

## "Strengths & weakness of education through open university" Brainstorming

### Strengths:-

- 1) Convenient
- 2) New ways of teaching.
- 3) Feedbacks by students
- 4) Internet facilities
- 5) Well trained staff
- 6) Proper system for online mode of learning
- 7) easy communication
- 8) fast connection
- 9) No hindrance
- 10) soft form notes & books availability
- 11) Digital.

### Weakness:-

- 1) Individual learning is hindered.
- 2) Socially <sup>attention</sup> activeness is ~~lacks~~
- 3) Students' Point of view <sup>to reduced</sup> doesn't ~~doesn't~~ gets notified or responded.
- 4) Student Teacher interaction
- 5) is not valuable
- 6) Ignorance by teachers

## Introduction:-

Tools:-

### Background:-

The strengths are convenience, digital means, skilled teachers, well management system and time saving. The weaknesses are hindrance of individual attention, student-teacher interaction, availability, evaluation, non-effective feedback and

### Main body:-

#### Strengths of Open education

- 1) Convenient way
  - a) not travelling to distant
  - b) time saving
  - c) less expenditure
  - d) easy mode of learning
- 2) E-digitalization
  - a) internet facilities
  - b) books & notes in soft form
  - c) E-library
  - d) websites, links for sharing
- 3) Well management systems
  - a) audio, video during class
  - b) proper sound systems
  - c) slides, books in pdf
  - d) comfortable environment

### Time saving

- a) stress free
- b) time for jobs
- c) for entertainment purpose

### Weaknesses of Open University education

- 1) Individual attention is not given
  - a) no individual guidance
  - b) lack of relationship
  - c) question and answer missing
  - d) individual
- 2) Invaluable student-teacher interaction
  - a) no feedback
  - b) lack of proper communication
  - c) lack of suggestions
  - d) point of view of students gets missed
- 3) Non effective evaluation
  - a) no proper checking
  - b) unjust results
  - c) students are not given remarks
  - d) mistakes not highlighted
- 4) No feedback
  - a) no response
  - b) no queries
  - c) questions left unanswered

## "Strengths and weakness of education through Open University"

Disteducation is any of the various forms of study which is not under the continuous, immediate supervision of teacher present with their students in classrooms

The Allama Iqbal Open University is dedicated to improving the lives of students by providing quality education at an affordable price. Likewise it has strengths as well as some weaknesses

To conclude The strengths of getting education through open university are convenient way, e-digital means, well management system and time saving. Same wise the weaknesses include lack of individual attention, invaluable student-teacher interaction, non-effective evaluation and no feedback. These were the strengths and weaknesses

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First of all comes the strengths of open university education, so in the start, foremost is convenient way of this. The travelling to distant places for the means of learning are reduced, by sitting at home one can effectively learn and gets education. She can get successful in exams with good grades. Then time is saving as the individual doesn't need to travel & also can manage his tasks well. Further there is minimal expenditure as the fees is not as much high as in academies, in the same way petrol consumption, bills reduction and no expense as it is not required anymore. Then comes the ease of offline mode of learning that includes the availability of ITS to every student which has the complete setup like class timings, results, performances, test evaluations & easy contact with the teachers. Recently there is availability of laptops & mobile phones to every one which has further eased the scenario.

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Second comes the positive uses of digital more are number of uses like internet facilities etc. Internet is full of rich tools for getting your desired topics at your door step. There is almost every information available that one requires. YouTube, apps, sites, facebook all are full of rich sources that are extremely helpful in exams. Nowadays fast internet connections have reduced the students needs for obtaining knowledge. Books and notes are also available in soft forms. No need to buy expensive books or notes as they are present on the internet. Then there is also advancement in the field of e-library. It is digital library, almost all books related to academics and other fields are available just by typing one can reach the desired source. On the other hand there are enormous websites, links which have knowledgeable videos, audio & lectures for every kind of study.

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Third comes the well maintenance of online system. In this the audios and videos of teacher are available to the student. The student can see the reactions and responses & can learn easily. They can ask questions and get answered in the same way as in live talk. The management is so well that there is proper sound system, no hindrance or distortion is faced during the session. One can easily listen & take notes during the lecture. There are slides made specially for the student that have helped made the learning easy. Notes, books are given to the students through what app groups, any source of information can be conveyed through class QR. The session is so comfortable and entertaining that an effective learning is made possible due to which the positive outcome is seen in the results.

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Fourth comes the time saving approach. lot of time is saved for the students to prepare for their exams, kids as they are relaxed and stress free. There is no need to wake up early and getting ready for the transport as all is available at home. The problems of covering miles and to wait for hours for the teacher to come is no more. The simple way of getting what you want. Then there is time saved for the other tasks that one has to work for, you can manage jobs and household tasks as well family. The burden is reduced a lot. One can easily look for hobbies like reading, novel readings, magazines, television and parties etc. Over all the life is simply very easy and entertaining.

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After looking at the strengths of Open university education, let's look at the weaknesses. There are a number of shortcomings that include lack of individual attention, invaluable student-teacher interaction, non-effective evaluations and no feedback. These are the cons of education through Open university. Let's look at them one by one.

First comes the lack of individual attention. As there is no face to face interaction, the teacher can't notice and give attention to every individual. The session is not interactive as open communication cannot be carried out as in classrooms. The guidance is not given individually, as there are number of students and it is hard for the teacher to have any eye on every one and at the face of the students are not visible. It is not possible to fulfill the demands upto the requirement.

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The suggestions are not effective as one cannot figure out what is actually asked or demanded. The teacher is guiding as a whole, so most students who are not vigilant or responsive are neglected. The relationship between a teacher & student is so weak. Questioning and answering session is also not as effective as it should be. Many questions are left unanswered, so the satisfaction & clarity is missing. There is no time for the huge number of queries as time is less. The teacher has to finish it in time, so this is one of major drawbacks.

Then, on the second number comes the invisible student-teacher interaction. Although there is interaction but it is not strong as there is no feedback reached to the teacher. The teacher cannot understand the lackings, & so cannot improve accordingly. Further as there is communication lacking, the interaction is not advantageous or positive in favour of students. One cannot clearly communicate his ideas or problems. So as a result the advices or suggestion by the teacher are not as effective as there is the need. Students want different kind of problems to be solved but due to the lack of effective communication, many problems remain un-solved. Every student has his own point of view relating to the topic, but cannot present it, as it is not possible.

Then, Thirdly comes the non-effective evaluation of their education. The tests are not checked properly. The teacher misses a number of questions unchecked due to enormous number of papers. Many things are left unnoticed, so as a result the response is seen negatively. The grades are given unjustly. Many good students are disappointed due to their effort getting ruined. The irresponsible attitude of teachers affect the results of many students. Further more remarks are also not given as the teacher doesn't know the students personally so can't give remarks. The students remain neglected for a number of reasons. Through online checking, many mistakes are not marked. The problems are not highlighted. A lot of questions are remained unchecked and the papers are not considered important.

lastly comes lack of feedback by the students. The students are unable to give their remarks on the teacher's strategies & education criteria. They remain ignorant of the methods & cannot give feedback about the changes that are required and the improvements for the system. The need to realize that without feedback result can be very demotivating and the education system will drop. Furthermore the responses are not given as a result the faculty is unaware if included, the lack of management leads to further reduction in system as proper knowledge is not provided to the students, which is future growth destroyers and they fail in exams. Also because of queries not being taken into account there is no policy made that can be helpful and provide more resources to the students. This is all about the disadvantages of open university education.

By concluding, I would like to give recommendations, that will be helpful in order to overcome the weaknesses. The first thing is provision of well skilled faculty, laptops and internet facilities availability with fast connection to each and every student. Then the provision of good quality notes and books must be provided that are helpful in learning so in the case if any lecture is missed, the student can consult those notes. Along with this there is a need for management to improve the online system so it becomes further easier to cope up with the problem like individual interaction, question answer sessions and to have an effective communication. The strengths and weaknesses are those that I have discussed earlier of CEN can be overcome by taking these improvements and demands into consideration.