You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic.

Some universities offer online courses as an alternative to classes delivered on campus. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience. Write at least 250 words.

To keep abreast of the technological boom-times, many universities give the opportunity of online courses. Although some people argue, using online courses may reap some benefits, others think drawbacks of this method of study can have a detrimental effect on students.

On the one hand, giving the online courses opportunity, a state-of-the-art educational model, is so useful. The wasting time, spending in traffic cognition, can be used on other activities, such as learning new skills. Furthermore, it is possible to cut transportation expenses as the petrol prices in most of the countries has an up-ward trend, and this can be result in the reduction in the green house emission emitted by different cars. Moreover, studying at student's own home is a way to relax, and take their mind off the stress of high tuition because it proceeds in the absence of teacher, or tutor.

On the other hand, there are some disadvantages, for example, studying at home needs the Internet and some high-tech computers; however, some students from impoverished families cannot access these technologies. Secondly study with computer can divert student attention to some computer games. Online study in secession can also cause student to suffer from some physical problems, such as fatigue, backache, and even eye sight diseases. Moreover, in traditional method, teachers are able to monitor students, and correct any mistakes while in new educational method, it is impossible; hence, students suffering from mental disorder, handicaps, or who are not able to be self-directed may lag behind their peers.

In conclusion, with online study, students can set aside financial worries and focus solely on their studies; however, the benefits of this new method are eclipsed by it's drawbacks. (288 words)