INFLUENCE OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS TO THE LEARNERS’ ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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Technology has always flourished for the gain of mankind. The major achievements of technology have left man spell-bound and every part of the world today is enjoying the comforts provided by technology. Thanks to technology, all the countries are interlinked and we are now living in a global village. Modern technology has greatly improved people’s lives through different fields such as medicine, work, education and industry, especially education. However, we cannot say that technology is all good in itself. It is a two-edged sword, there is the “advantage and disadvantage”, is it beneficial or non-beneficial and we have to see to what extent it has really helped improved people’s standard of living.

Presently, one of the most used advancement is the technological devices. Broadly speaking, all cellular phones, laptop and computers belong to technological devices or commonly known as electronic gadgets. There’s no denying that these had become a significant part of our lives, especially to the young ones and students’ everyday lives. But the question is, how do these devices affect the students’ learning?

As these electronic gadgets become a natural part learner’s daily lives, it is safe to say that it is both an ally and an enemy. Indeed, it has made learning more enjoyable and exciting to students. Mind-numbing lessons are easily turned into thought-provoking and mind-boggling lessons which boosts the eagerness of students to learn more and to strive more to deeply understand the lesson. Moreover, certain electronic gadgets such as computers, alongside with the internet, are making the lives of students easier. They can make use of computers to come up with presentations and also make use of the internet
to carry out research on a variety of topics for their essays and papers. But if not properly monitored, such devices can be very addictive. In the past, children and young people filled up their free time by reading books, socializing, or engaging in active, creative play. Physical activity and socialization has been reduced since electronic gadgets are mostly used as a platform for engaging to physical and social connection.

A fixation on gadgets reduces participation in of all these, especially the aspect of creativity. Digital worlds can be vast, but they are always structured, not requiring the imagination and inventiveness of unstructured play. Some children become less creative and less able to entertain themselves. They eventually became dependent to such that they tend to lose focus on the important things.

In many ways, electronic gadgets have been an amazing tool in aiding students. This gives the guarantee that following their graduation, the students will not have any difficulties with using technology when they are out there in the work place, which might serve to make them more competitive compared to an individual who has no access to a certain software or technology in school. With the continuing advances in the technological world, students are getting improved access to such educational opportunities.

Technology affects every aspect of our lives; it has shown its presence everywhere. But technology has had a huge impact on education that cannot be denied, and has done enormous changes that continuously improve the quality and quantity of education. It is just a matter of exercising supervision over the use of electronic gadgets that will determine if such will be our ally or enemy.

At the end of the day, this rests in the people guiding our younger generation into such.
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