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

Internet technology has provided various opportunities for academic institutions to arrange distance education. In my view, I think that the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages.

On the one hand, online educational courses have some underlying negative aspects. First of all, online education establishments require high-speed internet which is not accessible for one-third of the world’s population. Moreover, cutting-edge gadgets are absolutely pivotal to access online classes. So,   
low-income households bear the expensive burden to provide their children’s requirements. Secondly, the lack of eye contact and face-to-face communication might lead to distracting pupils’ attention from their instructors. Students, for example, could easily be disrupted by one phone call unless they sat in the class at school. Finally, mentors would not be able to properly assess their students’ abilities, so they cannot appropriately guide them depending on attendees’ capabilities.

In spite of the factors mentioned above, the distant educational curriculum would give a great chance to the vast majority of people worldwide. To my mind, people could access the academic education in the comfort of their own homes. Thus, they can expand their knowledge whenever and wherever they desire. Also, a flexible timetable encourages full-time workers, disabled citizens, or busy housewives to learn new lessons in their leisure time, which takes less time and money than ever to present in the online classes. In addition, there is no limitation based on age, gender, race, or perhaps prior knowledge, so, everyone can broaden their horizons and keep themselves update by attending to such modules.

In conclusion, I would consider that distance academic courses propose more positive considerations than negative ones.

**Writing Task 2 – Week 4**

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