

Australia's Digital Frontier: AI, Cyber Threats, and Shifting Social Media Habits

Internet Culture · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What significant investment did Microsoft announce in April 2026 to expand Australia's AI and cloud infrastructure, strengthen cybersecurity, and equip Australians with AI skills?

- A) A \$5 billion commitment
- B) A \$10 billion commitment
- C) A \$25 billion commitment**
- D) A \$50 billion commitment

2. Which Australian government minister recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Microsoft to strengthen the nation's digital resilience?

- A) Minister for Finance, Katy Gallagher
- B) Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security, Tony Burke**
- C) Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic
- D) Attorney-General, Mark Dreyfus

3. According to recent reports, which of the following is a growing concern for Australia's power grid due to the expansion of AI data centers?

- A) Over-reliance on solar power
- B) Sudden disconnection of multiple facilities**
- C) Underutilization of renewable energy sources
- D) Decreased demand for electricity

4. A recent cyberattack disrupted operations at which major Australian industry, forcing harvests to halt?

- A) The mining sector
- B) The agricultural sector (sugar mills)**
- C) The automotive manufacturing sector
- D) The tourism industry

5. What is the name of the new program of work unveiled by Tony Burke to uplift Australia's cyber maturity over the next three years?

- A) Horizon 1
- B) Horizon 2**
- C) Horizon 3
- D) Cyber Shield Initiative

6. According to a 2025 Index report, what percentage of young Australians (18-24) use Instagram for news?

- A) 25%
- B) 40%**
- C) 58%
- D) 72%

7. Research indicates that a growing number of young Australians are turning to what as an alternative to social media to facilitate meaningful connections?

- A) Online gaming communities
- B) Virtual reality social platforms
- C) In-person social clubs**
- D) Online forums and message boards

8. What is a key concern for young Australians regarding online content, with nearly half worried about encountering it?

- A) Online advertising
- B) Fake news and misinformation**
- C) Gaming loot boxes
- D) Social media influencer marketing

9. The 'Australia Effect' trend on social media showcases tourists' transformations after visiting the country, often referred to as an 'Aussie glow up'. What does this trend primarily highlight?

- A) Increased spending power
- B) Acquired local slang
- C) Physical and aesthetic changes**
- D) Improved surfing skills

10. Which streaming service has a June 2026 release schedule that includes 'The Bear' Final Season and 'Alice and Steve'?

- A) Netflix
- B) Disney+**
- C) HBO Max
- D) Stan

11. According to a 2025 report, what percentage of Australian internet users (16-64) reported using social media for work-related activities, a significant increase from the previous year?

- A) 13%
- B) 20.7%
- C) 30.7%**
- D) 52%

12. Which of the following is NOT listed as a major export for Australia according to the Observatory of Economic Complexity in 2024?

- A) Iron ore
- B) Coal
- C) Cars**
- D) Wheat

13. What is the primary focus of the Senate inquiry examining artificial intelligence data centres in Australia, as chaired by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young?

- A) Expanding data centre capacity
- B) Encouraging international investment
- C) Examining environmental, economic, and social impacts**
- D) Developing new AI technologies

14. The viral video and internet meme 'Democracy Manifest', recorded in 1991, features an Australian man being arrested where?

- A) At a train station
- B) In a Chinese restaurant**
- C) At a sporting event
- D) Outside a government building

15. In the context of Australian online gambling reforms, what is a key change expected to take effect from January 1, 2027?

- A) Introduction of online pokies
- B) Licensing regime for online casinos
- C) Stricter advertising regulations for sports betting**
- D) All of the above