**Writing Homework-Week4-Melika Rahmati**

**Some universities offer**[**online courses**](https://www.ieltsonlinepractice.com/online-courses)**as an alternative to classes delivered on campus. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?**

It is true that providing distance education by some universities all around the world has become quite commonly. Although there are drawbacks of online courses, I believe that this trend's benefits are far more.

On the one hand, there are several shortcomings in online courses. First, this tendency has the less direct interactions between students and teachers. Individuals communicate hard together. For example, their discussing and questions and answers done by other devices like email and written forms indirectly. Second, distance educations are unsuitable for practical subjects and courses that need hand-on experience. Finally, in these courses, there is lack of competition, motivation and this might lead to reduce teamwork ability of students. Because in traditional classes, students could study together through group tasks, while in online courses, student's tasks finish by teacher assignments.

On the other hand, I believe that online courses are positive development for variety reasons. One thing is that people around the world can easily get an academic chance for participating in the world-renowned universities which far away from their hometown. Moreover, for deprived students, due to low their affordability and long distance, attendance at online courses can be economically and comfortably suitable. Another thing is that the distance courses enable professional to pursue higher studies to improve their job prospects. For instance, most of the management colleges offer online management courses which help working people to improve their qualifications without quitting their job.

To conclude, despite some negatives above, it seems to me that learning activities online are highly beneficial for the students and their advantages clearly outweigh their shortcomings.