

# ASSIGNMENT OF STRUCTURED PARAGRAPH:-

TOPIC:- Online education has given more opportunities than challenges.

Sub-headings: i- Online education is cost effective

ii- Online education provides safe environment for female students.

iii- Not everyone has access to internet

One of the major advantages of online education is that it is cost effective. Online education can save certain expenses that contributed to the larger share of total expenditure on education such as day to travel expenses <sup>or</sup> hostel expenses and higher fee due to services provided in an institution. The cost effectiveness of online education had drawn attention of students and

governments, towards online education. A data was published by the US <sup>government</sup> comparing the costs of online and traditional education to motivate students to select a programme according to their ease. According to data, the online degree was found \$ 31.165 cheaper than traditional degree (Melanie Hanson, Cost of Online Education vs Traditional Education, August 2023). So, online education is cost effective because of the elimination of certain expenses.

Another major advantage of online education is that it provides safe environment for female students. In a world of harassment and extremism it was difficult for female students to get education but through online education they can get degree while being in a safe environment. The online education had provide an opportunity for female to complete/gain education in areas or countries where education is banned for female or could be subjected to human rights violations. According to a report in *The Diplomat*, after the ban on female education by Taliban, Afghan girls are now seeking refugee in an online education (Laiq Zirack, How Afghan Girls Overcoming Barriers Through Online Learning, May 2023). So, online education provides strength to female students to earn education irrespective of their surroundings.

While talking about the challenges of online education, the major one will be the internet accessibility to everyone. Not everyone can have access to internet due to the cost of internet or living in either underdeveloped country or areas within the country. This issue was came under

the consideration when education move towards online education system worldwide during COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, different surveys were conducted to know about the population that is deprived of internet access. According to a report published by UNICEF, two-thirds of world's school age children had no access to the internet at their home (UNICEF, Two thirds of the world's school-age children have no internet access at home, new UNICEF-ITU report, November 2020). So, the unavailability of internet can cause hindrance in the way of online education.

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