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English Essay
Mock Exam

TOPIC:- ONLINE EDUCATION HAS GIVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN CHALLENGES.

Outline:-

1. Introduction

Thesis statement:- In this era of digitalisation, online education is the need of the hour. It has provided users with various opportunities to polish their skills in desired courses. However, there are few challenges like lack of interaction and communication that decreases its eminence.

2. How online education is providing more opportunities than challenges.

3. Opportunities of online education overshadowing its challenges.

a) Has provided opportunities for working persons to get enrolled in their desired courses.

b) more feasible than on campus study as it saves time.

- c) People of Far-flung areas can easily be a part of any course
- d) It's the gateway for many individuals to learn.
- e) Giving opportunity for the digital development of the country
- f) Does not pay heed to age limit; equally available for all.
- g) No constraints of time and location, providing easy access.

4. challenges in the realm of online education

- a) Provides limited interaction with teacher and classmates.
- b) Lacks immediate feedback and evaluation.
- c) Need motivation and consistency to get the desired outcomes.
- d) Individual struggle, no team work
- e) Requires self-management and self-disciplined learners.

5. How to overcome the challenges in online education.

- a) By increasing digital literacy

- b) Students need to design a schedule and stick to it.
- c) Create opportunities for interaction and communication through virtual learning.
- d) By decreasing technical issues and designing user friendly applications for online education.

6- Conclusion

Essay:-

"online education is like a rising tide, its going to lift all boats." online education is the necessity of today's world where there is an increasing influence of digitalization in every sphere of life. It is an determined feature to shape the future of any country. Its significance can be estimated from the above mentioned quote that it is such a tide that is going to lift all the boats. This tide itself will rise and will make all the others associated with it to rise. online education providing various opportunities that are overshadowing its challenges. It provides working person to easily get access to any desired course, people from far flunged areas can also get themselves enrolled in online courses. Due to being more feasible in terms of time and accessibility it is more eminent now a days. online education also providing

opportunities of earning and giving chance for the digital development of the country. But to get its full benefits there are few challenges in the pathway of online education like:- lack of interaction and communication, no team work along with this a person with motivation, who have self-management skills and is disciplined can get maximum benefits but the one who lacks these attributes faces difficulties in getting the desired outcome which is the biggest challenge of online education. However, sound policies of digital literacy, user friendly applications, virtual learning and a scheduled routine might be helpful to get its maximum benefits. In this era of digitalisation, online education is the need of the hour. It has provided users with various opportunities to polish their skills in desired courses. However, there are few challenges like lack of communication & interaction that decreases its eminence.

online education is a flexible instructional delivery system that encompasses any kind of learning - that takes place via the internet. online education in Pakistan flourished ~~from~~^{after} - the spread of COVID-19, when most of the institutions were closed. To continue education without interruption universities and schools started teaching students online via zoom class. Students were given lectures and ^{were} assisted through e-learning via LMS. As it was the start of the system, many were not aware of the use of application and rural students were having difficulty to in keep continuing their classes due to unavailability of internet as only 15% of youth in Pakistan has access to internet-connection.

The first most important opportunity provided by online education is for employed persons where they can avail this opportunity by enrolling themselves in the

desired courses. There are various online applications providing free online courses for language, marketing etc. and paid courses as well which guides individuals and helps them in polishing their skills and getting registered online courses. Many employed students are also taking online class for various competitive examinations as it is easy for them to continue their education along with job.

Another opportunity of online education is that it is much more feasible than the on-campus study, as it saves time and is also affordable as compared to on campus education. It has been estimated that online education costs 15% to 20% less than that of on campus education and it saves 60% more time of the students. as it needs time for going to institution and coming back and meet up at institution with friends. tends to waste time. whereas in

online education one saves easily his time as neither the one has to wait for teacher nor in irrelevant discussions.

The next opportunity provided by online education is for people of far-flung areas. As it is difficult for them to get higher education. Most of them have to skip their studies after intermediate because they don't have university or any academy in their vicinity to get further education and getting any skills. The ratio of dropped out student who never continued their education after SSC or HSC in Sindh stood at 24.4%. This online education is golden opportunity for those such students, who because of having poor infrastructure and lack of amenities can continue their education or can get enrolled in any course which after completion can be a source of their earning.

Adding more to the opportuni-

-ties of online education it is the most suitable opportunity for those who want to earn from their homes. There are many platforms providing online enrolment of tuitions, where, after enrolling one can easily get tuitions of desired subject and can easily make its both ends meet. Many of the parents now a days are also emphasizing on getting online tuitions for their children as for them it saves times and more feasible in the sense they can monitor the performance of their children by keeping check upon them. So, this online education is becoming a good source of earning for individuals as well.

Furthermore, it is giving the opportunity of digital development of the country. In this era of digitalization, where every country is in race to get dominance over the other, online education may pave the road for the country to be digitalised. From

the period of COVID-19 till now, percentage of students using digital technology for learning is 50 percent (Cent COID, three lessons from a new phone survey in Pakistan, 2020). Since after covid-19, projection in online business and education can be evident in Pakistan. It is further more moving towards digitalisation which would surely be a milestone in the development of a country.

No age restriction and equally available for all is the another opportunity for online education.

It is suitable for the person of any age group or person with disabilities can equally avail its benefits. Online learning can be a lifeline to those who have obstacles, such as age factor, geographical distances or physical disabilities. (Paul Levinson)

Most of the people with 30 plus age feel hesitation in joining academies for various courses

like: language course, AutoCAD, poster design courses and many other. For such ^{people} and disabled person online opportunity is - their life changing factor from where they can help themselves in getting skills.

Moreover, online education is proved to be an opportunity because it has no constraints of time and location. Participants from any corner of the world and on any time can have access to the classes and lectures. Few classes where teacher delivers, needs to manage time for students but most of them are provided with recordings as well. But most of the courses have uploaded video of the lectures according to the schedules. All that one has to do is to watch the video and extract the information in the time suitable for him. Like digiskills and Udemy have various courses and upload videos accordingly. Now its up to the candidate, when they avail

themselves of the opportunity.

Along with these opportunities, there are few challenges associated with the online education system. Most notable one is the limited interaction with teacher and classmates. As there is no face to face interaction it affects the communication b/w the teacher and the students and creates ambiguities. Most of the answers and confusion can easily be addressed through face to face interaction. This creates tensions, stress and feeling of knowing less and lacking information in the students. They feel insecure due to which most of the time they consult other teacher to whom they can discuss the issues, that they were unable to discuss in online classes.

Similarly, lack of immediate feedback is another challenge in online education. The students enrolled in online programs, have to wait for the feedback

of the teacher or checker. Same is the case in evaluation and assessments. Students have to wait long to get result of their questions and test and get feedback, still few of the questions remained unanswered. This is due to the communication gap between student and the teacher. There are very simple issues which becomes stones in the path of student's success just because they did not get proper guidance and their issues were not addressed properly.

Besides that, another challenge in the online education is motivation and consistency of the students. There is no check on the students in online education. All they can be examined is through assessment or test that too is online and needs much time for the feedback. Due to having no fear of teacher's anger or insult in the class, students do not pay attention to their studies. They take these classes for

for granted and ignore to put extra effort or to revise the lesson they learnt in the class due to which they lag behind other students. Therefore, to remain motivated and consistent in achieving goals through online learning is one of the major challenge of online education.

Adding more to the challenges, individual work is another hurdle in online education. As there are no physical engagements of the students in online education and due to unfamiliarity of the students they have to perform individual effort. It is said that if you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together. A person working individual may get fast results but they would not be as long lasting as the results that would be of the teamwork. unfamiliarity factor leads to hesitation and many don't like to share their

personal mobile number with every one which creates a barrier in group work

Likewise, next challenge in online education is it requires self-management and self-disciplined learners. Due to lack of monitoring students loss sense of responsibility. They show non-serious attitude in learning, repeating lectures, sticking to the time table. every minute is very important- "your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow. This mis-management of time makes it difficult for students to handle things and pressurize them. As a result, student get de-motivated, finds it hard to cover the syllabus / course which ultimately lead to failure and hard luck.

In order to overcome these challenges in online education, there are few remedies to overcome the challenges in online education. Firstly, it can be addressed by

increasing digital literacy in the country. For this purpose proper workshops and seminars needs to be help to make masses aware of the use of technology. New and user friendly application should be designed and first of all education about digital education should be given to the staff to make them well aware about the use of applications and then this staff should be hired to propagati the digital education which would ultimately leads to increase digital literacy.

Secondly, students should design the time table as time management can be cited as a major hurdle in online education. Students should know about his priorities and have a plan to execute. "A stupid with a plan can beat a genius without a plan" Therefore, dividing your time according to the prioritization of your activities, creating

a detailed plan and sticking to it may solve many of the issues of the student as time management is the key to success. Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of commitment to excellence, planning and efficient use of time.

Thirdly, the issue can be resolved by creating opportunities for interaction and communication through a virtual learning. Communication is the backbone of learning. Applications must be designed in such a way that they provide maximum advantage to the students, which are easy for the students and allow students to be in touch with the teacher through his portal upon having any queries. Such user friendly websites can narrow down the gap between students and teachers and they can easily get their questions answered through the portal.

Fourthly, challenges in online education can be overcome by

minimising technical issues in the applications. Most of the time application took much time to respond due to browsing issue and also because of poor internet connections. Keeping in view all such challenges should be addressed and occurrence of technical issues in the Online Learning should be controlled. Technical support should be available for student 24/7 in case they are unable to access the portal or any issue in browsing the website. Keeping eye on these challenges and their remedies is very important to make online system a great experience.

To conclude, it can be said that, online education is the need of the hour and it is one of that rising tide in the ocean of digitalization that will lift all the boats. Online education has given more opportunities to the masses, than challenges. Online education has paved

the way for working persons to continue their studies or to get enrolled in the desired courses. Along with this people of far-flung areas who have no access to educational institutes, - those who are disabled and those who have crossed their age for any particular course can also be benefitted from the opportunities of online education. It saves time and ~~and~~ have no constraints for time and location. Besides these opportunities, there are few challenges in the way to online education which are lack of communication, interaction, limited feedback and evaluation. However, hurdles in online education can be addressed by increasing digital literacy, creating and implementing on the schedule, creating opportunities for communication through virtual learning and by designing user friendly applications. As we can see that, "online learning is not the next big thing. It is now the big thing."