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Industrial Revolution and Social media revolution

*Answer 1*

One of the major developments on the industrial outset after 1850 was the introduction of railroads. This facility was firstly adopted by the industrialized countries who found it more convenient and cheaper to transport goods from one place to another. Countries like Great Britain and France developed massive railroads systems. By the year 1865, the USA had the largest railroads system in the world. In the non- industrial world, the railroads were set only if it benefitted the businesses or the government. This mode of transport also facilitated other sectors of the economy e.g. agriculture, mining, and other primary industries. On the downside, the development of railroads system was expensive as it required a huge amount of resources in the form of land and timber. Another form of transport that evolved through the industrial revolution is the sea transport. The ships were made better and faster so that the businessmen used this mode for sending and receiving commodities. This mode of transportation was also facilitated by the application of underwater cables for telegraphic communications. Introduction of steel which is an elastic form of iron and facilitated the production processes (Nothernhighlands).

All these developments in modes of transportation helped the military personnel in moving their troops from one place to another. The introduction of steel in the industries also facilitated the production of newer and better weapons for the army personnel. The arms industry was especially facilitated due to the introduction of steel and its production in huge quantities. The invention of new explosives also helped the military in several ways. These explosives were also used in the mining field as well as in the civil engineering departments. There was a new field named as industrial chemistry that started to rise as a major field. A particular example is related to Germany where the government helped to enhance the research work and brought the universities and industries on a single platform. These steps helped Germany to evolve as one of the most advanced nations of the world (Library of Congress).

The political sector was facilitated by the evolution of the electronic devices especially radio and television. Any political campaign was reachable to a larger number of people with the help of these devices. The invention of generators also helped to provide electricity during political campaigns in various areas.

All the above-mentioned advancements benefited the government. Especially the provision of electricity will help it to convey any message to a larger number of audience in a short time. In case of any natural disaster in some part of the country, faster modes of transportation would help the government to provide quick help. With the evolution of industrial activities, there will be more employment opportunities in the country (Barca).

*Answer 2*

In the present era, the lives of all people have been affected by social media including online sales and social websites. Various websites help people to stay connected to each other (Lad). There have been both negative and positive impacts of social media on education. Generally speaking, the industrial revolution had a positive impact on the education sector. The invention of multimedia technologies has facilitated the transfer of knowledge from the teachers to the students. The negative impacts of social media are seen when students give more time to these sites as compared to their studies. Educational institutions use social media websites for marketing their courses and other offerings. Another aspect where these websites are used is the creation of the online discussion forums by the institutions. In essence, the impact of social media on the education will depend upon the usage of these sites by the institutions and in particular by the students.

The businesses have also faced the changes brought about by both the social media revolution and the industrial revolution. The industrial revolution has facilitated the business activities in many ways and this facilitation has helped them reach a larger number of customers. The advancement in transportation has allowed the businesses to send the commodities in bulk at the same time. This is further helped by the inclusion of computer technologies and services like banking and insurance. The social media have provided a whole new playing field for the businesses which has its own positive and negative points. The huge accessibility offers many opportunities to the businesses but there are risks that some other person or company may copy the products and sell in its name. The information provided by the customers should be used only for the business purposes and this information should not be handed over to any other company. Any leakage of information may have adverse consequences for businesses in the form of lawsuits.

A consumer has benefitted from the industrial revolution because better products are available to him at a lower price. The social media revolution has also benefited the consumers as they can take reviews from friends and family members about any product or service before using them. The downside of social media is that the consumer may get confused due to a large number of advertisements. The timing of these advertisements is also very important as some of these may be considered as interruptions to personal lives. Both industrial and social media revolutions have facilitated the people and made their lives easier. There are more downsides of the social media revolution as compared to the industrial revolution.

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