

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

Outline:

① Introduction

Thesis Statement: Online learning is convenient but not a replacement of traditional classroom instruction because in some cases traditional classroom learning is more effective than online learning.

② Online Learning is Convenient

②a Online learning is learning without geographical restraints

Case in Point: Cambridge Home School Online

②b Online learning is flexible

②c Online learning is convenient during Pandemics

Case in Point: China's 'Suspending the class without stopping learning'

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policy during COVID-19

(2d) Convenient for countries with less GDP share for education as online learning does not require infrastructure and transport

Case in Point: 0.8% share of Pakistan's GDP for education sector

(2e) Online learning is convenient for countries exposed to climate related disasters

Case in Point: Damage to educational infrastructure in Pakistan during 2022 and 2025 floods

(3) In some aspects, traditional classroom learning is more effective:

(3a) Some countries have limited access to internet

Case in Point: In South Sudan only 12.1% pop of the population have access to internet

(3b) ~~Text~~ Traditional Classroom Learning is essential for practical learning

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case in point: experiments in
laboratory

3c) Traditional ~~Atm~~ Classroom learning
is important for socialization

Aristotle stated that man is a
social animal

3d) Traditional classroom learning
offers direct interaction between
student and teacher

3e) In traditional classroom learning,
accountability is greater and
chances of cheating is less

4) Conclusion

Online learning and traditional
classroom learning are the
two bedrocks of learning
mode in the world. Traditional
classroom instruction is the way
of learning for decades; while,
Online learning gained popularity
with the advancement of
technology. Both these modes
of learning have their pros

and cons, and are widely used for learning. In some aspects such as during pandemics, online learning is more effective than traditional classroom learning. It was also after COVID-19 that the world realized the importance of online learning. Traditional classroom learning is more effective for practical and skills based learning. ~~Traditional~~ Online learning offers a diverse range of opportunities of theoretical knowledge but for practical knowledge such as research based knowledge in which experiments are required, traditional classroom instruction is preferable. Online ~~learning~~ learning is convenient but it cannot replace traditional classroom learning because in some aspects, traditional classroom learning is more effective than online learning.

Online learning is convenient in many ways. It offers learning opportunities without geographical restraints. One does not need to go to particular country or place for online learning. Instead, one can learn online from anywhere in the world. Cambridge Home School Online offers comprehensive curriculum to students from all over the world. Students from different continents learn from this platform. Thus, online learning has bridged the gap between people of different regions and geographical restraints do not affect it.

Furthermore, online learning is also flexible. It does not has fixed schedule and is more convenient.

People with work, jobs, and families can manage to learn online from different platforms. Recorded lectures are also one way for people to learn at their own convenience. It is also evident that

that various learning platforms online take into account the regional timings of the learners and manages classes accordingly. Online learning is free from time constraints.

Moreover, online learning is the most convenient form of learning during pandemics. The popularity of online learning increased after COVID-19 when lockdown resulted in closure of educational institutions all over the world. It was during this time that countries shifted to online mode of learning. China initiated the policy 'Suspending the class without stopping learning' in which universities were closed keeping in view the COVID-19 situation but online mode of learning was adopted. Online learning is an effective tool of learning during pandemics.

In addition to this, online learning is suitable for countries

with economic instability. Such countries have limited budget for education sector and traditional learning requires buildings and transport facilities. In such cases, online learning is more convenient as it will save the expenditures of ~~the~~ infrastructure and transport for learning. Pakistan only allocates 0.8% of its GDP to education and with this limited budget building infrastructure and spending on traditional mode of learning is quite different. In such circumstances, online learning is more convenient.

In addition to these, online learning is also preferable for regions and countries which are highly exposed to climate related disasters. During floods, droughts, and earthquakes education sector suffers at large. The damage to infrastructure due to climate related disasters results in long term disruption in traditional classroom learning. For

example, during floods in Pakistan in 2022, 13000 schools were damaged in Sindh only while during 2025 floods, 414 schools in ~~Khyber~~ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are reported to be damaged. In these situations, online learning is more convenient and effective than traditional classroom instructions.

Some of the reasons for online learning being more convenient than traditional classroom learning have been discussed. As online learning cannot replace the traditional classroom learning, so some of the areas where traditional classroom learning is more effective will be discussed now.

Digital divide exists across the globe and even after all the technological advancements, some countries have limited percentage of population having the excess of internet. The facility of internet

is essential for online learning. Now in such circumstances, traditional classroom learning is more effective as it does not require facility of the internet. In South Sudan, only 12.1% population have access to internet. So, with limited internet access, the majority of the population cannot enjoy the fruits of online learning. In such circumstances, traditional classroom learning is preferable.

Moreover, practical learning and skills require traditional classroom instructions. It is equally essential for both formal and informal mode of education. One cannot learn driving online. In the same way, many fields of learning such as medical, physics, etc require practical work in laboratories. In such cases, online learning cannot fill the gap and traditional classroom instructions and learning are preferred.

Along with this, traditional classroom instruction play an important role in socialization of a person. Through classroom and school, a child gets first exposure of society. A person learns about societal values, norms, and interacts with people. As Aristotle said that Man is a social animal, so, traditional classroom learning plays in socialization of a person. Without traditional classroom learning, one cannot get the exposure of society. Through online learning, people can get knowledge, but they do not get the opportunity to interact with the people.

Moreover, traditional classroom learning offers direct interaction between learner and instruction. Face to face interaction also helps in building communication skills. Students can easily

ask the instructor about any confusion and they get a quick feedback in the class.

The instructor also has an idea of who is learning and who is not getting the topic discussed in traditional classroom instruction. Traditional classroom learning is essential for interactive learning.

Last but not the least, the examination system in traditional classroom learning has greater accountability. It diminishes the risk of cheating and other unfair means of solving tests.

The instructor directly supervises the ~~teacher~~ students. In online learning, mostly students use Artificial Intelligence tools to solve their exams or tests.

Traditional classroom learning ensures greater integrity in case of examination.

To sum up, in some aspects traditional classroom learning is preferable over online learning while online learning also has its own benefits and is convenient in many situations. All around the world, both these modes are used for learning. One mode may be preferable for one country or region while others may prioritize the other mode. The future will be bright when both modes of learning i.e. online and traditional classroom learning go hands in hands with each other. If both modes of learning are given equal importance then countries can achieve progress in the domain of learning. One mode of learning cannot fill all the purposes alone. Thus, both modes of learning will mutually contribute towards building an accessible mode of learning for the globe.