



Professional Issues

IT407

Assignment 2

Deadline: Day 03/03/2018 @ 23:59

[Total Mark for this Assignment is 4]

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Instructions:

- This Assignment must be submitted on Blackboard (**WORD format only**) via the allocated folder.
- Email submission will not be accepted.
- You are advised to make your work clear and well-presented, marks may be reduced for poor presentation. This includes filling your information on the cover page.
- You **MUST** show all your work, and text must not be converted into an image, unless specified otherwise by the question.
- Late submission will result in ZERO marks being awarded.
- The work should be your own, copying from students or other resources will result in ZERO marks.
- Use **Times New Roman** font for all your answers.

*Learning
Outcome(s):*

*LO1: Recognize
the
responsibilities
and duties of a
computer
professional*

Question One

[1 Marks]

What characteristics of the Internet make censorship of the Internet particularly difficult? Write in your own words.

Answer:

The internet is constantly expanding, with sites with the need to be censored, being added at an incredible rate. Internet Censorship is defined as: When a person or organization prevents another person or organization from expressing their opinion.

Internet censorship characteristics may be defined as: Government monopolization, Pre-publication review and licensing/registration.

Government monopolization means the government owns all the media outlets. Pre-publication review means the government must approve information before it is disseminated. Licensing and registration means a news organization must get a license from the government before operating.

The extent of Internet censorship varies on a country-to-country basis. While most democratic countries have moderate Internet censorship, other countries go as far as to limit the access of information such as news and suppress discussion among citizens. Internet censorship also occurs in response to or in anticipation of events such as elections, protests, and riots. Other areas of censorship include copyrights, defamation, harassment, and obscene material.

(1 Marks)

Learning

Outcome(s):

LO3: Participate in well-reasoned discussions of social and ethical issues in computing as computer professional

Question Two

How Mill's Principle of Harm relates to the moral issue of pornography on the Web? Explain in your own word.

Answer:

Mill's Principle of Harm states that power shouldn't be used over members of a civilized community, unless it is to prevent harm to others. The Principle of Harm would take a stance against government intervention, because adult pornography does no harm to others.

“The only ground on which intervention is justified is to prevent harm to others; the individual's own good is not a sufficient condition.”

Mill opposed censorship:

- No one is infallible
- Any opinion may contain a kernel of truth
- Truth revealed in class of ideas
- Ideas resulting from discourse are more influential

*Learning
Outcome(s):*

*LO3: Participate
in well-reasoned
discussions of
social and ethical
issues in
computing as a
computer
professional*

(1 Marks)

Question Three

What is copyright? List the five principal rights of the copyright owner.

Answer:

A **copyright** is how the government provides authors with certain rights to original works that they have written. The owner of a copyright has five principal rights:

1. The right to reproduce the copyrighted work
2. The right to distribute copies of the work to the public
3. The right to display copies of the work in public
4. The right to perform the work in public
5. The right to produce new works derived from the copyrighted work

(1 Marks)

Learning
Outcome(s):

LO3: Participate
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Question Four

An SEU professor put a few journal articles on reserve in the digital library and makes them assigned reading for the class. Unfortunately, some students in the class complain that they don't have access to the Digital Library. The professor scans them and posts them on the Black Board. The professor gives the students in the class the permission they need to access the articles.

Discuss this scenario based on the **four factors** of **fair use** of copyrighted materials need to be considered to evaluate the professor action?

Answer:

The first factor to consider is the **purpose of the use**. In this case the purpose is strictly educational. This factor weighs in favor of fair use.

The second factor is the **nature of the work being copied**. The articles are nonfiction. Again this weighs in favor of fair use.

The third factor is **the amount of material being copied**. The fact that the professor is copying entire articles rather than brief excerpts weighs against a ruling of fair use.

The fourth factor is **the effect the copying** will have on the market for journal sales. If the journal issues containing these articles are no longer for sale, then the professor's actions cannot affect the market. The professor took care to prevent people outside the class from accessing the articles since it is posted in the Bb. Overall, this factor appears to weigh in favor of fair use.

Three out of four factors weigh in favor of fair use. The professor's actions probably constitute fair use of the copyrighted material.