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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ICT IN EDUCATION

Today, ICT has progressed to become an integral part of the education system. Educational organizations in countries like Australia, India, Finland, the UK, the USA, South Korea, Nigeria, and others are intensely utilizing the ICT curriculum and development to resolve the communication and technological differences.

The objectives of ICT are to connect the gap between the parents, educators, and students by prompting viable, cooperative and straightforward modes of communication. It likewise gives advanced information exchanging ways for educational institutions such as schools, colleges, and universities to pass on or exchange information. Thus, it plays a very crucial role in education, especially in the administration and management of institutions.

ADVANTAGES OF ICT IN EDUCATION:-

1. **Fast Communication Factor** the modern technologies illuminate all geographical boundaries, so students can join various projects all around the world. It is also possible to learn about new cultures and languages without leaving your home! It is like a science fiction that has become a reality. Students can exchange files between each other at fantastic speed with no limits on space.
2. **Motivating Factor** Young people are very drawn to technology news. Educators must use technology tools in their lectures to keep the attention of young students. Any new technology opens new possibilities for teaching. For instance, the internet has opened great possibilities for innovative ways and methods of studying.
3. **Cooperative Factor** the chance of cooperative learning made available via ICT encourages dialog between students. They can also learn about the ideas of collaboration from the internet. It makes teachers' jobs easier as they can approach their students with the help of modern technologies. Same thing applies to the teachers; they can share knowledge or facts about their students and monitor the overall progress in a classroom via ICT.



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4. Research Factor it is obvious that with internet and modern technologies, it has become ineffective to make any kind of research in libraries alone. The internet is an open world to the diverse types of knowledge for students. With the vast number of tools open to them, the internet is impossible to resist! That is why a teacher should help students find materials for their research papers.
5. New Skills Factor A student can acquire any kind of skill with the use of technology, for example, by simply watching self-education videos on YouTube, you can acquire many new skills. They can also learn new languages using modern technologies without having any teacher around them! When they know the basics, it is even possible to use their skills right away.

Besides advantages mentioned above, there are much more advantages such as: Enhanced the modes of communication, Cost-efficient, Paperless: Eliminate the usage of paper, Eco-friendly, Better teaching and learning methods, Enhanced data and information security, Minimize cost and save time, Easy student management, Automatic solutions to manual paper-based process and procedures, Interactive and collaborative teaching and learning methods, Direct classroom teaching, Spread awareness of the social impact of technological change in education, It connects students, educators, scholars and researchers, and education personal together, Enhance E-learning and learning management system (LMS), Independent learning platforms for students, Teachers can teach better with images, videos and graphics while delivering lessons, Educators can create engaging, interesting and well-designed classroom activities, Improve the administration and enhance the quality and efficiency of education, Promote and improve the digital culture in schools, colleges, and universities.

DISADVANTAGES OF ICT IN EDUCATION:-

1. Privacy Factor Nobody can avoid the problem of no privacy on the internet and a lot of criminals use the internet to scam people. Therefore, students are highly vulnerable to any fraud on the internet. That is why teachers should provide lectures to students about the risks on the internet.



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2. Entertainment Factor It may take ages for students to prepare for classes with the internet. They spend much time on entertainment rather than learning new things, and spend less time on home tasks. It is therefore necessary to strictly instruct students to know the difference between time for entertainment and studying.
3. Procrastination Factor a lot of students do not study the subjects they need on the internet. Instead of this, they learn a lot of things that are unnecessary or even harmful to them. That is why a teacher should provide guidance on which kind of information they need and which they don't.

Besides these disadvantages, there are some more disadvantages such as: Misleading and misguiding information, Risk of cyber attacks and hacks, A risk to the traditional book and handwriting methods, Implementing computers and the internet for ICT replace the convention education curriculums, Managing courses online is difficult, Misuse of technology, Not accessible everywhere, Teachers require experience to handle ICT, implementing computers and the internet is expensive, Few believe that computers can limit imagination.