

HL challenges and interventions

IB DP Digital Society HL challenges and interventions full package

1. Extension at a glance

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IB Digital Society HL extension and paper 3: three challenges (global well-being; governance and human rights; sustainable development) and one pre-released brief, on an intervention related to a challenge.

Must-know: each challenge as a field of contest; the intervention read (mechanism, actors, claimed change); effectiveness weighed on equity and acceptability to a verdict that names its limits.

2. Three challenges

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Global well-being: digital life against flourishing (attention economies, connection and loneliness, the measured self). Governance and human rights: who rules the digital (moderation as private law, surveillance, rights against platforms and states).

Sustainable development: energy and mining for the machines, e-waste, access.

Worked: the phone-locker policy as all three (attention returned?; who decided, by what right?; lockers built, phones still made).

3. Reading the intervention

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The brief outlines a deliberate act on a challenge. Read: what it intervenes on (the mechanism, not the mission statement), who acts and who is acted on, and what change it claims. The intervention is a case with perspectives: the designer's, the target's, the regulator's.

Worked: focus mode hides notifications for six opted-in hours; the company designs, the user opts in, the group-chat waits; the claimed change is attention reclaimed at meals.

4. The verdict

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Two axes: equity (who gains, who loses, who was never asked: the always-reachable lose most) and acceptability (silence chosen differs from silence imposed). The evaluation weighs evidence and reaches a verdict that names its limits: an argued judgement, not a summary of the brief.

Worked: effective for self-chosen attention (usage trials), weak on equity, acceptable where chosen: limits one platform, one term, self-reported.

Check yourself

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Three challenges as contests.

The intervention read: mechanism, actors, claim.

Equity and acceptability both weighed.

The verdict naming its limits.