

## ENGLISH ESSAY

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### ONLINE EDUCATION HAS GIVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN CHALLENGES

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← Online education system has not only proved its worth in terms of its efficiency and faster approach but being an effective tool in delivering concepts to new minds in better possible ways particularly several different ways including animations, graphics, texts, visuals

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and things alike. Online education system is a hybrid form of traditional educational institutes where people tend to learn and educate others at a distance that is virtually the mechanism of e-learning has evolved over time and developments have been made with the advancement in technology and needs of masses. The opportunities include the advantages and productivity of this e-system where things have been made possible by virtual reality and artificial intelligence assistance. Through technology, the already renowned global village is now much more compact due to the faster and easy accessibility of the online system. Masses tend to incorporate the usage of this advancement in their everyday lives in order to catch up with the world's pace. However, side by side with the pros of e-learning system, cons also take their part in dealing with different circumstances. Where the world has been shaken even more with the fastest approach of online education system, the rise in false and unproved knowledge / layman knowledge has also been observed majorly. But the good news is, the opportunities being in bulk are able to suppress the challenges in one way or the other.

In today's world, online education system is not restricted to google scholar, several education based website only. It's a fullfledge system consisting on virtual class rooms, examination centers and an environment where students learn efficiently. Several different applications have been designed in this manner to help out the masses in making it effective. A research shows that there is a high rate of retention with online learning than old school method (Terrill Christians, reasons why online learning is effective, 2022). Hence, the online systems are catering in their best possible ways to contribute to the society.

With the passage of time, we have seen a drastic increase in online portals with better facilities for the users. Including zoom, Google meet, Microsoft classrooms and many others, skype and whatsapp are beneficial in this aspect too. With the weak connection they play their part in delivering the content faster. Over more than 25 trustworthy, user friendly and efficient applications are working in order to cater online education system (digitalclassworld.com, Education world, 2022). Therefore, with the increase in apps, the rise in online education system is also been witnessed.

World has encountered many pandemics before but the covid-19 has shown the other side of the future. On one hand, the world totally became static and on the other hand, people made it possible to switch toward online system in order to survive. Before covid 19, there was already a high growth of technology adoption where pandemic made it more evident (World Economic Forum, 2020). So, pandemic has worked in making the world more digitalized by its remarkable shift towards online system.

E-learning system ~~or~~ has been adopted wholeheartedly. Its convenience, faster approach and easy access has been its power since day one. It is evident that one has to move forward with the advancement in the surroundings including technology. E-learning systems are considered to be a better choice where masses are more interested in utilizing their time efficiently (Vasile Rusnac, Online higher education, 2023). Hence, e-learning ~~has~~ due to its higher adoption rate has ~~been~~ proved to be beneficial in multiple ways including its faster approach.

Online Education system has also contributed a lot towards one of the most serious issues we are facing i.e. Unemployment. It ~~has~~ is indeed a launching platform for so many in order to work out <sup>the</sup> best of their abilities to meet the basic needs. The more the e-classroom platforms are, the greater will be the hiring/employment chances. (researchgate, 2020). Thus, e-learning mechanism is indeed an e-employment platform as well.

This gives the idea that e-learning system has brought about a brighter and wider perspective of freelancing. From being online tutors to being online supervisors, mentors and guide, this system has not only benefitted the masses in terms of providing jobs but the students are now being accommodated in a better possible way. Several websites including FIVERR and UPWORK are providing their way for building better profiles and scoring jobs. Therefore, it's not just a single sided approach, but masses are being benefitted in one way or the other.

There comes another major dimension of e-learning system i.e. budget friendliness. The physical setup are requiring proper uniforms, books in hand, and other basic requirements like transportation fee which altogether is heavier for masses. Online system ~~are~~ is just a click away whether you're doing your

house chores or managing it while driving. The concept on e-books, e-exams have further elaborated the budget friendly approach of e-learning (Finance Monthly, 2022). Therefore, masses are adopting it at a rapid pace.

In a book "Empowered at a distance", the writer expressed his vision on shifting and adopting hybrid and remote learning system. This can be attained only when a person is ready to bring a change as per the need of time. The sudden decline in the pace of the world due to pandemic have effected masses around the globe badly but only those who wanted to get back to normal compensated their loss by focusing more on the new normal. Though changes are brought for better outcomes and to compete in this modern world efficiently.

E-learning has provided better communication channels where the advancement in media has also observed to make it more friendly. The inclusion of video chats, feedback mechanisms and virtual formal meetings has made the world that was already a global village a much more rapid phenomena. The delivering and receiving of data while making the best out of it is essential. Hence, e-learning mechanism is not only a budget friendly system but has shrunk the world even more.

The concept of digitalization was the need of time. This was only accelerated during pandemic when one has to survive amid the crisis. E-learning through digital world has contributed towards quality education because anyone ~~from~~ around the globe having internet access can have hands on anything worthy Coreilly. Therefore, online systems ~~were~~ online ~~teaching~~ education system has been designed are proving their worth during this modern era.

The future of online-learning system too has 2 different sides where the opportunities suppress the challenges that are lesser and manageable in number. Empowering souls that too at a distance ain't easy and when it comes to ~~different~~ feeding different minds from different backgrounds is itself a task. But here, the major emphasis is to be drawn on the abilities of a teacher doing his job online. Controlling abilities of an individual can be beneficial in this regard.

The challenges are nevertheless less as compared to the opportunities, at the same time they cannot be ignored. The faster the digital concept is, the greater the difficulties will be. E-portals have always been a matter of issue

when it comes to the concept of viruses. The attack can be destructive as it may be damaging to the overall system. Therefore, one has to be prepared in order to deal with such circumstances.

The lack of infrastructural facilities including systems, laptops, sufficient amount of softwares, constant electricity, faster internet is itself a debate. These are readily available in public libraries and forums in developed countries but when it comes to developing nations like Pakistan, we lag majorly behind (Nilesh, challenges of online Education, 2023). This implies that one has to be self equipped in order to meet the demands of digitalization and most importantly digital class rooms.

In a book "Overcoming challenges in online learning" the writer Areej examines the distinct aspects of the pandemic covid-19, where the one that was drastically adopted is online portals. According to her it's not only challenging for the students but for the teachers along with coordinators and administrative staff where management becomes a task in times of challenging situations. One has to prepared beforehand in order to deal with challenges like poor connectivity, lack of resources, and many more alike. Hence, challenges too can be

dealt when figured out on time.

Among with infrastructural and other challenges caused by the online education system, one of the majorly encountered is poor learning environment at homes which drains the efficacy of e-learning to zero or nearby zero. It is obvious that one has to have a friendly environment in order to work efficiently and for better productive outcomes (Fasida Sleem, factors affecting the quality of online learning, 2022). Thus, the effectiveness of online convenient learning mechanism can be reduced amid the poor environment at home making no to little progression in the subject matter.

This eventually brings about the factor of stress in students as well as the team of administration, faculty and others involved in the process of online education system. The stressed mind further complicate the situation causing other health related issues like insomnia, anger, low self esteem and lack of confidence. National Institute of health generated a report on the similar cause in 2021, where it was made evident that the online learning/education system is making it easier for the masses to adapt to the new environment at one-hand but at the same time causing serious health issues due to frustration in which depression and stress are leading on the other hand. Therefore, it is indeed

the need of new normal to counter frustration and aroused level of stress for better productivity.

likewise, the increased screen time and lack of physical activities is another debate when it comes to the challenges faced by online learning system. Increased screentime is not only due to the e-learning but besides it other social networking sites consumes the time of individuals. Resultantly, the physical activities and interactions have been dropped. This not only effects the mind and brain but the whole body where steadiness effects the energy and fails to boost up minds and moods (NIH, 2021). Therefore, increase in the usage of screen is directly propositional to the lack of physical exersion.

To sumup the overall discussion regarding the major pro's and minor con's of the online education system, it should be made clear in every possible way that like two ~~sides~~ different sides of a coin, everything in the world has two different aspects as well. Its just the usage talking/handling ability and most importantly minds that create difference and create cons out of pros. The concept of digital learning institutes is not a harmful one, it was indeed the need of time when the world became static as a whole. With every ease, there comes a slight difficulty that can be managed considering the influential and beneficial outcomes. The opportunities of online education system as a whole.

are undeniable. From being easily accessible to budget friendly, convenient and more influential/emphasizing, the online education portals have made their way in proving to be a positive contributor towards this developing world. Moreover, its weaker aspects are minor in numbers that are easily suppressed under the umbrella of its positive, productive and opportunities based nature. On one hand, it has saved the time in such a manner that learning can ~~be~~ happen at a distance i.e. its portable nature. One does not have to move to or from in order to attain knowledge and on the other hand it has made the masses immobile where they are now relying more on technology than on hardwork. Hence, to summarize, according to Stanley, "With great power comes great responsibilities" - it should be kept in mind that e-portals are a huge power with which huge responsibility comes ~~to it~~ with respect to its usage, efficient handling and effective approach.