

Knowledge and technologies are changing today at a pace as never before. These new abilities and skills required for the present day society need to be designed, developed and taught to the learners. Thus, teachers play a very important role in preparing the learners for the ICT - enabled world. It is clear from the previous sections that ICT tools have enormous power to engage and challenge learners for maximising learning. But along with meaningfully engaging students in the use of ICT, they must be made aware of the issue of *safe and ethical use* of ICT in classrooms. Use of ICT also involves risks that come with the use of ICT. These risks may be personal or legal. Some of the prevalent issues are copyright and plagiarism which need to be acknowledged and addressed holistically.

4.9 UNIT-END ACTIVITIES

- 1) Discuss the features of a knowledge society.
- 2) MOOCs are based on the principles of democracy. Justify your answer.
- 3) Differentiate between Open Access (OA) and Open Educational Resources (OERs).
- 4) Find any five OERs in your subject area.
- 5) Explain the risks involved in the use of ICTs. How can we minimise these risks?
- 6) Discuss the relationship between copyright and plagiarism.

4.10 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Check Your Progress 1

- 1) State whether True or False
 - a) False
 - b) False
 - c) True
 - d) False
- 2) MOOCs are the free and open online courses for anyone, anywhere and anytime i.e world's best academic programmes freely accessible to the masses. This is the ultimate democratisation of access to knowledge in a knowledge society. India is fast moving towards being a knowledge society. In India, Government of India is launching MOOCs through a web portal called Swayam.

Check Your Progress 2

- 1) State whether True or False
 - a) True
 - b) True
 - c) False
 - d) False
 - e) True

- 2) Some of the initiatives of OERs in India are: Sakhshat; NROER; E-Gyankosh etc.

Check Your Progress 3

- 1) Teachers prepare the learners for ICT - enabled world. Teachers use ICT in planning, preparation of the lesson plan. and follow up. Teachers make judgements about the quality and validity of new resources. They help learners in locating reliable resources of informations as well.

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