

Benefits and Effects of E-Learning

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Abstract

E-learning makes us completely independent. We can learn anything online through e-learning, anytime, anywhere. And it serves as a prominent reference for everything, so we can refer other online sources if we are not satisfied with a single source. And at the same time, we can develop our own skills because e learning can let us refer more on a single topic. Altogether e learning is inevitable as one of the greatest tools of learning in the present-day techno world.

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Introduction

E learning has various benefits and effects on learning in each and every field of study. And it serves as the main key note for the postmodern techno users who want to have everything in their palm. So being a postmodern people, we can't neglect the importance and significance of e learning in our day to day routine life, because from dawn to dusk we are living in the milieu of the technical world. And after 1980s moreover e learning is a rapidly growing industry which has had a severe impact on the online active learners.

Objective of the Study

The main objective of this study is to talk about the benefits and effects of e learning. And the inevitability of e learning in the present world.

Research Questions

1. What is learning?
2. What is e learning?
3. How the e learning is a beneficial one?
4. How the e learning is an effective one?
5. What is the outcome of e learning?

Discussion

Almost every action we take is the result of past learning, and yet, for some people, learning still remains an activity undertaken in, or associated with, an educational context. As babies we learn to eat, to gain attention, to crawl, to walk, and as we develop into children, and our bodies become more functional, we learn an inordinate range of skills. Learning is the course of obtaining the existing knowledge, skills, values, or preferences through a source of medium. Evidence that learning has occurred may be seen in changes in behavior from simple to complex. And the learning in and around the world changed over a period of time

in the human history. So there comes the alterations, modifications, variations and revolution in the progression of learning. Teaching field and various other fields have experienced so many adjustments as per the technological development. So as the world and people change the fields also have welcomed the improvement of science and technology in the process of learning. All these aspects lead to the development of various learning methods like visual learning, aural learning, verbal learning, physical learning, logical learning, social learning, solitary learning and so on. So, it's time for e learning.

A learning system based on formalized teaching but with the help of electronic resources is known as E-learning. While teaching can be based in or out of the classrooms, the use of computers and the Internet forms the major component of E-learning. E-learning can also be termed as a network enabled to transfer skills and knowledge, and the delivery of knowledge is made to a large number of recipients at the same or different times. Earlier, it was not accepted wholeheartedly, as it was assumed that this system lacked the human involvement. However, with the rapid progress in technology and the advancement in learning systems, it is now embraced by the masses. The introduction of computers was the basis of this revolution and with the passage of time, as we get hooked to smartphones, tablets, and such devices now have an important place in the classrooms for learning. Books are gradually getting replaced by electronic educational materials like optical discs or pen drives. Knowledge can also be shared via the Internet, which is accessible 24/7, anywhere, anytime. And at the same time, we can learn anything and everything at our doorstep. So this learning seems so easy and comfortable.

E-learning has proved to be the best mode in the corporate world, especially when training programs are organized by MNCs for professionals across the countries and employees are able to obtain important skills while sitting in the office, or by having seminars, which are conducted for employees of the same or different organizations under one roof. The schools which use E-learning technologies are a step ahead of those which still have the traditional approach towards learning. No doubt, it is equally important to take forward the concept of non-electronic teaching with the help of books and lectures, but the importance and effectiveness of technology-based learning cannot be taken lightly or ignored completely. It is believed that the human brain can easily remember and relate to what is seen and heard via moving pictures or videos. It has also been found that visuals, apart from holding the attention of the student, are also retained by the brain for longer periods. Various sectors, including agriculture, medicine, education, services, business, and government setups are adapting to the concept of E-learning which helps in the progress of a nation.

In e-learning we can easily know what learners really want and that may helpful to provide learner friendly atmosphere to increase the learners' interest. And the e-learning can deliver the corresponding information as quick as possible, so faster delivery of expected source of knowledge is cent percent. And more than this the e learning is a cost effective one and the lower its cost, the higher it reaches the learners, because everyone of us want a bunch of things for a meager amount. So lower cost makes it seem and feel good for the learners who want a cost-effective learning. Most of the people hate schools and colleges for the same ambiance that can create tiresome milieu but this can be avoided in the e learning, because it has lower environmental impact. It does not take as long to start and wrap up a learning session. Learners set their own pace, rather than the pace of the group. No travel time is needed to get to and from training events. Learners can focus on elements of a programme

they need to learn and can skip what they already know. It makes for better attitude toward the e-learning format and training in general with the techno friendly atmosphere. Improvement in scores on tests, certifications or other evaluations can attract the learners to try their best in e learning once again. E-learning paves a new way toward the greater ability to apply the new knowledge and ideologies or processes on the job for the learner's future concern, and a long-term retention of information.

By providing an alternative to the paper-based learning and testing of traditional classrooms, e Learning is an effective way for organizations to significantly reduce their carbon footprint. A study by the Open University found that on average, the production and provision of distance learning courses consumed nearly 90 percent less energy and produced 85 percent fewer CO2 emissions per student, than conventional campus-based university courses. The key areas in which e-learning lowers an organizations' environmental impact. But e learning cuts down on the travel and accommodation costs associated with undertaking a course. It reduces the need for a campus site and the accompanying costs of maintaining the facility and equipment. E learning eliminates the need for paper, thus saving trees.

Summation

Altogether e learning is becoming an inevitable study tool in day to day life. Every nook and corner of the present world is filled with techno inventions. Leading a life without the help of electrical media is impossible, then the future of education is dominated by e learning in not a big surprise for people. So, there is no doubt that e learning is a very beneficial and effective tool for all kinds of learning.

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