COMPUTER: BOON OR BANE?

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Are we too dependent on computer? Is it beneficial or distraction to the students? These are some of the boggling questions in education that need careful analysis especially that we are now in the modern times where technological advancement is ubiquitous.

Computer was created by man many years ago. It was not as important and as useful before unlike these days. It cannot be denied that computers perform various activities that make students' works a lot easier and lighter. Truly, it would be more beneficial to use them. However, the real deal here is that most of the times, computers are being overused, and students tend to become dreadfully reliant on them. They are being more useless and helpless.

Different studies show the negative sides of computer usage and they should be taken seriously. According to a study about the negative effects of computers by James Wright, too much computer use can affect a person's physiological and psychological as well as social skills. According to Pamaoukaghion (2005-2010), extensive use of computers can actually cause addiction to the users. A person gets lazy of works due to over usage of computers.

Another point here is that in the past when children have assignments or researches, they will exert a lot of effort to search for the right book in the library to gain necessary information. But nowadays, they are just going to type what they needed and in just one click, the answers were already in front of them. What is saddening is that it indulges plagiarism which is a major crime.

In addition, kids before were enjoying outdoor games and activities with their friends. They enjoy the simplicity of life. But today, you can rarely see children playing
outside, instead they are inside their houses or in the computer shops playing video games or surfing the internet.

Nevertheless, it is still a fact that computers are really convenient for students. From all the reports, homework, deadlines, and a lot of school works. And there is nothing wrong with that, as long as they know how to use it properly.

You must be the one to control computers and not the other way around. Do not lose your worth and value.

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