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Online Education has given more opportunities than challenges.

Online education is an emerging source of getting education. This mode of education was opted during Covid-19. But after Covid-19 ended, it has is still continued and has become an integral part of the education system. Everything has some opportunities and challenges. Similarly, online education also possesses opportunities or benefits along with some challenges.

There are numerous challenges of online education, one of them is mounting culture of cheating. Because when examinations are conducted online, students get free hand as they easily copy the relevant content from google or any other information gathering websites. They find it easy to copy and paste relevant answers instead of using their own minds, so they prefer short-cuts. As during online education, it has widely observed that mediocre students have shown good results by scoring

high marks than intelligent and diligent students. So, online education has paved a way for cheating. Another challenge of online education includes that it is not suitable mode of education for applied students./subjects. As in applied subjects like chemistry, biology etc students have to do practical performance for better understanding but in online education they are deprived of this opportunity. They just learn bookish knowledge but they are unable to do practice of what they have learn. It makes them less competitive, in-efficient and unskilled as compared to those who have done practical performances in conventional mode of education. It has been observed that online students are less-skilled than conventional students. Therefore, online education has become a menace for the students of practical fields.

Mental and physical health is the most important challenge of online education. Due to emission of harmful rays and constant staring at screens have adverse repercussions on students mental health while due to persistent sitting for 3 to 4 hours, posture of students also get affected and students suffer from physical and mental health deterioration which affect their efficiency and productive capacity during lecture. More cases of mental health disorders have been reported in covid 19 pandemic particularly in students worldwide as compared to pre-covid time. Hence, online education is a menace to health.

Poor internet connectivity is one of the issues important challenges of online education. Sometimes, class get disconnected during lecture due to poor internet connections particularly in far-flung areas and a result,

students miss the lectures. Strong internet connection is pre-requisite for online education but due to frequent internet dis-connections, some students are unable to compete with other class fellows. Students who lived in hilly areas faced internet issues more than students living in plain areas world-wide. Hence, internet connection affect education system adversely.

On the contrary, online education has sprout out alot of opportunities in education system. One of the most important opportunity of online education system is that it has replaced the outdated and convential methods of teaching. Because through online system, teachers teach the students through presentations, documentaries which clear the ambiguities of students regarding topics. It develops the interest of students and

makes them^{to} understand the topic thoroughly. Through visualizations of pertinent topics, it also enhances students memory retaining power. As if students are learning circulatory system of human body, then teacher show them documentary or video on this which makes them clear. So, online education has brought the innovation in conventional system of education.

Another important benefit of online education includes that it has given opportunity to students to ask questions freely. As in conventional system, students feel fear and reluctance in asking questions from teachers because of the fear of insult or fun making by others, so they do not ask questions. But in online system, students easily ask questions from teachers for clearing their concepts. Because they think that as they are not physically present, so no body could make their fun or insult while asking any sort of question. So, online mode of education develops courage among students regarding asking questions.

An Online education system has also played a vital role in the time saving of students and teachers. As they do not need to spend their 8-9 hours in institutions. Through online system they easily teach and learn while sitting in their homes. In less than 8-9 hours, which enables and help students in effectively utilizing their remaining / saved time in studies. It has been observed that online learning students can spend their maximum time on studies as compared to conventional system students. So, online education has proved an effective tool in time saving.

Student comfort is also an important opportunity of online education system. Online education provides comforts to students as they do not have to get ready early in the morning to go to schools. Students sit in their comfort place to take online classes

and they even easily get lecture if they miss any class. This system has eased the life of students.

There are multiple opportunities of online education, chief among which is cost effectiveness. Online education has minimized the cost of education by cutting expenditures of conventional system such as transport cost, extra-curricular activities, hostel charges etc. This system has provided vast opportunities of acquiring education to those students who were unable to afford heavy educational expenses due to their financial difficulties.

This system has high potential to provide uniform educational facilities to students of weak financial background at lowest possible cost. Government of Pakistan launched E-school channel during covid 19 pandemic, is the best precedent of cost effective education. Hence online education is cost effective.

Another advantage of online education is that it has wide geographical accessibility. The reason behind is that students living in different cities, different countries and even different continents have free access to online education. Then formal education system where only few students are able to acquire education. This system has made the world integrated, students living in far-flung areas has now opportunities to get education from prestigious institutions.

Hence, it can be concluded that online education system has more opportunities and benefits as compared to its challenges. It is a major breakthrough in education history. Although its a mixture of pros and cons but with concerted efforts, ^{through} pragmatic and coherent approaches its challenges can be mitigated.

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can be polished and expand
on wider scale through
outreach ~~strat~~ strategies in future.