TRADITIONAL OR MODERN WAY OF TEACHING - WHICH IS MORE EFFECTIVE?

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Education is a very important tool for everyone to gain knowledge. It helps us to develop mental, physical, and social awareness for every individual to become confident in facing the world.

Whenever a teacher teaches, students are expecting to learn and understand what information or facts the teacher will direct or instruct.

Traditional teaching is considered a teacher-centered delivery of instructions to classes. One of the traditional practices is mastery of academic learning in different subjects; where in one way or another, students are benefited all throughout their lives. This is a true to life story, thirty students took an entrance examination from an exclusive school. After the exam, the papers were checked to find out who was qualified, and finally, the result was announced who among them passed. Surprisingly, out of thirty students, only five passed and one of them was the only from a public school. The most exciting part was when that student from public school was asked why he was the only one who got and solved the hardest part of Mathematics. A simple answer was given by that student. He learned and understood the techniques taught by his teacher in high school.

Some people say that traditional teaching methods are the best for imparting the education to the students. In a way that there is mastery of learning on their part as students.
But if there are advantages to traditional teaching, there are also some disadvantages. One of these is the lack of process-oriented learning. As long as the students passed the tests, where they are not encouraged to understand the methods, techniques and skills required to find answers, they will be able to move to the next level. The reason for this method is explained by the statement of Assistant Professor Dr. Abdullah Kuzu, who believes that it is based on the “traditional view of education, where teachers serve as the source of knowledge while learners serve as passive receivers”.

The truth is, there is no right answer for advantages and disadvantages as long as the students learned.

The traditional “chalk and talk” method of teaching that persisted for hundreds of years, is now changed significantly in a modern way of constructive approach that involves a more interacting method. Nowadays, the world prefers the use of modern technology like using different gadgets. In modern teaching, it is easier to teach but many students also tend to easily forget.

Whether traditional or modern teaching, knowledge is acquired through drills and practices. The effectiveness in any of these methods, depend upon the teachers’ techniques and strategies, and same as the learners’ attitude on how they will apply learning in their real-life situation.

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