

# COMPSCI 111/111G

## Ethical, social and legal issues on the Web

### 1. Name one advantage and disadvantage of online anonymity

Advantage – any of:

- encourages people to freely express their opinions
- supports other rights such as the right to privacy

Disadvantage – any of:

- people use online anonymity to harass others
- makes it difficult to track criminal activity online
- can make it difficult to verify that the purported sender of a message did actually send it

### 2. How does onion routing help to anonymise a user's Internet traffic?

Makes it almost impossible to determine the original sender or recipient of the message. Also makes it difficult to trace the data because it is sent on a random path through the Tor network.

### 3. What role does Netsafe play under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015?

Netsafe is the Approved Agency. It is responsible for receiving and resolving complaints from people who have been harmed by a digital communication.

### 4. Why should an online content host comply with their obligations under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015?

Complying with their obligations under the Act ensures that online content host will be free of any legal liability arising from hosting the harmful digital communication that a person or Netsafe has complained about.

### 5. What advice would you give to a parent to protect their children from inappropriate material on the Internet?

Use blocking and/or filtering software, monitor their Internet usage where possible, ensure they can only access publications with the appropriate content rating

### 6. What is the difference between an R18 classification and an 'objectionable' classification?

A publication with an R18 classification means that only persons 18 or above can view the publication.

An objectionable classification means that it is illegal to own, sell or give this publication to anyone in NZ.