**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TEXTS**

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**What is AI?**

AI, or Artificial Intelligence, refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines designed to perform tasks that typically require human intellect. It involves creating computer programs that can think, learn and make decisions on their own.

AI systems are built to analyse vast amounts of data, recognise patterns and solve complex problems. They can be found in various applications, such as virtual assistants, recommendation algorithms and autonomous vehicles.

AI technology utilises techniques like machine learning, where computers learn from experience which involves training neural networks. In essence, AI aims to replicate human cognitive abilities, enabling machines to perform tasks intelligently and autonomously.

The use of AI intelligence has been a controversial issue since AlanTouring's research about computing and the algorithm concept in 1936. The central question about it is: will AI intelligence replace the human race in a short time future?

**.Artificial Intelligence Conversation Questions**

1. What are some of the dangers of AI? If an AI is programmed to protect humans, how might that put us in danger?

* This new technology might be used for illegitimate or criminal purposes such as faking identities or stealing money and common resources

2. Would you trust artificial intelligence to manage a military weapons system? What could possibly go wrong?

* I would definitely not trust AI to manage a military weapons system. I dare not imagine a hypothetical scenario in which terrorist hackers would take control of North Korean nuclear weapons, for instance. An unintended launch of a nuclear missile would probably trigger the Third World War, which might lead to fatal end to our world.

3. What might an unethical company or government do with AI? What kind of regulations should there be for the development of AI? What should be permitted? What should be prohibited?

* It would probably spy all kind of political, military and economic measures taken by certain countries. Actually, this is not a speculative fiction situation at all. Some intelligence agencis like CIA or Mossad are known to have hacked and spied certain goverments' decisions and deals.

4. What might convince robots to revolt against humans? Why would an AI ever want to harm us?

In Isaac Asimov's science fiction story "I Robot " the Three laws of Robotics were introduced in 1050.

* *The First Law: A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.*
* *The Second Law: A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.*
* *The Third Law: A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.*

This early sci-fi book may give us an idea of how concerned society has been about a potential control of human society by robots / AI technology. Nowadays, a common concern about how intelligent AI apps might get and the possibilty of surpass their creators intelligence is mainly spread all over the world

5. Will AIs be our friends, or will they enslave us? Could AIs keep humans as pets or display them in zoos in the future?

Why not? Theoretically speaking, there is not a insuperable obstacle for that potential scenario

6. Is AI the next stage in human evolution? Would you consider uploading your consciousness into a computer if it were possible?

In BBC's TV show " Years and Years ", which depicted a short term future society, a teenage character decided to upload her thoughts and consciousness into a online web application . The episode show ed the ultimate consequences of leaving out our physical existence to look for an ideal concept of online , perfect personality

7. How can we hope to teach an artificial intelligence to be empathetic when we can't even teach humans that?

I believe that our last hope in thatt matter consits of accepting the use and develpoment of AI technology and the establishment of a world- range agreement of how it must be used.

In my view, It is urgent for technologically - developed countries to discuss seriouslly on the matter in order to set up asome ethical rules about its use.

8. If computers developed human-like consciousness, will they inherit our vices, vanities and prejudices? Will some be good, and some be bad? Will they look forward to Friday night so they can have a beer with their friends in the pub?

I don't really think that could happen in the future. One of the specific characteristic of AI intelligenge is its non - human behaviour in terms of being affected by emotions or unpredictable decisions.

This is actually one of the reason why I am quite optimistic about AI future development. Whereas I am able to imagine an intelligent AI device which can learn from actual experiencies, I cannot think of a machime making the same old mistakes related to envy, greed, lust typical of the human race

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