



## I. Summary 50%

## 1. Summarize the following passage in less than 35 words. (25%)

The Greek philosopher Socrates anticipated the changes that widespread literacy would bring. He argued that knowledge should remain among the privileged class. Writing threatened the exclusive use of information, he said: "Once a thing is put in writing, the composition, whatever it may be, drifts all over the place, getting into the hands not only of those who understand it, but equally of those who have no business with it."

Source: "The Communication Process" from *Media/Impact: An Introduction to Mass Media* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.), by Shirley Biagi (p. 23)

## 2. Summarize the following passage in less than 35 words. (25%)

This effort to communicate – first through spoken messages, then through pictographs, then through the written word, and finally through printed words – demonstrates people's innate desire to share information with one another. Storability, portability, and accessibility of information are essential to today's concept of mass communication.

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## II. Essay Writing 50%

Write an essay in four or five paragraphs based on the following topic:

*Some people agree with the statement that computer technology has had a positive impact on people's lives in many ways. Others disagree. What is your position? Please provide specific reasons and/or examples to support your position.*