

## STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE WITH ONLINE EDUCATION ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES: AN ANALYSIS

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**Abstract:** Online learning, like most instructional modalities, offers advantages and disadvantages. Decoding and comprehending these positives and negatives can assist institutes in developing ways for more efficient course delivery, providing a continuous learning journey for students. Online learning has become an essential component of the lives of all students. Covid-19 Pandemic was caused by the unexpected breakout of a deadly virus all over the world. This condition posed a challenge to the global education system, forcing educators and students to shift to an online style of teaching and learning. Online learning is a type of education in which students learn entirely online. It is an internet-based learning method that unites students from all backgrounds and takes place online.

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**Introduction:** Online education is a type of instruction that is administered and given over the internet. Twenty years ago, it would have been unthinkable to envision receiving high-quality teaching online, but in the current digital age, it is now possible. Online learning and education are now recognized terms by boards. Online learning is the term used to describe education that is provided electronically through a variety of internet and multimedia platforms and tools. Other terminology like "web-based learning," "e-learning," "computer-assisted instruction," and "Internet-based learning" are often used interchangeably. The phrase "new normal" has become one of the most often used ones since the outbreak. The rising usage of online learning resources is the new norm in education. Today, digital learning has become an essential tool for students and teachers.

### Methodology

This Research paper prepared with help of Secondary data that has been collected or already existed. For Example data published in News paper, Books, Websites, & Magazines etc.

### Objectives

- To comprehend the significance of online education
- To be aware of its benefits
- To identify its drawbacks.

### Importance of online Education

**Encourage Interaction:** Maintaining student engagement in online learning requires interaction. Encourage students to take part in virtual class meetings, group projects, and online conversations.

**Make the material interesting:** Successful online learning requires compelling material. Make the content more engaging and intriguing by including multimedia, such as films, photos, and interactive exercises.

**Evaluate Effectiveness:** Individualized Feedback, Adaptive Learning Paths, and Customized Assessments are all ways that online learning systems can give students individualized learning experiences.

**Offer Flexibility:** The flexibility that online learning offers is one of its key advantages. Provide choices for asynchronous learning and let students study at their own speed.

**Making Accessible:** Make sure that all students, including those with disabilities, can utilize the online learning platform.

### **Advantages of online Education**

#### **1. Effectiveness**

Teachers can effectively give lessons to students through online learning. Teachers can use all of the resources available for online learning, including podcasts, PDFs, and videos, as part of their lesson preparations. Teachers can become more effective instructors by expanding the lesson plan beyond standard textbooks to include online resources.

#### **2. Availability of Space and Time**

The ability for students to attend classes from any location of their choosing is another benefit of online education. Additionally, it frees schools from the limitations imposed by geographic limits and enables them to connect with a wider network of pupils. Online lectures can also be recorded, saved, and distributed for later use. This enables students to access the instructional materials whenever it is convenient for them. Online education provides students with the convenience of time and location in learning.

#### **3. Accessibility :**

Reduced costs are another benefit of online education. Compared to traditional schooling, online education is far less expensive. This is so that there are no costs associated with student transportation, meals, or—most significantly—real estate while students learn online. All of the course or study materials are furthermore accessible online, resulting in a paperless learning environment that is more cheap and environmentally friendly.

#### **4. Increased School Attendance :**

There are lower risks of pupils missing lectures because online courses can be attended from home or any other location.

### **5. Adapts to Different Learning Styles :**

Every learner has a unique learning path and a unique learning style. Some kids learn best through visuals, while others learn best through sounds. Similar to this, some kids excel in the classroom while others study best on their own and become easily distracted by huge groups. With its variety of options and resources, the online learning system can be tailored in a variety of ways. The greatest way to design an ideal learning environment that meets the needs of each student is to use this method.

### **6. No Time or Space Restriction:**

While there is a time constraint in real classrooms, there is none for this online learning. The lecture can be accessed from any location at any time. A balance between study and family can be found in online education. Both professors and students can choose their own schedules through online learning. Schools will be able to connect with a wider network of pupils thanks to the online learning environment. The advantage of online instruction is that lectures can be recorded and shared in the future for students to view whenever it is most convenient for them.

### **7. Expanded Areas For Improvement:**

As is well known, the idea of micro-teaching introduces the possibility of instructional improvement with the aid of a teacher. All lectures given online can be recorded, and students can ask the instructor to watch them again or improvise. In order to finish their tasks on time, students can proactively contact their teachers and mentors. They can also make plans thanks to this. Additionally, if a student has missed a concept or want to review it again, they can revisit these recordings.

### **8. Cost effectiveness :**

The price of schooling has decreased because to the online learning system. Compared to traditional physical teaching, it is significantly more inexpensive and economical. Since the classes are online, there is no longer a need for transportation, food, or accommodations. There are both free and paid learning materials available online. The cost of the paid courses is moderate and easily attainable.

### **9. Enhanced Technical Competencies:**

Students will have the opportunity to sharpen their technical abilities thanks to the online learning environment. These could involve using new software, online platforms, conducting in-depth research, effectively communicating online, etc. The students' resumes will be strengthened by these abilities by adding the necessary employment skills.

### **10. Lower price:**

The best aspect of this online education is how much more economical it is than traditional education. Parents who attend lessons online are free to purchase uniforms or incur travel costs and can make further savings. This benefit of online

education allows individuals from less affluent backgrounds to achieve their goals. With digital classes, you should pay for college credits and make significant financial savings.

#### **11. Time save:**

Online classes save time because there is no need for commuting since students can learn and get degrees while lounging at home.

#### **12. Teach-Savvy :**

As you use technology to learn, you can develop your teach-savvy through digital learning. Nevertheless, this is advantageous because the majority of jobs in the current technological age call for Teach-Savvy workers.

#### **13. Easy Attendance :**

Students can submit their attendance requests while relaxing in their own homes. Thus, individuals can participate in all online classes without missing any.

#### **14. Independent:**

Unlike traditional classrooms, digital learning is frequently self-paced, allowing you to complete your work whenever it suits you. If there are no teachers, you can easily accomplish your task in your spare time.

#### **15. Less Conflict and Less Stress:**

As you can see, online learning can be less intensive and competitive than traditional classes. You must commit to memory that students are less anxious and more relaxed when there is little competition.

**16. Enhances Time Management:** A student has to develop effective time management skills. Due to the lack of teachers present to physically assist students with their work, this is made possible through digital classes, which provide students the independence they need to develop and enhance their time management skills.

**17. More Reachable:** Digital education is significantly more accessible when considering location. owing to digital education, a student can earn a degree from a specific university without having to travel if they wish to attend one from another country or region but are unable to do so owing to financial constraints or other reasons.

**18. No Peer Influence:** Online education enables students to concentrate on themselves and perform better, much like in-person education, where teachers and classmates put pressure on students to do well. Students are better able to focus and maximize their study time when competition isn't as fierce and unhealthy.

**19. Reduces Cost and Travel Time:** Many students must commute for hours to and from their colleges since they reside distant from them. Since the college is sent to you online, one can use this time for studying with online education. The cost of commuting is thousands of rupees, and online education can reduce that.

## Disadvantages of online Education

### 1. Trouble Concentrating on Screens:

One of the largest difficulties of online learning for many students is their inability to maintain their attention for extended periods of time. Additionally, there is a higher likelihood that online learning will cause pupils to get easily sidetracked by social media or other websites. To ensure that students remain attentive to the course, teachers must maintain their online lessons as concise, interesting, and interactive as possible.

### 2. Technology Problems:

Internet connectivity is another significant issue for online learning. Although the number of people using the internet has increased dramatically over the past few years, it can be difficult to get a reliable connection with adequate speed in smaller cities and towns. A child's learning may not be continuous if there isn't a reliable internet connection for them or their teachers. The educational process will be harmed by this.

### 3. A Feeling Of Isolation

Being around peers allows for a wealth of learning opportunities for students. There are fewer in-person interactions between students and lecturers in an online course. The students frequently feel alone as a result of this. It is crucial that the school permit other methods of communication between the kids, peers, and teachers in this circumstance. This can involve sending emails, online messaging, and video conferences that enable face-to-face communication and lessen the feeling of isolation.

### 4. Teacher Education

Teachers who use online learning must have a fundamental understanding of using digital learning tools. This isn't always the case, though. Teachers frequently possess a very fundamental understanding of technology. They occasionally even lack the equipment and resources needed to conduct online classes. Schools must make an investment in providing teachers with the most recent technological advancements in order for them to conduct online classes smoothly.

### 5. Limit your screen time

Many parents are worried about the health risks associated with letting their kids spend so much time staring at screens. One of the greatest concerns and drawbacks of online learning is the rise in screen time. Due to spending so much time slumped over a screen, pupils can also have poor posture and other physical issues. Giving the pupils frequent pauses from the screen to rest their minds and bodies might be a wonderful answer to this problem.

## 6. No Emphasis on Students

It has been noted that it is challenging to give each student in the class your whole attention, especially in a physical classroom. Additionally, a teacher in a virtual classroom can only keep an eye on up to six or seven students at once. Focus loss may occur on both sides since the students may use this and engage in indiscipline in the virtual classroom. Long hours spent in front of a screen may also be challenging for the students. There is a good probability that social media or other websites will divert pupils from their studies. As a result, the teachers must work hard to keep the lessons clear, interactive, and interesting.

## 7. A technological limitation

Lack of knowledge and improper use of an online platform might be another obstacle in the online style of education. Students and teachers may become confused if they are not properly trained to grasp the technical aspects of the online platform. Not all students are eligible to enroll in online courses. It is crucial that schools give instructors sufficient instruction in using an online platform and familiarize them with how it operates.

## 8. Lack of Connection

It is true that learning occurs best when kids are placed in a physical classroom with their peers. The lack of physical connection between professors and pupils in a virtual setting causes a disconnect between them. Between peers and the actual learning environment, there is a feeling of seclusion.

## 9. Health Issues

The shift to online schooling has undoubtedly led to an increase in screen time. Many parents are worried about the health problems that are developing in kids as a result of more screen use. It might be viewed as one of the main drawbacks of online learning. Students may experience concerns including poor posture, poor eyesight, and other physical problems as a result of spending a lot of time in front of screens.

## 10. Be Easily Distracted

Without sufficient attention from teachers during online classes, students may find it easy to lose concentration. Additionally, virtual lessons can be taken using a phone or laptop device, where students can effortlessly switch from their academics to games, films, or YouTube for pleasure.

## 11. Health Concerns

Since spending hours in front of a computer screen is hazardous, many parents are concerned about their children's health. Additionally, prolonged screen use

can harm someone's eyesight. Additionally, a bad sitting position may cause back issues.

### **12. Inability to interact with others**

Many students who study digitally are unable to develop socializing skills because socializing is not a part of digital learning. Additionally, it can cause pupils' cooperative skills to decline.

### **13. Seclusion**

While there are benefits to digital education, many students experience loneliness and depression as a result. This is a result of little or no interpersonal interaction and peer socialization. In virtual learning, both students and teachers are vulnerable to feeling lonely.

### **14. Limited**

Not all disciplines and subjects are covered by digital learning. Digital classrooms cannot be used to their greatest potential in fields like engineering, medical science, and other STEM subjects. Additionally, some details are impossible to learn digitally.

### **15. Lack of a Good Internet Connection**

As we all know, a Good Internet Connection makes it easier to access online classes and studying from anywhere. If you don't have a strong internet connection on your phone or computer, buffering could cause you to lose out on a lot of crucial information. Additionally, parents must pay for a strong internet connection on a monthly or annual basis, which is a drawback for low-income and middle-class families.

### **16. Cheating Prevention is Difficult**

It is quite challenging for teachers to evaluate their students during exams, unlike in traditional learning when teachers may physically watch students' digital online classrooms. Since they are not physically present to evaluate the students, the teachers won't know if they cheated or not.

### **Suggestions**

- **Promote Interaction:** Maintaining student engagement in online learning requires interaction.
- **Make the material Engaging:** Successful online learning depends on engaging material.
- **Offer Personalized Learning:** Give students the opportunity to learn by giving them individualized feedback, flexible learning routes, and unique evaluations.

- **Offer Flexibility:** The flexibility that online learning offers is one of its key benefits.
- **Ensure Accessibility:** Ensure that all students can access the online learning environment.
- **Assess Effectiveness:** Students should routinely assess the success of online learning.
- **Give pupils Adequate help:** Give pupils the help they need.
- **Educator Training:** Educators must receive training on how to provide lessons online.

**Conclusion:** Given that online education is simple to evaluate, it can be said that it has become crucial in this generation. Although there is internet access everywhere, using it simultaneously is actually not appropriate because it can lead to a number of health problems and a disconnection from traditional learning methods. So, in addition to ignoring the negative aspects and focusing on the favorable ones, online education has its own set of benefits and drawbacks. Online learning has both benefits and drawbacks for higher education. However, as technology advancements have increased and numerous significant concerns of students taking online courses have been resolved, the benefits of online education are starting to wane.

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