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## Impacts of lockdown on higher education

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### Abstract

Corona virus is a deadly disease that spread all over the world quickly and changed the world for ever. To combat this pandemic, the only effective way in 2020 was to impose lockdown all over. Due to lockdown, a massive number of students were affected all over the world. After some time, many universities started their online class and that was the biggest movement of online in world history. Some people are not supporting this online system because they think that face-to-face classes are necessary for higher studies. In 2020 1.6 billion learners all over the world faced problems in their education. In Egypt, universities were persuaded with the result. Now they have decided to inaugurate an online network in their higher institutions and universities. During the lockdown, the whole world used online system for education. This online system was new for the whole world. Due to lockdown, the issues of reopening of academic institutes us a big challenge for educational bureaucrats. But online system played a false role like the lack of transmission between the teachers and students and deprivation of occasions in practical fields. In masters, due to this system, there was a lack of practical experience but the researching capabilities modification. Lack of experience caused downfalls in every field of life. But in difficult times this is sufficient.

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### Introduction

Before the lockdown, digital technology and online system has been conducted in several large universities of the world. Research shows that such involvement in the educational system for the US was worth \$18.66 billion. This amount has been increasing regularly. However, after the outburst of Corona virus, the profit in the education system has declined. All over the world, all universities were closed.

After a few months, the institutions resumed their classes on digital devices. In 2015 online system increased gibberish and 34.7% boosted annually. In 2019 during the lockdown when all universities and colleges were shut down, about 1.2 billion learners attended their classes on digital devices all over the world.

The educational administrators and learners did their work from classrooms to online rapidly. But some universities are in development that dealt with this crisis and started their semesters' classes regularly. In higher institutes, online classes were made available for the students. In developed countries, many establishments are convenient for this virus, and they do their vaccination take advantage of the facilities, and did their classes face to face. An enormous amount of data was posted on the consequences of lockdown on higher education.

These countries provide an online system for their learners. More students in advanced countries completed their education on digital devices than developing countries. Developed countries gave the facilities to their educational system and fought with this crisis. In the developed countries, high-class institutes, technology, resources, and educational staff are all accessible. The report of semester performance of a university in Egypt was satisfactory and teachers' response was also convincing. In developing countries, there are many issues in the path of the online teaching system. Lack of technology, shortage of resources, and lack of other facilities are the main reasons for the downfalls of the online system. In developing countries, students face many issues such as lack of digital devices, gigantic fees, and deficiency of IT skills etc.

### **Negative effects of lockdown on higher education**

Due to lockdown, the economy and other fields like the educational system faced many problems in different stages. Some of these are:

#### **Reduction in educational activities**

Due to lockdown, all educational movements were shut down. Then examinations, entrance tests, and assignments were also postponed. Two types of challenges were faced in educational activities. The first issue faced teachers to complete the syllabus when students did not physically appear.

#### **Impact on academic research**

Lockdown also affected academic research because researchers couldn't travel and work together with other researchers. Programs that could only be completed with joint work couldn't complete independently. These joint programs did not get completed in any scientific laboratory.

#### **Effects of lockdown on assignments**

Due to lockdown, all universities and college assignments and exams were postponed. Two types of assignments are required in universities, primary and secondary. But external assignments remained incomplete. The students studying during lockdown faced many issues like attending examinations and getting certificates.

#### **Decreased job opportunities**

Lockdown also impacted jobs and vacancies. Due to lockdown, all tests for jobs were canceled. Due to lack of work in industries, people lost their job. As a result of lockdown, the job opportunities decreased and people's interest in education was also declined.

#### **Live sessions**

Lockdown affected the whole world. After the shutdown of universities, the universities staff started the live session. The instructors came live on YouTube and talked over assignments and other works. But these sessions are bad for students because they did not take sessions incredibly and the tutor also faced problems in explaining the topics.

#### **Physical experience decreased**

When universities start another method for studies like online studies, it caused a lack of experience. Students are not physically involved in their class and their studies.

In masters and other professional studies, physical experience is necessary for students. Providing physical skills in live sessions are not possible because in online classes students and learner are bound virtually. Thanks to experience, students get better jobs. That's why the online system and lockdown caused students' failures in particle life.

#### **Positive effects of lockdown on higher education**

Lockdown had many impacts on studies. In some cases, the lockdown was honored for the educational system. Due to lockdown, some things happened that were never done before in the educational system, and these things leave optimistic effects on the system. These positive effects are following.

### **Increase the trend of personalized education**

During the lockdown, universities were shut down. Every student started his study personally because in lockdown classes were not possible. In universities, students learn from teachers but in private study, they have many possibilities and many resources. They learn from the different tutors in different styles.

### **Lockdown blessed for poor students**

Till now, several parents are not in favor of online education. They wanted physical attendance of their children. Poor students could not afford massive expenses of universities. During lockdown, underprivileged students also took classes and got education. This was the positive consequence of lockdown.

### **International and national student movements regularly**

In developing countries, the parents, and learners faced issues for international movements. Parents want to reduce the movement of children. In a lockdown, all global universities and international classes are closed. Universities students took their classes on digital devices. When students studied at home, the movement of students decreased.

### **The new trend of social distance study increase**

In a lockdown, students take classes from their homes. It is the first time in world history. Before lockdown, universities students use technology, but this is a new thing in higher education. This method has many benefits like being time saving and easy.

### **Different times of classes.**

In a lockdown, many universities did this method. It is better than the online system, but difficult for universities and managing staff to organize it. Because of this method, work in universities is increased very much. That's why the staff does not agree with this method. Otherwise, it is better than online system.

### **Boost teaching skills with Technology**

Before lockdown, teachers worked physically and taught their students face to face. But during lockdown, they took the classes online. Now in lockdown, it all depended upon IT skills of the teachers and educators. The aim of technology on daily basis is good for students and learners. They search their tutor on their choices changing in assignments pattern.

After lockdown, the method that was used in past for assignments is not feasible. After lockdown the technique of assignment may be different. Now students make assignments digitally in different forms. This is the current method.

### **Conclusion**

Corona virus impacted the whole world. In the educational field, an online system was launched. In my opinion, the online system is a good step in this complicated time. Every student took the classes all over the world. Boosting skills and saving time are some positive effects of lockdown on higher education. There is no method without this system accessible because corona regulations did not allow other methods. This method is reasonable and applicable for those students who not afford to study. They don't need a tremendous amount of money, just tiny money for cellular data. But lack of experience

is a horrible factor in particle life. In the online system, every student completes his study on his efforts. After this strategy, the personal study theory is increased. This is bad for fresher students because they are becoming unable to find jobs by acquiring online education. After applying this system, though in my judgment, instructors and students are comfortable because this system makes studying easy. Students can analyze their tasks and other composing works directly high checker website. Because of this system, the study level of students and teaching techniques increased because they have many options. But after the lack of experience, the employment issues have come up.

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