Networks, media and automation

IB DP Digital Society Networks, media and automation full package

1. Content at a glance

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IB Digital Society: the content areas from computers to robots, situated by the seven contexts, with sources read by claim, perspective and provenance: paper 2's source-based demand.

Must-know: networks as layered choke points; media as creation, distribution, participation on a ranked feed; AI as delegated decision and robots as delegated action; every case situated in context; sources weighed, not stacked.

2. Computers to media

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Computers are the substrate with limits; networks connect them in layers, each layer a choke point whose owner sets its rules; media is creation (everyone a publisher), distribution (the feed ranked, not chronological) and participation (the comment, the share, the pile-on).

Worked: the class-news feed; three versions of one event travel differently because ranking rewards engagement, not accuracy: media content on a network choke point.

3. AI and robots in context

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Artificial intelligence is delegated decision (the classifier flags, the recommender ranks); robots and autonomous technologies add delegated action (the doing moved too): each delegation moves a human judgement somewhere else. The seven contexts situate every case: the same classifier is a different case in human knowledge and in the social context.

Worked: the essay-feedback classifier: delegated judgement over what counts as good writing, situated in human knowledge (the standard) and the social context (who gets encouraged).

4. Working with sources

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Every source is read three ways: its claim (what it asserts), its perspective (who speaks, from where, with what interest) and its provenance (where it came from, when). Diverse sources means genuinely different perspectives, and the essay weighs them rather than stacking the agreeable ones.

Worked: the platform's transparency post, the student creator's testimony and the media-literacy study weighed against the feed case: all three agree engagement drives distribution, so relevance is at best half the story.

Check yourself

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Five content areas, each named on demand.

Layers as choke points; the ranked feed.

Delegated decision, delegated action.

Claim, perspective, provenance; sources weighed.