

Offline Teaching: Cooperative and Collaborative

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I. INTRODUCTION

Offline classes are the traditional mode of taking classes which we can say is going out to a school or an institute and attending classes with an instructor. Well here are for the readers that they should not be confused between online and offline learning because they are both different modes serving the same purpose.

II. USES OF OFFLINE CLASSES

We agree that online classes can be taken from the comfort of your home but online classes are not equally effective as offline classes. So now see about the advantages of offline classes.

1. Less Distraction

According to research conducted upon the EFL students of Ibn Ul Khuldun University, students there prefer offline education because of better classroom interaction and understanding. It is inevitable for any person to be sitting in front of the screen for a whole lecture and not get distracted.

This is why lecturers tend to shorten their videos because the student's attention span is found to be 10-15 minutes. So offline education has classes extending to more than just 15 minutes which means that these classes can gain students' attention hence harnessing the process of learning.

2. Interaction with Students

A major advantage of offline education is that it promotes teacher and student interaction and brings learning beyond traditional lecturing.

Interaction raises questions regarding a certain topic which helps to explore and learn much better. Thus attention span of the students also increases if there are interactive sessions.

3. Increases Student Competition

As we read that offline classes increase interaction between the students and when such a healthy environment is created students tend to compete with each other which leads to better learning.

A well-formulated classroom competition has been found to increase their learning, self-esteem, and motivation.

4. Helps in Classroom Communication

The interaction among the students is beneficial in many aspects with positive learning outcomes.

This communication is not just limited among the students but another important aspect is teacher-student interaction which is ample in process of learning.

5. Teachers pay Attention to Each Student

Teacher must pay attention on each student in his or her teaching, this reflects on student's learning.

6. Extracurricular Activities

We are all aware of the importance of extracurricular activities. Students may take part in extracurricular activities because of personal interest this increasing their social skills through making friends and teamwork.

7. Punctuality

If the online mode of learning is through the illustration of videos and election the students to learn from them then they would do it at their disposal. This will not bring the necessary discipline in their lives.

As studies conclude that problems with time management have a negative impact on the process of learning.

8. Teacher-Student Interaction

During the learning process, many questions are popping into mind which can only be addressed through offline classes or teachers can better understand the ambiguities. As studies conclude that teacher-student interaction plays a crucial role in both learning and teaching.

Teachers are the ones who have more knowledge but that can only be untapped when students ask them questions and that is an excellent way of learning new things.

Also Read: How Good Communication skills help students to learn more from teachers.

9. Help in Homework

Offline mode of study harness interaction and socialization which means that when students are facing difficulty in homework and assignments can take help from their fellow students.

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Offline classes bring the best environment for their recipients to socialize and this interaction helps them later in life. This also means that students get to share knowledge with each other removing barriers for one another.

10. Practice Based Learning

Offline education has well-equipped laboratories, sports equipment, and practice rooms. This is of utmost necessity for those students who have opted for courses that need practice or experimentation. If you are not opting for offline education then your learning is limited to the theory and you will never be able to fully grasp the concepts if being unable to know their practical essence.

III. COLLABORATIVE LEARNING APPROACH

Collaborative learning is a situation in which two or more people learn something together. It refers to an instruction method in which students at various performance levels work together in small groups toward a common goal.

Steps of Collaborative learning:

- Recognize the problem
- Formation of small group
- Organize discussions, activities and experience
- Goal
- Assessment
- Feed back

Strategies for Collaborative learning:

- Brain storming
- Task group
- Inquiry group
- Tutorial group

IV. COOPERATIVE LEARNING

“Cooperative learning is an instructional strategy that enables small groups of students to work together on a common work/goal”

Types of Cooperative learning:

- Formal Cooperative learning groups
- Informal Cooperative learning groups
- Cooperative base groups.

V. ADVANTAGES OF CO OPERATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

- To gain experiential and practical knowledge.
- Developing self learning among learners.
- Developing cooperative nature, sharing, helping nature etc
- Exploring new knowledge.
- Creative thinking.
- Leadership qualities.
- Socialization.

- Enhancement and modification in slow learners knowledge.
- Fearless learning environment.
- To develop problem solving skills and judgement skills.

VI. CONCLUSION

Offline teaching is more effective because we can interact with learners face to face that help to know the learner understands levels on the spot and provide immediate remedial teaching for them. Cooperative & Collaborative learning are useful for learners to get their own learning experiences by themselves.

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