



PAPER II · QUESTION 13 · MODEL ANSWER

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ONLINE LEARNING AND THE CLASSROOM

DISCUSS BOTH VIEWS

UNIT 06 + 07

178 WORDS

THE QUESTION

Some people believe that online learning can replace classroom teaching. Others think that classroom teaching is still necessary. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

INTRO

During the pandemic, many students in Sri Lanka followed their lessons online. Since then, people have argued about whether online learning can replace the classroom. This essay will look at both sides.

VIEW 1

On the one hand, online learning has many advantages. Students can study from home and save the time and money they spend on travelling. Lessons can be recorded, so a student who misses a class can watch it again later. It also allows students in remote villages to learn from good teachers in the city.

VIEW 2

On the other hand, many people believe the classroom is still important. In a classroom, a student can ask questions immediately and get help from the teacher. Students also learn to work together and make friends, which is difficult through a screen. Moreover, not every family can afford a smartphone or a good internet connection.

OPINION

In my opinion, online learning is a useful support, but it cannot fully replace the classroom. The best method is to use both together, so that students get the benefits of technology and of face-to-face teaching.

WHY IT SCORES · C – L – O

Content: both sides get three reasons each, and the writer's own opinion is clearly given — the mark most students lose. Language: short, correct sentences with ordinary vocabulary. Organisation: On the one hand / On the other hand / In my opinion.