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The following documents consider issues related to the impact of technology. Read them **both** in order to answer **all** the questions on the paper.

Document A: adapted from *Why El Salvador made Bitcoin an official currency*, an article written by Timothy B Lee, published in 'Full Stack Economics' in 2021. The author is a journalist who has led a team covering tech policy at the 'Washington Post' and has a master's degree in computer science from Princeton University (US), where he created software.

Salvadoran president, Nayib Bukele, has announced that El Salvador is the first nation in the world to make Bitcoin, a cryptocurrency, an official currency.

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Even if cryptocurrency doesn't turn out to have such a bright future in the long run, positioning El Salvador as the world's most Bitcoin-friendly jurisdiction might be a savvy tourism and business development strategy.

Document B: adapted from *Cryptocurrencies Impacting The Environment*, an article written by the ASEAN Post team, published in 'The ASEAN Post', Malaysia, in 2021. The ASEAN Post is a digital media platform, focusing on geopolitics, renewable energy, financial technology, and the environment, in Southeast Asia.

Cryptocurrency is a virtual currency.

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It is however important for developers, miners and users to recognise the environmental implications of the technology.

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