

The strengths and weaknesses of Education through the Open University.

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3.1 easily accessible to remote areas

3.2 Deserving students easily acquire it

3.3 Increases the literacy rate of rural areas

3.4 easily carryout with other daily routine

3.5 Time Efficient as it is less time consuming in campus activities.

4. Weaknesses of Education through the Open University

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4.4 Lacking in physical activities at
campus.

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The Essay

Education: the double edged sword of inequality and opportunity. While it has the power of to liberate and empower, it also perpetuates and leaves many behind. Let's explore the strengths and weaknesses of education through the open university. This mode of education has many strengths like it is easily accessible to the remote areas, delivering students easily across it, increases the literacy rate of rural areas, easily carry out with daily routine and it is time efficient also. Weaknesses also comes with strengths which include lack of efficiency and transparency, less recognition of degree and lacking in physical activities. However, certain measures should be taken to overcome these weaknesses.

The trend of open universities is not new. It has been practicing in the west since years. Pakistan has also replicated the model of the open university in 1989. Z.A. Bhutto inaug-urated the open university which was later named Allama Iqbal Open University. Since then the Allama Iqbal Open University is offering its courses in various disciplines.

First comes the ~~weak~~ strengths in which easily accessibility to the

remote areas is the prominent one. Pak's
has many remote areas in which the
basic necessities are insufficient. Like many
areas of South Punjab in which the
people are facing multiple issues. In
these remote areas the education through
the open university pure on basis. Students
of these remote areas easily access
to the faculty and courses offered
by the AIOU is streamlined. Furthermore
AIOU has many sub-campuses in these
remote areas like its sub-campuses in
Bahawalpur Khan provides an opportunity
to these students. Therefore, AIOU
through its sub-campuses is easily access-
ible.

Next comes the strength is that
the education through the AIOU is eco-
nomical. Its admission fee is minimum,
which can easily be paid by the deserving
students. Not only the admission fee
but also the semester fee is easily
paid. According to the University of
Ministry its semester fee is bot-
tom than any other university of
Government sector. They can get schol-
arship in such colleges which are
dearer in other public universities.
Therefore, in addition to these dues
the whole semester is devoid of any
fee which is collected in the form
of physical work and co-curricular activi-
ties. It also offers essential education

the students.

Besides accessibility and availability, the education through the open university also increases the literacy rate. The literacy rate of Pakistan is around about 60% which is not sufficient.

So, by adopting online education through the open university increases literacy rate. Current figures show that 1 million students are enrolled in the university which is a milestone. Students are taking advantage of the accessibility and availability. Furthermore, many awareness campaigns should be needed to spread awareness about its qualities and to address the propaganda. It will ensure the enrollment of many students.

Moreover, education through the Open University is easily carried out with the hectic routine. A student who remains busy in other work like jobs, daily household routine and other is suitable for him. This mode of education is easily carried out along with this routine. It not only helps the student to keep his routine but also study. By doing this he/she will prove a well trained and responsible citizen. So this mode of education imparts certain qualities along with this study. This is another strength of the education through the Open University.

In addition to the daily routine, education through the Open University is time efficient. It avoids time wasting in the useless campus activities. Students in this mode of education settles this time to more efficient activities. Students take classes and after preparing give the examination. But the education at the campus is full of useless co-curricular activities, like club meetings, gatherings, meals and many others. Therefore, by keeping in view the above facts it is concluded that the education through the Open University has many strengths.

All now we have discussed the strengths of education through the Open University. But in the which are the availability, accessibility, increase in literacy rate, time efficient and easily carried out with daily routine. In coming paragraphs we will discuss the weaknesses of education through the Open University.

First weakness is the lack of transparency in the whole system. Taking example from admission to the termination of degree there is not any audit of any activity of the University. A student are not offered any scholarship and not any financial opportunity from the university. Taking an example of the examination system. Sometimes it is

that the papers are leaked and due to the non-campus examinations students often write copy-pasted material. This action results in the lack of efficiency by the student.

Next comes the efficiency of learning which is added upon by the transparency. The curriculum taught by the AIOU is outdated and does not meet the demands of current age. There is also not an industry-academia link. Experts are not updating the curriculum. That's why student's learning is inefficient to meet the demands of the industry.