

Question 1.

What is special about the 'modern psyche'?

Answer:

The modern psyche loves new frontiers. We love wide-open spaces; we like to explore; we like to make rules instead of following them.

Question 2.

What is cyberspace? How has it evolved over the years?

Answer:

Cyberspace is the community of networked computers. It is the imagined place where electronic data goes. Before it was a playground for computer nerds and techies. But now it embraces all kinds of people, including children.

Question 3.

What type of metaphor is used by the author to describe cyberspace?

Answer:

To describe the cyberspace the author has used the metaphor of real estate. Real estate is an intellectual, legal, artificial environment constructed on top of land. It recognizes the difference between parkland and shopping mall, between red-light zone and school district, between church, state and drug store. In the same way we can think of cyberspace as a giant and unlimited world of virtual real estate.

Question 4.

Mention some of the traditional metaphors used to denote cyberspace.

Answer:

Some of the traditional metaphors used to denote cyberspace are highways and frontiers.

Question 5.

Why does the author maintain that censorship will not work in the case of cyberspace?

Answer:

The author maintains that censorship will not work in the case of cyberspace because it is not a frontier where bad people can grab unsuspecting children. It is also not a giant television that telecast offensive messages at unwilling viewers. In cyberspace users choose where they visit, what they see and what they do. It is optional.

Question 6.

Why is cyberspace described as a voluntary destination? Do you agree with the author here?

Answer:

Cyberspace is a voluntary destination because you have to go some place in particular. People can choose where to go and what to see. I fully agree with the author.

Question 7.

Who, according to the author, are the right people to set the standards?

Answer:

According to the author, the right people to set the standards are the cyberspace communities themselves.