ONLINE-BASED LEARNING: PROS AND CONS

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The modernization of education has been in its constant progress which caused by industrialization and globalization. Teaching and learning, with the surging tide of modernity, became more engaging, borderless and seamless. Consequently, this became a pattern of improvement and development in the educative realm.

One of the most popular trends in teaching and learning this time is the inclusion of online-based learning as strategy in facilitating learning and a modality of delivering instruction. But what do we mean exactly by the term “Online-based Learning”? Online-based learning is any education that takes place or happen through an online platform or course over the Internet. Most of us commonly know this as “E-learning” among other terms. Nonetheless, it is important to note that “online learning” is just one of the types of “distance learning”.

Online learning has been beneficial not only to the regular students but also to other professionals, freelancers, those engage in short courses or programs, out of school youth students, and in the research industry as well. Online-based learning can add flexibility and self-paced learning, better time management for learning, demonstrate self-motivation, improved virtual communication and collaboration, online learning facilitates the ability to think critically about what you do every day, and it also improves our technical knowhow of the technologies.
However, online learning has its downfall or disadvantages. In traditional classrooms, teachers can give students immediate face-to-face feedback but in online learning student feedback is limited. The use of E-learning also tend to make participating students undergo remoteness, lack of interaction, and contemplation. In addition, E-Learning requires strong self-motivation and time management skills which students neglect to do.

With the current situation the world is facing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can all agree that opting to online-based learning is one of the possible means to ensure the continuity of education. It has been proven effective but teachers, parents, and guardians should make extra effort to assist their children and monitor them in the responsible usage of online platforms to learning.

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