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Task 1: Fill in the blank space with the appropriate terms: (10pts)

- 1) Behaviouristic CALL
- 2) Cognitive psychology
- 3) Integrative CALL
- 4) Technocentrism
- 5) Podcast
- 6) Immediate Feedback
- 7) Digital divide
- 8) Determinism
- 9) Blended learning
- 10) Flipped learning

Task 2:

I. Introduction

- Briefly introduce the role of technology in language education.
 - Present the two points of view (they are not contradictory):
 - Papert's technocentrism.
 - Mandela's focus on equity and the digital divide.
- The essay is about the **benefits and challenges** of using technology in language teaching.

Benefits of Technology in Language Teaching

- Access to rich resources
- Increased engagement
- Flexible learning
- Opportunities for autonomous learning and authentic language use

] Challenges: Technocentrism (Papert's View)

- **Tools** not of pedagogy or learner needs.
- Technology alone can solve learning problems.

Challenges: Digital Divide (Mandela's View)

- Unequal access to devices, internet, or electricity.
- Socio-economic disparities: Learners in rural areas are left behind.
- Language learners with low digital literacy struggle even with access.

Connection Between Technocentrism and the Digital Divide

• Technocentrism worsens the digital divide by:

- Promoting one-size-fits-all tech solutions.
- Ignoring **context**
- Failing to provide alternatives.

Solution: balanced use of technology

- Use **technology as a tool**, not the centre of instruction.
- Focus on pedagogy, accessibility, and inclusion.
- Provide training for both teachers and learners.
- Incorporate other options when needed (e.g., printed materials).

Conclusion