

English – Cambridge OL/IGCSE



Assaying the essay

What is an essay?



It's an attempt to say something - Brainstorm



It should be loud and clear - Language



Make the reader see things from your perspective - persuade



It should have a strong foundation – facts

Beginning with a list

Why is online learning a good thing? Can you think of some reasons?

Try **brainstorming** on the topic that you are given.

Think about what it is made out of. Tools.

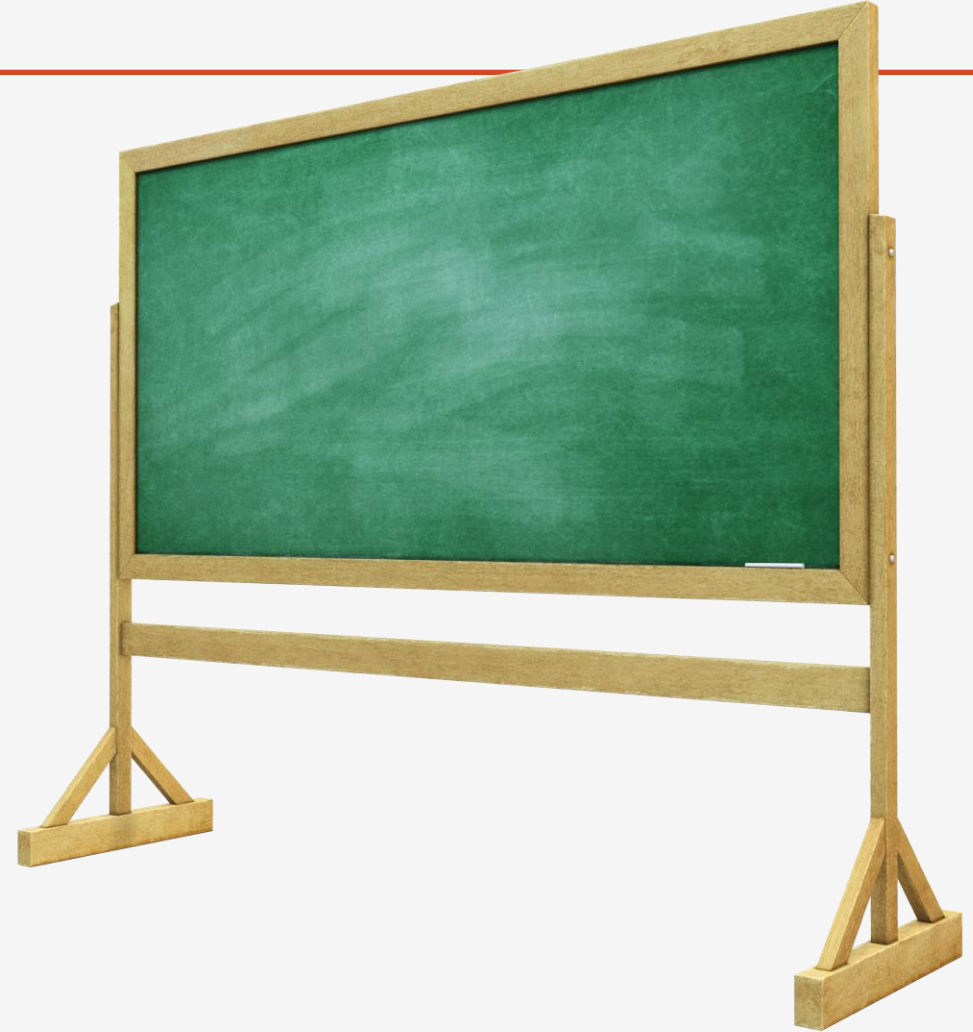
Think about the purpose and function of each part.

Think about who is involved.

Think about how it affects each group – mentally, physically, socially.

What do you understand by the terms

- Mentally
- Physically
- Socially



Essay on Online Education

Online education may be challenging, but there are benefits that are worth noting. For one, learning online saves the entire time that you would usually spend on travelling. On the road, the journey can be stressful, energy-draining and even dangerous as people are all trying to get to their workplaces on time. With online learning, all these worries are virtually non-existent.

Online education allows teachers to share digital material online, without having to print out material for each student. Having to print out worksheets, maps and many other types of material for students can be a very time-consuming and resource wasting thing. But online learning allows the teachers to share much more resources at a fraction of the cost. This saves such a lot of time and money as well as energy. Imagine having to take 60 colour printouts of a map if you are a geography teacher! With digital learning, you only have to share the link or the image of the particular map so that the students can access it just like that. It saves such a significant amount of money and resources.

Online learning allows the teachers to record their lessons so that it can be uploaded later onto the learning platform. When a student is unwell or is unable to come to school due to any other reason, usually, they would miss the entire lesson and would have to catch up by themselves; maybe they would ask their friends. But with online learning, they can access the recording of the video they miss it. Not only that, if they want to revise or to clarify anything in the lesson, they are able to rewatch the video and eliminate any doubts that they had. In this way it is extremely convenient and effective.

The Basic Structure of an Essay

Introduction

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Conclusion

PARAGRAPHS - PEEL

POINT (TOPIC SENTENCE) - Captures the main idea that you want to elaborate in the paragraph.

EXAMPLE – Give an example of stat etc which helps to support the point you want to make.

EXPLANATION – Explain the point in more detail.

LINK – Link the discussion about the point to the main question.

EXAMPLE –

POINT – Teachers can share a lot of material online, without having to take copies for the students.

EXAMPLE – For geography, teachers can share many full coloured maps, without having to print out many for the students. The students have the ability to go through hundreds and hundreds of maps and practice their craft. English teachers can share many poems, stories, novels and worksheets.

EXPLANATION – This helps students go through a lot of material without limitation. This will give them a lot of practice. It saves the time spent of photocopying, the money spent on printers, toner and paper and the electricity needed run the machines. One could imagine the number of paper that could be saved globally.

LINK – Therefore, because teachers can share their teaching material online, not only can students learn more effectively, but the school can save so much time and resources as well.

Recording of Lessons

Point-

Online learning allows the teacher to record the lessons onto the learning platform.

Example - Some students might get absent due to a sickness or some other reason. When this happens, normally he has to catch up; but with online school they can watch the recording. Additionally, if a student has forgotten what was taught during the lesson, or if a student wants to revise a previous lesson, they can always access the recording of the lesson. In on-site school, this facility is not available. When a student gets absent, they have to depend on their friends to get notes, or to even get the explanations of the lessons that they have missed. If the friends have not grasped the concepts well, or if they are unable explain it, the absent student might fall behind. Some students might not even have close friends to get the explanation. How will these students catch up on the work they missed?

Link – Therefore, the recording of lessons enables the students to keep up with the lesson even when they find it challenging, or even when they get absence.

Elaborating the positives

PRACTICAL THINGS

SOCIAL THINGS

ACADEMICS

POSITIVES

1. Teachers can share more material
2. Students can chat with each other even though they cannot meet in school.
3. Travel time saved – travel stress no longer there. Resources such as petrol saved. Parents don't have to drop kids to school – convenient for them.
4. No morning rush as students don't have to iron clothes, get ready etc – can go to class without any hassle.
5. Students can join many webinars in school without having to physically be there – can even have meet ups online at night.
6. Students can revise because lessons are recorded in the online platform.
7. Students who were absent can check out the video of the lesson.
8. Teachers can teach from the comfort of their home.
9. Students are able to spend more time with their family members as they learn from home.

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POINT - Students are able to spend more time with their family members as they learn from home.

EXAMPLE – With on-site schooling, students leave early morning and there is such a rush to get to school on time. If you are late, some schools would punish students, and some would require that they make a payment. Because of this, students do not have time to speak to their parents in the morning. They cannot find the time to speak to their siblings as well. Students usually get home quite late as they might have practices or additional classes. But with online learning students get to speak to their parents even while they learn. They will have the opportunity to spend more time with their siblings and engage in valuable conversations with their parents which is essential to the growth of a student.

EXPLANATION

LINK

Teachers can teach from the comfort of their home
