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ONLINE LEARNING IS NOT ONLY
CONVENIENT BUT OFTEN MORE EFFECTIVE
THAN TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM

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I Introduction

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II WHY ONLINE LEARNING IS CONVENIENT?

1) Accessibility

- a) students of all backgrounds and far-flung areas have access to the same education.

2) Affordable

- a) provision of a cheaper alternative without compromising quality of education.

3) Reducing strain on infrastructure

- a) takes away the pressure to maintain a costly infrastructure ultimately reducing costs.

4) Inclusivity

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- a) Online learning ensures that even differently - abled persons access the same type of quality education and reduction of stigma.
- 5) Digital learning environment births creativity and innovation.
 - a) Since the medium of learning is digital lectures can be delivered in a lot of engaging ways.
- 6) Combats Class difference
 - a) ensures same opportunities for people across all socio-economic background.
- 7) Development of economy
 - a) ensures a literate and skilled workforce contributing towards the GDP.

III IS TRADITIONAL LEARNING IS MORE EFFECTIVE? (Counter argument)

- a) sustains disciplined learning that online learning lacks.

IV CONCLUSION

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THE ESSAY

During the second world war, Germany was bombing british territories and had threatened to annihilate the entirety of Britain. When someone asked the then prime minister of Britain, Sir Winston Churchill, whether Britain would be able to sustain such an attack and make itself into a great nation again. To this he inquired whether the Oxford and Cambridge institutes are still functional. Upon hearing an affirmation, he replied that as long as these institutions still stand tall, nothing can come in the way of Britain remaking itself into a great nation again. Such is the importance of education for a nation. The more literate the people are, the more chances there are of a country becoming prosperous. In the modern world, there are various ways to acquire education rather than just inside a traditional classroom. Online learning is one such innovation of the 21st century. It is more convenient and effective because it is affordable, accessible lessens the strain on infrastructure, promotes inclusivity, fosters creativity and reduces

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class difference. All of this leads to the making of a developed economy. A well performing economy coupled with an educated populations makes what are known as great nations.

First of all what makes online learning an effective tool is its accessibility. Traditional classrooms and school system are only available to a select few. There But when classrooms are online, it serves a greater number of people. Online learning provides the option of studying from the comfort of ones own home. A lot of pupils are unable to go to schools because of the sole reason that they cannot travel far enough or that its economically unfeasible for them. Online learning addresses this problem by providing a medium that is accessible to all.

Regardless of how far one lives, it brings the classroom straight to one's home. For instance during covid-19, when students were all sent to their respective homes for an indefinite time, classes were conducted through online lectures. This ensured that students suffered no loss and were able to continue learning regardless of the vague and confusing surrounding

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them. Thus, online learning makes not incredibly convenient but also effective as it prevents any losses.

Furthermore, online learning is convenient because it is affordable. In traditional learning setups where students require other miscellaneous stuff to study such as uniforms, lunch money etc. This makes the whole ordeal a lot more expensive and hence discourages people from sending their kids to school. Online learning in comparison is a way cheaper alternative. In some instances, students are even provided online files of their books, which saves even costs related to buying books for course material. This means that students or their parents do not have to incur a single extra cost just to be able to study. It also encourages people from lower socio-economic backgrounds to admit their children in online schools as the costs are relatively cheaper. During Covid-19, the percentage of children attending school went up as more and more people found it the online learning system within their budget and needs. Around 25 million children in Pakistan are out of school according

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to a UN report. The brief reprieve in this number came as a result of online learning offered during Covid-19 times. Therefore, proving that online learning is a more effective tool.

Online learning is also convenient because it lessens the strain on infrastructure. Traditional learning requires proper buildings which can house all the students, are better maintained, have all the state of the art features, and meet the safety standards. Maintaining such an institution is a costly avenue and the students ultimately have to bear the brunt of these costs. Online learning takes away this pressure and only aims to deliver quality education. This means schools are not worried about recovering infrastructure related jobs and can only focus on their main job. Moreover, this initiative also frees up this infrastructure to meet the demands of growing population. A case in point is Norway, which announced that all elementary and secondary schooling will be conducted online and that the existing school buildings will be donated to act as a shelter for the

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homeless. This step not only ^{attempts to} solves the housing crisis but also ensures students are getting the best quality education at their own ease.

Moreover online learning fosters inclusivity and equality. Traditional classrooms separate able kids from differently abled ones. There are separate schools for both and that means kids do not get the opportunity to interact with those different from themselves. This perpetuates stigmas that often surround those who are different like differently - abled persons. Online learning fills the lacunae that is lacking in traditional schooling system. It holds all pupil at all equal footing. Students, whether fully or differently abled, are put in the same category and have the opportunity to interact with each other. This develops a sense of empathy and understanding for those whose circumstances are different than us. But more than that, it puts all students on the same pedestal and ensures all are at the receiving end of the same type of education. This also helps to vanquish any alienating feelings that any student might foster due to being

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treated differently. The leading sociologist Emile Durkheim categorised that better the people are integrated into society, the more well functioned that society is supposed to be. In conclusion, online learning fosters inclusivity and is thereby more effective than traditional learning.

A digital learning environment also fosters creativity and innovation among students. Traditional classrooms are often limited in their scope. Lectures are often delivered referring to books and other physical material. While multi-media projectors are option, they are not common and are a bit on the expensive to set up. Online learning is much more flexible and has a myriad of options that make learning more engaging. For instance, students can watch a line video explaining the phenomena that they just learned about. For elementary kids, the teachers are able to access the software that turns their background into funny or colorful settings, this makes sure the kids are more engrossed in what the teacher is saying. This makes online learning the more preferred setting as students are more likely to

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focus on the teachers words. Learning in a creative environment makes sure that the students ~~are~~ develop skills to think outside the box. Online learning is, therefore the more effective method to engage kids.

Additionally, Online learning effectively tackles the class divide among society. In traditional classroom, students are required to dress neatly and pristinely, wear good quality shoes, and have the latest school stationery. Those who are less privileged often lack to keep up with one of the aforementioned trends. This creates a clear divide among students and even negatively impacts the mental health of those who are less fortunate. Children develop complexes and feel they are not good enough. Moreover, the type of school and the building also becomes a bragging point. Children who go to a public school, which are likely to have an outdated and depleted infrastructure, feel that they are inferior to those who go to pristine private schools. In an online classroom, all students are equal. As it's a cheaper and affordable option, there are students from

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all sorts of socio-economic backgrounds. These students are not judged by their attire or type of stationery, but only through their knowledge and skill. This puts all the kids on equal footing. Furthermore, it gives especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds to compete equally with their counterparts. For instance in Norway, all children go to a government funded school. There are no private institutions and all children, whether rich or poor, study in the same classrooms. Due to this, Norway has consistently ranked among one the countries with the least forms of class division. This shows that with online learning class divide can be dealt with thoroughly and equality can be fostered.

Last but not least, online learning ensures there are more opportunities towards a steady and growing economy. Online learning is more affordable and accessible to large portions of society compared to traditional learning. As it can be undertaken at home and is significantly less expensive, the numbers of students opting for

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online learning is growing steadily. This steady rise showcases more and more people that are interested in acquiring formal qualifications. This number translates into a growing number of skilled and literate workforce. This type of workforce can readily contribute to the development of its country. Steady growth guarantees a steady gross domestic product which would positively impact other sectors of society as well. An educated and skilled workforce can also be exported abroad further fortifying the home country's soft power. A case in point is India, they revolutionized their education system to export their talent worldwide. Today, silicon valley and all such hubs of talent have Indian people working at top positions.

A lot of these people came from humble beginnings. This shows that how education can drastically help improve the social status of people from all sorts of backgrounds.

However, critics argue that online learning lacks the discipline that traditional learning has and is therefore less effective. Traditional learning

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is done within a controlled environment. Classrooms are specifically designed to mimic an environment where students are free from any other distraction and are able to focus. The online learning environment is largely lacking in that. Students are free to doze around and not focus on what the teacher is imparting to them, therefore making online learning much less effective. Nevertheless, as stated previously, the same environment void of any distractions can as easily be mimicked at home. For instance, post Covid-19, a lot of corporations preferred work from home settings as the quality of work was the same but it only inconvenienced employers and employees alike. Therefore, the argument that online learning is less effective than traditional learning.

In conclusion, there are many factors which make online learning not only more convenient but more effective. Data and real life practices have shown that online learning has a larger scope and thereby benefits a bigger section of society. When education and knowledge is accessible to a larger portion of society it

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ultimately benefits society as a whole. It promotes inclusivity and reduces class divisions and therefore makes for a society free of social evils and issues. It also leads to developed and powerful nations. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."