WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

The widespread use of the Internet has brought many problems. What do you think are the main problems associated with the use of the web? What solutions can you suggest?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

The past decades saw the burgeoning of the Internet, which brought numerous conveniences to everyone in many ways. Meanwhile, this new technology introduced, unavoidably, many deficiencies into our life, although they could be alleviated if we take some counter measurements.

One obvious disadvantage is the widespread of unhealthy information, such as pornographic contents or material advocating ethical hatred. They are dangerous especially to the youngsters who are susceptible to such negative impact and so might be misguided to waste their time or even commit criminal activities. Moreover, the addiction of Internet tends to result in low productivity. For example, workers may indulge themselves in the browsing or chatting on the web, leaving no time to fulfill their working responsibilities. Finally but not least, the web could be a source of rumors, leading to social instability. A case in point is the panic in China caused by rumors from the Internet, claiming the salt production was polluted by nuclear radiation. Apparently, the web could result in serious consequences for both individuals and the society as a whole.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Internet could be overall beneficial if counter actions are taken. Firstly, to cope with the detrimental effects of pornography or hatred material, censorship should be applied to limit their influence. Secondly, employees should be advised on how to improve their productivities by using the web sensibly. Then instead of wasting their time on issues irrelevant to their work, they can work more efficiently by searching network resources to expedite their job. Finally, the government ought to setup a transparent channel to facilitate the information flow. For instance, public debate or discussion on hot cyber topics should be encouraged. As a result, people could get more chances to distinguish rumors from the truths.

In conclusion, although the Internet could bring some inconveniences, they can be limited with our efforts.