

Online learning is not only convenient but often more effective than traditional classroom instruction.

## 1) Introduction:-

\* The pandemic in 2020 forced the world to resort to online learning everywhere.

\* Tremendous increase in the usage of online platforms like Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams

\* Online learning was considered convenient and effective during these times.

## 2) The Convenience of Online Learning:-

2.1 Not time bound and practices flexible timings

2.2 Not space bound and physical presence is not essential

2.3 Online classes can be

taken from anywhere around  
the world.

3) Online learning is more effective  
than traditional classroom learning

3.1 Subject matter experts and  
faculty from around the world  
can be taken on-board

3.2 It is cost effective as it  
saves resources like travel  
expenses and classroom  
expenses

3.3 Time effective as it saves  
<sup>time</sup>  
time for both students and  
teachers.

3.4 Greater reach by enrolling  
students from around the  
world.

3.5 Healthy and productive discussions  
with diverse opinions from  
students with different  
backgrounds

3.6 Caters to masses with lesser resources across different regions

3.7 Promotes harmony and tolerance for opposing opinions and different cultures.

3.8 Caters to different age groups of people interested in continuing education

Online learning is not effective than traditional classroom learning

4.1 No real-time interaction and discussions between teacher-student and peers

Rebuttal: With increase in technology and fast internet, online

learning is more interactive with breakout rooms and real-time discussion forums.

4.2 No feedback like in traditional classrooms

Rebuttal Online learning promotes:

peer feedbacks and one-to-one office hours with teachers to receive active and timely feedback.

4.3 Internet is not available to all for online learning  
\*(Rebuttal The unavailability of internet in a few areas of world does not undermine its effective)\*

Rebuttal Internet has become a necessity and governments are working for its ~~read~~ availability around the world.

## 5) Conclusion :-

\* Online learning has advantages over traditional learning in terms of cost, time, reach and quality.

\* But it has its unique challenges that need to be addressed carefully to improve its greater impact.

With the advent of Covid'19, the world saw extreme changes in public and private life; in corporate and educational sectors. The world was forced to adopt to new ways of life and patterns.

Online learning was one of the newly adopted ways. With the closure of every school and institution, everyone was forced to resort to online education. There was a tremendous rise in the usage of online platforms like Zoom, Google meet, Microsoft Teams etc. Online learning was ~~also~~ found to be very convenient during these times.

Comparisons were made between the effectiveness of online learning and traditional classroom learnings.

Many aspects of Online learning were discovered that supported

Online learning. For example, online classrooms allowing anyone to connect to the classroom from any where around the world, safeguarding resources like time and money, greater reach and catering to multiple age groups. All of these and many more led the proponents of online learning to support it over the conventional style of education.

But it is very important <sup>at the same time</sup> to also consider the negatives of online learning too.

\* First Online learning is fully considered <sup>convenient</sup> ~~convenient~~ and then effective. Looking at the convenience of Online learning, the biggest

Online learning is very convenient and does not demand physical presence of neither the students nor the teachers. The

classes are not thus space bound. Similarly, they are not time bound either. The asynchronous classes can be taken at your preferred time. The video and audio recordings are shared in case of missed lectures at specific hours. Thus creating ease for students to learn and access resources at anytime. Moreover, the online classes can be taken from the comfort of your homes, offices or anywhere in the world. It creates a lot of convenience for students travelling and working. Specially for adults who have resumed their studies after some gap. Thus Online learning proves extremely convenient in present times.

Online learning is not only convenient but often more

effective than traditional online learning classrooms. There are many dimensions where online learning proves more beneficial let us discuss each aspect in detail.

Firstly, online learning proves more effective (in terms of quality) than conventional learning in terms of quality of education imparted. Online way of education allows subject matter experts and faculty from around the world to come on-board. They can be asked to connect via online platforms and their expert opinion reaches students from around the world. This is a very unique benefit of online learning as it allows access to the top-notch professors with expert opinions from prestigious universities around the world. Or



In contrary, the traditional classrooms can not provide students with this facility and such quality of education. Thus online learning proves more effective than the traditional classrooms in this manner.

Online learning has proved to be very cost effective as compared to the traditional methods.

The reason is that it saves resources like travel expenses and classroom management expenses.

Thus it proves to be very cost effective for the students and for the educational institutions.

As the mode of transmission is online, no one has to bear the travel cost. Similarly, managing big institutions, classrooms and other administrative matters prove costly. Only learning cuts

down this cost. This helps the educational institutions to break even quickly and proves less costly for students too as the price of the courses are not too high and personal expenses are less. This online learning proves effective in this regards too, as compared to traditional setup.

Similarly, ~~the~~ online learning is time effective as compared to traditional <sup>classroom</sup> learning. For the online classes, no one needs to travel and reach the classrooms. The classes can be accessed online via connecting through the online platforms from any where with internet access. This saves time that can be utilized else where. The students living in the outskirts of the

city with long travel time are able to save their time and money by connecting online with their peers and teachers. This has proved to be a great case for students and similarly for teachers living in far-flung areas. Thus proving the online mode of learning more effective as compared to the traditional classroom for learning.

Moreover, the online learning is a way to reach greater audience. It leads to greater reach and increased number of <sup>student</sup> enrollments. The sole reason is the online mode of learning.

Students from around the world with different backgrounds <sup>can</sup> enrol in such classes. The global platforms like Coursera, Harvardx,

and Udemx significant number of enrollments from different regions all across the world. This not just improves the enrollment number but also the quality of the class with healthy discussions. \* (Thus the or) \* A student from Pakistan is able to enrol in a course from Mada Harvard without actually going to Harvard physically. This creates a more inclusive environment as not everyone has the time and resources to join educational institutions. So online learning fills this gap and allows access to everyone from anywhere around the world.

Thus making online learning more effective than traditional classroom learning.

The online classrooms are so diverse that they

promote healthy and productive discussions within students. This creates discourse with diverse and opposite opinions among students with unique backgrounds. It improves the quality of education and raises self-awareness and confidence among students. By interacting with students across the world, the exposure of students improve (and) leading to refined personalities. It is very important for students to participate in such healthy debates, it improves the cognitive abilities and critical thinking skills. Online classrooms makes it to be more effective than traditional classrooms with same discourse and perspectives.

Online learning also caters to the masses with lesser resources across different regions in the world. Children not having access to educational institutions either due to lack of money or time. Similarly, children living in areas with poor educational infrastructure are able to have access education through online learning platform. This is one of the key reasons, online learning is being promoted in current times as it allows access to deprived communities and allow them to excel in new skills and in life overall. Thus online learning proves extremely effective in this regard as compared to the traditional classroom learning where infrastructure is really

essential to prove fruitful.

### Online learning classrooms

promote harmony and tolerance by opposing opinions and different cultures. Students joining the

same classroom with different background learn to respect each other, their opinions and cultures.

It is a productive way of

promoting respect, patience, tolerance, harmony and peace

among students. They learn

from each other and adopt

new and blended ways of

living life. Thus online learning

proves fruitful in creating unique

personalities among students by

interactions, as compared to

traditional learning setup.

best but not the least

online learning promotes continuing

education and provides a

path for adults who want to resume their education. It caters to different age groups and communities interested in continuing their educational journey after some gap. As traditional classrooms and institutions do not support these groups, online learning provide this opportunity to these people. Thus online learning prove quite effective, and fruitful and inclusive by catering to such classes of society that are not targeted by traditional modes of education.

Furthermore, it is important to counter the opposing arguments of online learning being more effective than traditional classroom learning.

The proponents of traditional



Some way of learning believe that there is no real-time interaction and discussions between teachers and students, and between peers. The online classrooms restrict the real-time face interaction and thus impacts the quality of the content being taught. It also impacts the delivery of the content. It is essential to note here that with increase in technology and 5G internet availability, this problem has been solved and the online learning has become more interactive and real. With the options like discussion forums, shared group activities, breakout rooms, the learning has advanced in the online classes.

Similarly, it is believed

that there is no feedback given in online classes and the students are unable to receive critical feedbacks and insights from teachers as they do in traditional classrooms. It is important to note here that the online classes have special features like peer feedbacks and one-to-one office hours with instructors to provide advice and timely feedback to students for them to incorporate in their assignments, and homeworks and exams.

Another dimension to counter the effectiveness of Online learning is the non-availability of internet. Poor access of internet connection in many areas. With the advancement of technology and increased dependency on

The internet all over the world. Governments are working for the speedy availability of internet around the world, with new facilities of 4G and 5G. Thus it does not have an impact on the effectiveness of online learning as compared to the traditional classroom learning.

In conclusion, it is observed that online learning has advantages over traditional learning in many dimensions such as cost, time, reach, and quality. It is also important to note here that the online learning brings its unique sets of challenges that are essential to address carefully for it to have a positive greater impact in educational sector.