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ANSWER:

REPORT ON CORONAVIRUS AND THE EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN:

The introduction of the severe virus of the respiratory system called, '*Coronavirus*', is no longer news to everybody on planet earth. However, what is still shocking about this virus is that unlike every other virus, Scientists all around the world are still racing to identify the source of the coronavirus that is causing havoc around the world.

Coronavirus has the potential to be a global pandemic. Its origin was from a market in Wuhan, China that sold live and dead wild animals that people ate for food, improved health and vitality, and a number of other purposes. One of the issues that has contributed to the spread of the virus is what health officials are calling the '*2019 nCov virus*' i.e. its two weeks incubation period. This simply means that one may have the virus, won't display any symptoms of it but can still spread it to others. This is why a lot of people need to take extra sense of concern that the virus can spread quietly.

Furthermore, it's important to specifically wash your hands and look out for symptoms like: mild cold, flu, fever, etc. The virus has now been detected in Australia, Canada, Finland, France, India, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, the United States, Nigeria and over a dozen of other countries. According to the research done by John Hopkins University, there are more than twenty thousand (20,000) confirmed Coronavirus cases relating to the current outbreak. In addition, a lot of people have died as a result of this virus; talk about Politicians, Marketers, etc.

This pandemic has led to a total lockdown around the globe. This had to happen because the fastest way in which this virus could have been transmitted is through direct contact with an infected person or object. There have been travel restrictions, cancelled flights and airport screening, shutting down of businesses and organizations found in small scales and large scales as well. However, given that there's no vaccine that can protect the public, the lockdown protocol

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has serious effects on individuals and in the environment around us. The effects of lockdown can be acknowledged in various aspects i.e. economically, socially and environmentally.

Economically, both private and public businesses could've been at risk if there was at least an infected employee. The risk of the fact that everyone can be susceptible to this led to the shut-down of almost all businesses around the globe moreover, the level of anxiety has increased among employees as appraisals gets delayed as a result, fear of job loss rises as well. The lockdown has left employees feeling anxious and worried about their future, prompting many corporates and organizations to look for ways to actually keep the staff motivated. This shows that not everyone appreciates the, '*working from home*' ideology.

Environmentally, the lockdown has caused slashing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution and has also caused industries to shut down. The only positive thing we can possibly take from this is that it has offered a taste of the air we might breath to contain low carbon. This prevents death around the globe and also the depletion of the ozone layer.

Finally, in terms of social interactions, meetings between families, friends and business partners will have to be cancelled simply because of this pandemic. In as much as this lockdown has dire effects on not just individuals alone but also on the environment surrounding us, we need to also acknowledge the fact that a break from the world can also have certain positive impacts on planet earth as a whole. This has left a lot of people with the question, "*is Coronavirus a blessing or a curse?*" there are no more bank robberies, kidnappings, terrorist attacks, etc. and this is as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

As individuals, we can only hope for the best and also make good and impactful choices to not just stay safe but to also see that there will eventually be a bright end.