

## IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCE & SOCIAL LIFE

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### *Abstract*

*Today, a life which may be a social life or professional life is nothing without use of computers. Special attention has been given to the adaptation of computer technology into teaching-learning process for effective learning and increasing students' achievement. In recent years, it has been realized that there is an immense benefit in applying computer technology in education. The first purpose of this study is to review computer - and Internet-supported instructional strategies in the social education. The second purpose of the study is to investigate how different computer applications are useful in social life.*

**Introduction :** Technology use in social education has become more popular in recent years. There have been major developments in computer hardware and software in the last decades which increase the computer integration in education. The use of computers in education opens a new area of knowledge and offers a tool that has a potential to change some of traditional and ineffective educational methods. It is currently considered as crucial to "modernize educational systems on the basis of information and communication technologies" as globalization and transformation to the information society "call for new literacy for the information society". There is an increasing research on the effectiveness and benefits of the integration computer technology in education in recent years. Sheffield (1996) stated that as a result of the recent developments in technology, computers and the Internet have become more important teaching tools in the social studies classroom. It is considered that technology is the main support for the students learning developments and the computers are the main technology support as a tool for effective learning and teaching process.

The Internet computer-based worldwide information network plays an important role in social life following the telegraph, telephone, radio, and television. It combines innovative features of its predecessors, such as bridging great distances and reaching a mass audience. However, the Internet has novel features as well, most critically the relative anonymity afforded to users and the provision of group venues in which to meet others with similar interests and values.