

Correction TB1 Concours Blanc

Why are new technologies both worrying and promising when it comes to the world of work?

Méthodologie

- Un point à améliorer pour beaucoup d'entre vous : vous devez montrer en quoi l'élément de réponse identifié permet de répondre à la question. Votre réponse ne doit pas consister en une série de points relevés dans le texte, vous devez relier, hiérarchiser et reformuler. Utilisez des mots de liaisons et montrez les liens entre les idées.
- De plus, vous devez fournir une réponse qui soit compréhensible sans le support du texte. Par exemple, ceux qui mentionnent « roboeconomy » doivent expliquer un minimum qu'il y a un changement tel au niveau de la structure économique qu'on parle d'un nouveau type d'économie.
- Vous ne devez pas apporter des éléments extérieurs au texte. Plusieurs d'entre vous ont expliqué certains phénomènes car nous l'avions vu ensemble mais il ne faut parler que de ce qui est dans le texte.

Proposition de réponse :

Machines powered by artificial intelligence, like robots and chatbots, are replacing many jobs and it is estimated that millions of jobs will disappear. For many, this is a cause for concern, all the more so as it's now the turn of white-collar jobs to be threatened by automation. While many jobs will also be created in this sector, the number of jobs created may not fully compensate the losses. Companies may indeed not be ready for the transition and bosses might be reluctant to leave some tasks to machines, especially those requiring human skills.

As a matter of fact, there is a risk of automating some tasks that require human skills, thus leading to new types of issues like legal problems, not to mention the issues linked to processing private data. This would also cause a greater dependence on machines.

Yet, there is a positive aspect to automation as it will allow to tackle the shortages of workers in many sectors, especially those affected by the ageing crisis. What's more, AI can be useful assistants for workers who could devote their time to more interesting tasks. This would in turn increase productivity. The economic opportunities of AI, for companies and for countries are thus tremendous.
205 words

Are you optimistic about the future of jobs?

- Vous avez pris en majorité choisi ce sujet mais vous n'avez pas su exploiter complètement le potentiel de ce sujet. Vous avez souvent limité à l'intelligence artificielle et à l'impact sur le nombre d'emplois alors qu'il y avait beaucoup d'autres perspectives à prendre en compte. Se poser la question de la disparition du travail n'était pas une bonne idée, voire même hors sujet. Il fallait plutôt se focaliser sur les conditions de travail. Ce sujet était déjà largement abordé dans les articles, la question d'expression écrite vous sert à aller plus loin.
- Ainsi on pouvait solliciter des notions comme le bien-être au travail, la crise du vieillissement de la population, les changements démographiques, le rapport au salaire et à l'effort ou même le lien avec l'environnement.

There is a revolution in the world of work: the pace of automation has accelerated and the rise of chatbots is putting many jobs at risk. But as we leave boring tasks to machines, new technologies can also appear as a boon for many workers, as a way to transform our perception of what working means. Can we hope for better working conditions?

New generations of workers are more aware of the necessity of good working conditions. The Great Resignation in the US reflects a shift in the perception of the work-life balance. Covid 19 was also a turning point for many workers who reconsidered their relation to work. Wellbeing at work has become important and new technologies, the development of digitalisation and teleworking, offer a new form of comfort.

And yet this is not always true: with globalisation and multinationals, workers' wellbeing is overlooked, as they look for always more profit and a more flexible workforce. The gig economy has ushered in a new era of workers exploitation. What's more, many companies make the choice of investing in new machines and robots instead of improving working conditions (like Amazon which resorts to union busting to discourage workers' demands)

To conclude, I'm not optimistic about future working conditions as profit-driven multinationals tend to dominate the labour market. 218 words

Do you think it's necessary to enjoy one's job?

N'oubliez pas que l'essay anglais n'est pas une dissertation en français. Il ne faut pas rester sur des considérations théoriques, il faut au maximum ancrer dans des débats contemporains. Ainsi si la tension entre travail et loisirs était nécessaire à questionner, il était nécessaire de voir en quoi cette mise en relation posait des problèmes contemporains (ex. : rapport à l'effort des nouvelles générations, remise en question de l'équilibre vie professionnelle/vie privée).

A wave of resignation has swept the US and other developed countries. This movement, known as The Great Resignation, reveals that younger workers consider their wellbeing and the work-life balance as essential. Does working necessarily involve some sort of sacrifice?

Gen Zers no longer think that sacrifices and efforts are necessary. Covid 19 and the series of lockdowns were a trigger for many who became aware of the importance of free time and personal life. Workers have become increasingly aware of the necessity of enjoying one's job and of finding meaning at work. Experimentation of the reduction of working time (like in Spain) shows that the worker's wellbeing improves productivity.

Yet working contains some sort of effort and reward that it would be difficult to do without. Not all jobs are easy, and there is the limitation of the job market which means that we may not have the opportunity to do the job we want because of a strong demand. What's more, when a hobby becomes a job, it loses some of its appeal – e sports players have to follow the same constraints as all other athletes.

To conclude, finding meaning, being financially rewarded in one's jobs, are absolutely necessary but the notion of enjoyment is not. 210 words

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