HOW ONLINE LEARNING IS CHANGING TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS

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Abstract. In recent years, online learning is becoming more common system of education due to its efficiency and useful sides. This transformation has not only enhanced accessibility and flexibility but has also redefined the roles of educators and students in the learning process. Traditional classrooms, long the cornerstone of educational systems, are now evolving to integrate digital technologies and online resources. However, traditional classrooms often provide opportunities for hands-on activities, such as experiments, physical education, or art projects, which are difficult to replicate in online settings. In this article, the differences, advantages and disadvantages of learning online and traditional system will be mentioned with possible examples.

Key words. Online learning, traditional classrooms, education, technology, distance learning, digital tools, classroom dynamics, educational flexibility, teaching methods.

The rapid advancement of technology and the increasing availability of the internet have acquainted a new era in education. Technology can offer us more better educational sphere to enhance the quality of databases, tools and resources we use in education. In this case, Traditional method of teaching is changing day by day through utilizing online programs, plans and even curriculum. Though existing old system of teaching, technology is evolving online that even robotic teachers are used considerably. Online learning, once viewed as a supplement to traditional education, has now become an integral part of the learning experience for millions of students worldwide. This shift is transforming the traditional classroom, challenging conventional teaching methods, and providing new opportunities for both students and educators. Online learning offers greater flexibility, accessibility, and a variety of learning tools, making it an appealing alternative or complement to traditional face-to-face learning. As online platforms become more sophisticated, it's essential to examine how this trend is reshaping educational institutions and their approach to classroom instruction. [1]

In this case, some advantages of Online Learning will be provided by facts based on this statement.

Online learning, also known as e-learning or distance education, involves the use of digital platforms and technologies to deliver educational content and facilitate learning outside of traditional classrooms. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of online teaching, as schools and universities witness the globe were forced to transition to virtual classrooms to continue education while maintaining social distancing protocols. This rapid shift not only highlighted the importance of technology in education but also demonstrated the potential for online learning to complement or even replace traditional classroom settings. One of the most significant benefits of

online learning is its flexibility. Unlike traditional education systems that follow fixed schedules, online learning allows students to set their own pace and timetable. This flexibility enables learners to balance their studies with other commitments, such as work, family, or personal pursuits. It is particularly advantageous for those with demanding lifestyles who might otherwise struggle to attend in-person classes.

Another major advantage is accessibility. Online learning removes geographical barriers, making education accessible to anyone with an internet connection. Students no longer need to travel to physical classrooms or relocate to access quality education. This is especially beneficial for individuals in remote or underserved areas, as they can now connect with expert instructors and global learning resources from the comfort of their homes. [2]

Furthermore, online education offers a wide variety of courses and programs, catering to diverse interests and career aspirations. Whether a student wants to earn a degree, acquire a professional certification, or develop a personal skill, there is likely an online course available. This vast selection ensures that learners can find a program that aligns with their goals. Cost-effectiveness is another appealing feature of online learning. Many online programs are more affordable than traditional classroom-based courses, making quality education more accessible to a broader audience. Additionally, students save money on commuting, accommodation, and printed materials, further reducing the overall cost of education.

Online learning also allows students to develop their mind significantly as their own space. Unlike traditional classrooms, where the teaching speed must accommodate the entire group, online platforms enable learners to revisit materials as needed. This personalized learning approach ensures a deeper understanding of the subject matter and supply to individual learning styles. Engaging with online learning tools helps students develop valuable technical skills. As digital literacy becomes increasingly important in today's job market, mastering online platforms and tools equips learners with competencies they can apply in professional settings. Moreover, online learning

provides access to a diverse pool of expert instructors from around the world. Students can benefit from the knowledge and experience of renowned educators, even if they are based in different countries. This global exposure enriches the learning experience and broadens perspectives. [3]

According to the traditional classrooms, there are several benefits on this system that every pupil can communicate face to face with their teacher, and they can get also fresh feedback about how to progress. Moreover, it can ensure fixed timetable, discipline, for example, students can manage their time effectively If they have exact schedule at school, university. Therefore, Traditional classrooms allow students to develop behavior orderly. These are also additional benefits of traditional classrooms;

1. Lack of Flexibility

Fixed schedules may not suit everyone, especially students with personal commitments or those who learn at different paces. Traditional classrooms often follow a "one-size-fits-all" approach.

2. Geographical Limitations

Students must travel to the physical location of the school, which can be challenging for those living in remote or underserved areas.

3. High Costs

Traditional education can be expensive, considering tuition fees, transportation, uniforms, and other related expenses. This financial burden may exclude some students from accessing quality education.

4. Limited Personalization .

In a traditional classroom, teachers must cater to a large group of students, which can make it difficult to address individual learning styles and needs.

5. Time-Consuming

The time spent commuting to and from school, along with the rigid class schedules, can be inefficient for some learners, leaving less time for other activities or self-study.

6. Potential for Distractions

Classroom environments can sometimes be noisy or disruptive, affecting students' focus and overall learning experience. Peer pressure and bullying can also be issues in traditional settings.

7. Dependence on Teacher's Quality

The effectiveness of traditional classrooms heavily depends on the teacher's skills and knowledge. A poorly trained or unmotivated teacher can hinder students' learning experiences.

Each method has its own merits and limitations, and comparing the two can help in understanding their unique benefits and challenges. In traditional classrooms, students and teachers interact face-to-face. This direct interaction fosters immediate feedback, active engagement, and real-time discussions. Social and emotional connections are more pronounced, which helps in developing interpersonal skills.

Online learning takes place in virtual environments, where interactions occur via video calls, discussion boards, or emails with phones. While this offers flexibility, it may lack the depth of face-to-face communication and can sometimes feel impersonal.

In conclusion, the choice between online learning and traditional classrooms depends on individual preferences, needs, and circumstances. Online learning excels in flexibility, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness, while traditional classrooms provide structured environments and practical, hands-on experiences. A blended model that integrates the strengths of both approaches could offer the most comprehensive and inclusive educational solutions, addressing the diverse requirements of today's learners.

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