

V Read the following passage and write an English summary in one sentence in your own words in the space provided on the separate answer sheet.

In 1529, the Bishop of London, the person responsible for religious and public order in the city, became very concerned about the circulation of certain religious books. He decided that it would be necessary to buy all of the copies of these books, and then burn them, thus solving the problem. What he had not anticipated was that, although all of the copies had been burned, it was now a simple matter for the printers of the books, with the money he had so generously provided, to print yet more books, and so it turned out within a few months even more of the offending texts were circulating in London and elsewhere. The bishop had fallen into the false belief, which has continued to be held by governors and rulers to the present era, that suppression of disagreeable ideas can be implemented by the blocking or removal of the media of those ideas. It is clear, however, that in an age of rapid, mechanical production of texts such suppression is pointless; a fact which is, of course, even more the case in the present day with the immediate, electronic transfer of information.

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