

ONLINE LEARNING IS NOT ONLY CONVENIENT BUT OFTEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN TRADITIONAL CLASS ROOMS INSTRUCTION.

## OUTLINE:

### 1. Introduction:

- Attention grabber.
- General statement.
- Thesis statement: Online learning is beneficial in many realms such as accessibility, cost effectiveness, flexibility, global networking, but still there are limitations to its effectiveness when compared to traditional classroom instruction because of the lack of face to face interaction, culture and social exposure, focus on ethics and discipline, accountability and motivation, access to resources, immediate clarification, collaborative learning and structured learning environment.

### 2. Benefits of online learning that are not available in traditional class rooms:

#### 2.1. Accessibility.

2.1.1. Women education and their accessibility.

2.1.2. Balochistan education issues with infrastructure.



2.2. Cost effectiveness.

2.2.1. Cuts of travel costs to schools.

2.2.2. Reduces the cost of books.

2.3. Flexibility.

2.3.1. Study schedules can be adjusted.

2.3.2. Courses can be accessed at convenience.

2.4. Global networking.

2.4.1. People from rural and urban areas can take the same class.

2.4.2. Researches, papers can be studied conveniently.

3. Unique benefits of traditional classroom instruction.

3.1. Face-to-face interaction.

3.1.1. Study showing people do not tend to forget what they learn visually.

3.2. Culture and social exposure.

3.2.1. Knowing people and interacting with them creates awareness of different cultures.

3.3. Focus on ethics and discipline.

3.3.1. Reward and punishment.

3.4. Accountability and motivation.

3.4.1. Regular attendance and participation.

3.4.2. Competitive atmosphere encourages students.

3.5. Access to resources.

3.5.1. Free access to libraries.

3.6. Immediate clarification.

3.6.1. Doubts and queries are addressed in real time.



## 3.7. Collaborative learning.

3.7.1. Group activities, team assignments.

## 3.8. Structured learning environment.

3.8.1. Atmosphere is of learning which compels every student to study.

## 4. Conclusion.

ESSAY:

"Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom."

Oprah Winfrey.

In world war II, Germany and the United Kingdom were in the state of war. Before bombing and total destruction of both sides Hitler sent a letter to Churchill that if he won't bomb the universities in Germany, then the Germans would also not destroy Oxford and Cambridge. Churchill immediately agreed to this and said that even if England was to be destroyed, it would build back if the universities were not destroyed. This tells us the importance of education and how the future of a country is dependent on educational institutions. In this essay we will discuss the benefits and advantages of online learning such as accessibility,



cost effectiveness, flexibility and global networking along with the limitations of online learning and positive points of traditional class room instructions that are face to face interaction, culture and exposure, focus on ethics and discipline, accountability and motivation, access to resources, immediate clarification, collaborative learning and structural learning environment.

Beginning with the conveniences of online education, the first convenience is accessibility for women and to people from rural areas where no modern infrastructure is present. Women education is a big issue in Muslim countries. Provinces in Pakistan such as KPK and Balochistan are the worst hit from uneducation, more than sixty and seventy percent of the women being illiterate. Online education is a great platform for such provinces to increase their literacy rate. Through online education the access to education becomes very easy without having to build huge infrastructure for schools and universities. Balochistan falls behind in terms of development, online education can be a very good step



as the people of balochistan bought more than three million Rupees worth of books but because of lack of infrastructure are not being able to get proper education. Accessibility can be a great plus point of online education.

Secondly, a huge convenient factor of online education is cost effectiveness of travel and stationary. Lahore, once known as the city of flowers nowadays has an air quality index (AQI) of exceeding more than a thousand every day, which is seventy times more than world health organization (WHO) considers breathable. Most of the smog is emitted by buses of schools (more than six lakh buses were ticketed by traffic), in such conditions along with having high fixed prices of busses, it is better for kids to learn from home. Online education would also cut the cost of buying books as students would take advantage of word document and powerpoint slides.

Next comes the convenience of flexibility. Study schedules can be changed and based on the preference of individual he/she can take the classes, cones can also be taken at the convenience of students. In



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google classroom teachers upload assignment with a deadline and students do it with their convenience.

Finally, global networking is another convenient feature of online education.

It is a beneficial feature for rural and urban students and online

access to education makes it easy to

find and study research papers and

articles of different scholars. CSS

is one of the most competitive and

tough exam, the percentage of students

who pass the CSS exam is less than

three percent, it is very important to get

good mentorship and lectures during

preparation. Online academy's have made

it very easy for students from every

corner of the country (rural and

urban) to get good education and

mentorship. Latest research papers

and articles can be downloaded

and studied through google scholar.

Till this point this essay shed

light on the conveniences of

online education. Now the plus points

that are present in traditional

schooling that online education

lack will be discussed.

The first unique feature that is exclusive to traditional class room instruction is face-to-face interaction of



teachers with students. A research paper from 2019 showed that people tend to remember 15 percent of something they listen, 25 percent of something they read and 70 percent of what they visually see and hear at the same time. This tells the benefit of face-to-face interaction that online education lacks.

Second benefit of traditional class room is the exposure of a student to other people from diff having different culture and tradition. Canada after a study paper was published on the benefits of having diverse population from different countries, opened its visas to students. Interaction and exposure to different culture and tradition expands the horizons of human thinking.

At next traditional classrooms focus on ethics and discipline. Teachers not only educate students but also work on the discipline and teach ethics through the process of reward and punishment also known as operant conditioning. Skinner's theory is a theory of psychology which explains the phenomenon that reward is given to an



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individual after a certain act increases the chances of frequency of that very act and punishment to an act reduces the chances of that act to happen again. Teachers in traditional schools use the same method and reward good behaviour and punishing bad.

Then comes the advantage of accountability and motivation. Because of the regular attendance of students and ~~accountability~~ participation, accountability is encouraged. Teachers even give extra marks to student for participation.

The competitive nature of physical classrooms motivates students to work harder. During Covid-19, because of no accountability and motivation the threshold dropped all across the globe.

Coming towards the access to libraries, labs and other resources is a huge advantage that is present in physical classrooms but not in online classes.

Another advantage is the immediate clarification. Doubts and queries are addressed in real time, with teachers



fulfilling students queries at that very moment.

At seventh comes the another bonus point of traditional learning that is collective learning. Group assignments and team activities makes student a team player.

In the professional world almost all jobs require individuals with team playing skills.

At last comes the point of structured learning environment.

'Online classrooms' a study shows that eight out of every ten students are not taking the online class seriously as compared to traditional classrooms in which individuals are compelled to take class with full attention because of the atmosphere of classrooms.

In conclusion, while online classes have benefits of flexibility and accessibility but there are many areas in which traditional classroom are better. The interactive nature of traditional classroom provide face to face learning, motivation, focuses on ethics and discipline, and group learning. Therefore a balanced approach should be



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obtained depending on the individual  
and class, with the combination  
of online and physical/traditional  
class.