible digital behavior and ethical use of information. Give examples.

Digital citizenship involves understanding how to behave responsibly and ethically when using digital technologies and the internet. It encompasses a range of behaviors and practices that help ensure a positive and secure online experience for everyone. By practicing good digital citizenship, individuals can protect themselves and others from harm, respect the rights of others and contribute to a safe and inclusive digital environment.

Example: In Pakistan, students should learn to communicate respectfully in online forums and social media platforms. This means avoiding bullying or harassment and not spreading false information. It also involves understanding the importance of digital privacy and securing one's online accounts to prevent unauthorized access.

Responsible Digital Behavior

Responsible digital behavior means using technology and the internet in ways that are respectful and safe. This includes:

- **Using Strong Passwords:** Create passwords that are difficult for others to guess.
Example: Instead of using "password123", use a combination of letters, numbers and symbols.
- **Avoiding Phishing Scams:** Do not click on suspicious links or open emails from unknown sources that ask for personal information.
Example: If you receive an email claiming to be from a bank asking for your account details, verify its authenticity before responding.

Ethical Use of Information

Ethical use of information involves handling data and content in a fair and lawful manner.

- **Responsible Data Sharing:** Responsible data sharing means only sharing personal or sensitive information when absolutely necessary and ensuring that it is shared with trusted entities.
Example: When applying for a school scholarship online in Pakistan, students should only provide personal details on secure and verified websites to prevent misuse of their information.

Ethical Issues

Ethical issues in information use include:

- **Respecting Copyright:** Do not copy or use someone else's work without permission.
Example: When writing a research paper, students in Pakistan should not copy text from online articles without citing the source.
- **Avoiding Plagiarism:** Properly attribute ideas and information to their original authors to avoid plagiarism. This means mentioning the source of any quotes or ideas used in assignments.

Q.13 What is Cybersecurity Awareness, and how can individuals protect themselves from online threats?

Cybersecurity awareness means knowing about online dangers and learning how to stay safe on the internet. It helps people protect their personal information and avoid problems like fake emails, viruses, and online scams.

Recognizing Online Threats

- **Phishing Scams:** These are fake messages or emails that look like they come from real companies (like your bank) but are trying to steal your personal information.
Example: Be careful if you get an email that says it's from your bank and asks for your password or account number.
- **Malware:** Malware is harmful software that can damage your phone or computer or steal your data.
Example: Don't download apps or files from unknown websites. Always keep your antivirus updated to stay safe.

Protecting Your Personal Information

- **Use Privacy Settings:** Change the settings on your social media so only people you know can see your posts.
Example: On Facebook, set your profile to "Private" so only your friends can see what you post.
- **Be Careful with Public Information:** Don't share personal details like your address, phone number, or birthday online.
Example: Avoid posting your home address or school name publicly on social media where strangers can see it.

Q.14 What is collaborative problem solving and how can individuals work together with others and technology to solve problems?

Collaborative problem solving involves working together with others to address challenges and achieve common goals.

Human-Machine Collaboration

Human-machine collaboration is about working with technology to solve problems. This includes:

- **Using Tools:** Leverage software and digital tools to assist in tasks.
Example: Students might use spreadsheet software to analyze data for a group project.
- **Combining Skills:** Integrate human skills with machine capabilities for better results.
Example: Using data analysis tools to interpret complex data sets while applying human judgment to make decisions.

Teamwork and Knowledge Sharing

Teamwork and knowledge sharing involve collaborating with others and exchanging information:

- **Group Projects:** Work together on assignments or projects, each contributing your expertise.
Example: In a group project for a science class, students should collaborate and share their research findings to complete the assignment.
- **Sharing Insights:** Exchange ideas and knowledge with peers to enhance learning.
Example: Participate in study groups or discussions to broaden your understanding of the subject matter.

Q.15 What does creating accessible digital content mean and how can it be achieved?

Creating accessible digital content means designing and producing content that everyone can use, including people with disabilities.

Design for Accessibility

Designing for accessibility involves making digital content usable for all individuals, including those with disabilities:

- **Readable Fonts:** Use clear and large fonts that are easy to read.
Example: Choose fonts like Arial or Times New Roman and avoid overly decorative styles.
- **Alternative Text for Images:** Provide descriptions for images so that visually impaired users can understand the content.
Example: Include descriptive text for charts or graphs in a report.

User Feedback

User feedback is about gathering opinions from users to improve digital content:

- **Surveys and Forms:** Use surveys to collect feedback and make helpful changes.
Example: After creating a website, ask users to provide feedback on their experience and make adjustments based on their suggestions.
- **Direct Communication:** Engage with users directly to understand their needs and preferences.
Example: Ask classmates for their input on a presentation and use their feedback to enhance its effectiveness.

DO YOU KNOW?

Q. What is the Personal Data Protection Bill introduced in Pakistan in 2020 and what does it aim to do?

Ans: The Personal Data Protection Bill, introduced in Pakistan in 2020, aims to protect citizens' personal data and ensure their privacy. It requires organizations to get explicit consent before collecting personal information and mandates that such data be stored securely.

Section 4 | Solved Textbook Exercise

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

#	Question	Options	Ans
1	Option typically included in common Terms of Use clauses:	(a) User obligations (b) Privacy and data use (c) Product advertising (d) Termination of service	A
2	The purpose of the “Limitations of Liability” clause in Terms of Use:	(a) Ensures full company responsibility (b) Limits company's liability (c) Provides user rights for damages (d) Guarantees constant service availability	B
3	The type of harmful software that secretly monitors user activity:	(a) Spam (b) Cookies (c) Spyware (d) Pharming	C
4	The threat involving user redirection to fake websites:	(a) Phishing (b) Spam (c) Spyware (d) Pharming	D
5	The impact of the digital divide on education:	(a) Improves learning for all (b) No educational impact (c) Creates inequality in digital resource access (d) Replaces traditional teaching methods	C
6	The reason for understanding bias during information evaluation:	(a) Ignoring other viewpoints (b) Recognizing the source's agenda (c) Validating all sources equally (d) Avoiding evaluation altogether	B
7	The positive societal impact of computing systems:	(a) Spread of misinformation (b) Improved information accessibility (c) Heightened privacy concerns (d) Widened technology gap	B
8	The practice considered ethical when using information:	(a) Copying content without permission (b) Respecting copyright and avoiding plagiarism (c) Ignoring source attribution (d) Using unverified information	B
9	The behavior considered responsible digital conduct:	(a) Using secure websites (b) Spreading false info online (c) Respecting online privacy (d) Reporting suspicious activity	A

Answer Key

1	A	2	B	3	C	4	D	5	C	6	B	7	B	8	B	9	A
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Short Questions

#	Question	Answer
1	Why is it important for users to understand Terms of Use?	Understanding Terms of Use helps users know their rights and responsibilities, avoid misuse of services and protect themselves from legal or security risks. It also ensures fair use of digital platforms and builds trust between users and service providers.

Q.2 Differentiate between phishing and pharming.

Ans:

Aspect	Phishing	Pharming
Method	Fake emails or messages from seemingly trusted sources	Redirects users to fake websites without their knowledge
User Involvement	Requires user to click a malicious link or provide information	No user action needed; redirection happens automatically
Goal	To trick users into revealing personal or financial information	To harvest login details or sensitive data from fake websites
Detection	Can often be spotted by checking sender details or link URLs	Harder to detect as it manipulates DNS or host files
Example	Email claiming to be from a bank asking for account verification	Typing a correct website URL but being taken to a fake version

#	Question	Answer
3	Identify two impacts of the digital divide on social and civic participation.	Two Impacts of the Digital Divide on Social and Civic Participation: 1) People without internet access cannot easily engage in online discussions or follow current events through digital news. 2) They may miss out on e-government services, reducing their ability to participate in democratic processes like voting or accessing public services.
4	What are the key steps involved in evaluating information sources?	Steps involved in evaluating information sources: 1) Check the credibility of the author and website. 2) Verify facts using multiple reliable sources. 3) Look for recent and updated content. 4) Be aware of bias or misinformation (especially on social media).
5	How does responsible data sharing contribute to ethical use of information?	Responsible data sharing means only giving personal or sensitive information when necessary and to trusted sources. It helps protect privacy, prevents misuse of data and supports ethical behavior in handling digital content.

Long Questions

Q.1 Explain the common clauses found in Terms of Use and describe how they protect both the service provider and the user.

Terms of Use are legal agreements that outline how a service or product can be used, protecting both users and providers.

Common Clauses

- **User Obligations:** These define what users must or must not do while using the service.
Example: In Pakistan, ride-hailing apps like Careem require users to provide valid phone numbers and prohibit misuse of services for non-transport purposes.
Protection: Ensures responsible use and prevents abuse of the platform.
- **Limitations of Liability:** These limit the legal responsibility of the service provider in case of disruptions or damages.
Example: If an online banking app is temporarily unavailable, the bank may not be held liable for any transaction delays.
Protection: Shields companies from unreasonable claims and informs users about possible risks.
- **Privacy and Data Use:** Explains how user data is collected, stored and protected.
Example: WhatsApp outlines how messages are encrypted and stored.
Protection: Builds trust by ensuring users understand how their personal information is handled.
- **Intellectual Property Rights:** Protects original content owned by the provider.
Example: News websites in Pakistan prohibit users from copying articles without permission.
Protection: Prevents unauthorized use and protects the creator's rights.
- **Termination of Service:** Describes conditions under which access can be revoked.
Example: Facebook may suspend accounts spreading hate speech or misinformation.
Protection: Maintains community safety and enforces fair usage policies.

These clauses ensure clarity, reduce disputes and create a balanced relationship between users and providers.

Q.2 Explain the concept of bridging the digital divide and discuss the roles of government initiatives in addressing this issue. Provide relevant examples from Pakistan.

The digital divide refers to the gap between people who have access to modern technology and those who do not. Bridging this divide means providing equal access to digital tools and internet services so everyone can benefit from education, jobs and social opportunities.

Role of Government Initiatives

- **Building Infrastructure:** Governments invest in internet infrastructure to improve connectivity in rural and remote areas.
Example: The government introduced mobile broadband services in remote regions to increase internet access and help bridge the digital divide.
- **Providing Affordable Devices:** Offering subsidized or free devices to low-income families and schools.
Example: Government programs could distribute laptops or tablets to students in public schools.
- **Promoting Digital Literacy:** Organizing training programs to teach people how to use digital tools effectively.
Example: Schools and community centers in Pakistan can offer digital literacy workshops to adults and students.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Collaborating with private companies and NGOs to expand digital access.
Example: The government can partner with telecom companies to offer affordable internet packages in rural areas.

By taking these steps, governments can empower underserved communities and promote inclusive development.

Q.3 Explain how critical thinking skills contribute to responsible information utilization. Provide examples of how these skills can be applied in real-life scenarios.

Critical thinking involves analyzing information objectively, evaluating its credibility and making informed decisions. It plays a crucial role in responsible information use, especially in the digital age where misinformation spreads quickly.

How Critical Thinking Helps?

- **Evaluating Sources:** Helps users determine if a source is credible or biased.
- **Identifying Misinformation:** Enables users to detect fake news or misleading content.
- **Making Ethical Decisions:** Encourages responsible sharing and use of information.

Real-Life Examples

- **During the Pandemic:** Many people encountered false claims about vaccines on social media. Those with critical thinking skills verified facts through trusted sources like World Health Organization (WHO) or government health departments before believing or sharing the information.
- **Research Projects:** Students should avoid copying text directly from online articles without citing the source. Critical thinking helps them understand the importance of giving credit and avoiding plagiarism.
- **Online Scams:** Recognizing phishing emails requires questioning the legitimacy of the sender and verifying the request through official channels instead of clicking suspicious links.

Using critical thinking ensures that individuals consume and share information responsibly, contributing to a more informed and ethical digital society.

Q.4 Discuss the importance of collaborative problem solving in a digital environment and provide examples of how human-machine collaboration can enhance this process.

Collaborative problem solving involves working together with others to overcome challenges and achieve common goals. In the digital world, this often includes human-machine collaboration, where people work with technology to solve problems more efficiently.

Importance of Collaborative Problem Solving

- Promotes teamwork and communication.
- Encourages diverse perspectives and innovation.
- Enhances learning and productivity.

Examples of Human-Machine Collaboration

- **Using Tools:** People leverage software and digital platforms to assist in tasks.
Example: Students use spreadsheet software like Microsoft Excel to analyze data for group projects, improving accuracy and efficiency.
- **Combining Skills:** Humans apply judgment and creativity, while machines handle complex calculations or data analysis.
Example: In business, data analysis tools help interpret large datasets, but humans make strategic decisions based on insights.
- **Artificial Intelligence Assistance:** AI tools support decision-making by offering suggestions or automating repetitive tasks.
Example: Chatbots assist customer service agents by handling basic queries, allowing humans to focus on more complex issues.

By combining human intelligence with machine capabilities, teams can solve problems faster, make better decisions and drive innovation in various fields such as education, healthcare and business.