

# 5.2 Digital Divide

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**KEY WORDS** access 获取 • digital divide 数字鸿沟 • opportunities 机会 • equity 公平

## Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **the digital divide**.

**You must be able to:**

- explain how the **digital divide** 数字鸿沟 describes unequal **access** 获取 to computing and the Internet
- identify factors such as income, geography, and age
- describe how limited access affects **opportunities** 机会
- evaluate efforts to improve **equity** 公平 of access

## 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

### ■ The digital divide

The gap in **access** to computing and the Internet between different groups of people.

### ■ Factors

Shaped by **income**, **geography** (rural vs urban), and **age**, among others.

### ■ Effects and equity

Limited access reduces a person's **opportunities** in education and work. Decisions by governments and companies can **widen** or **narrow** the divide.

## 2 Practice

**2.1** Define the digital divide. [1]

**2.2** Name two factors that shape the digital divide. [2]

**2.3** State how limited Internet access can affect a person. [1]

## 3 Exam-style questions

**3.1** The digital divide describes unequal [1]

|   |   |
|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |

- A** prices
- B** access to computing and the Internet
- C** file sizes
- D** network speeds only

**3.2** Which of these factors shapes the digital divide? [1]

|   |   |
|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |

- A** income
- B** the weather
- C** the programming language
- D** the screen colour

**3.3** A rural village has no reliable Internet access.

- (a) State one effect on residents' opportunities. [1]
- (b) Name one factor behind the divide here. [1]
- (c) State one way to narrow it. [1]