

### **The advantages and disadvantages of having online classes**

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the interconnected nature of our world and that no one is safe until everyone is safe. So our government encourage students to study through online classes. "Is online classes effective for student?", "Students healthy is more important so they should stay home". There's a lot of question running through our mind about advantages and disadvantages of having online classes. Online classes do have their advantages; at the same time have disadvantages too.

In point of fact, online classes are conducted so that students are able to stay at home during the lockdown and get to study and gain knowledge. Through online classes we not only have saved hours by not having to travel to a physical location to take a class, but with online classes, we have greater flexibility in choosing when the best time to study for you is.

Besides that, students who take online classes can plan study time according to their own schedule. They can work when they have the most energy, either in the morning or late at night. One of the options for choosing online classes is no need to attend school and be able to do work from home. Therefore, it considers savings in transportation and, in addition, it is suitable for rainy and cold days where it does not feel like leaving home.

On the other hand, online classes do bring disadvantages too. Not every student will pay attention during the class because no one supervises them. So some of the student attend class for attendance only or sometime don't even attend classes. Most people, who don't pay attention and ditch class, flunk out of their exam.

Another key challenge of online classes is internet connectivity. While internet penetration has grown in leaps and bounds over the past few years, in smaller cities and towns, a consistent connection with decent speed is a problem. Without a consistent internet connection for students or teachers, there can be a lack of continuity in learning for the child. This is detrimental to the education process.

In conclusion, online learning should be seen as a complement and extension of classical forms of learning. Not even the best online course can fully replace the personal contact with a teacher, or the human relationships that develop in a group.

## Reading Comprehension

### Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. What was one reason the government encouraged students to study online during the pandemic?
  - a) To save electricity
  - b) To protect students' health
  - c) To make schools more popular
  - d) To reduce the number of teachers
2. One main advantage of online classes mentioned in the text is:
  - a) Learning more subjects
  - b) Getting higher grades
  - c) Flexibility in choosing study time
  - d) Learning face-to-face
3. According to the text, why is online learning suitable for rainy or cold days?
  - a) Because teachers cancel physical classes
  - b) Because students prefer staying outside
  - c) Because students don't need to leave home
  - d) Because schools are closed on those days

### Short Answer Questions

4. Mention one way online classes help save time.
5. What is one major disadvantage of online classes mentioned in the fourth paragraph?
6. How does internet connectivity affect online learning?
7. According to the conclusion, can online courses fully replace the classroom experience?

### True or False

8. Students in online classes must follow a strict, fixed schedule.
9. Poor internet connection can negatively impact a student's education.
10. Online learning should completely replace traditional learning.

| True | False |
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