

## **DISTANCE EDUCATION AND ONLINE LEARNING**

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**Introduction:** Distance education is a process in which all or most of the teaching is conducted by someone removed in space and or time from the learner, with the effect that all or most of the communication between teachers and learners is through an artificial medium, either electronic or print.

**Distance education:** Distance education is the education of students who may not always be physically present at a school. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distance\\_education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distance_education))

**Distance education:** Distance education is form of education in which the main elements include physical separation of teachers and students during instruction and the use of various technologies to facilitate student-teacher and student-student communication. (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/distance-learning>)

### ***The Essence of Distance of Distance Education:***

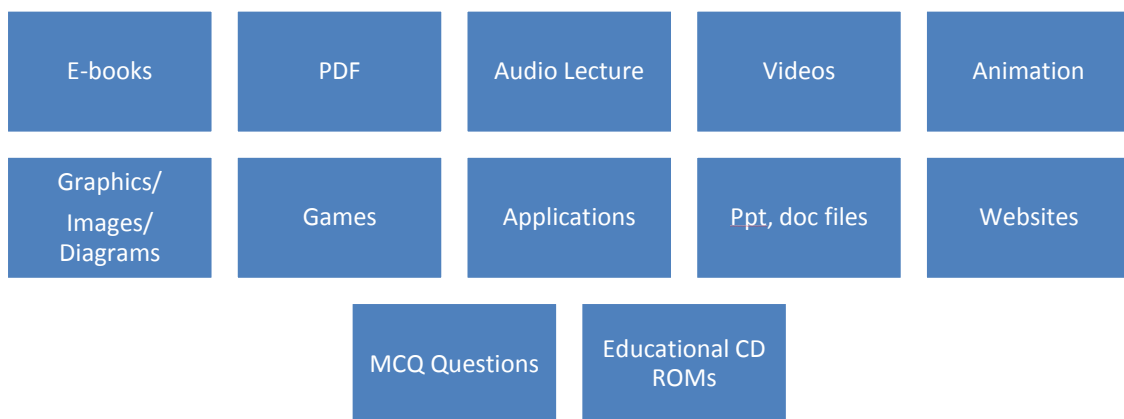
Distance learning traditionally has focused on nontraditional students, such as full-time job workers, housewives and urban or rural remote areas who are unable to attend classroom lectures. However, distance education learning has become a well-known part of the educational world, with trends pointing to continuing growth. Distance education is growing tremendously day by day. There is a massive scope of distance education in future of Indian higher education system. This mode of education attracts the people that are currently engaged in job and need to pursue higher education along with their career. Distance Education is inexpensive & provides opportunities to the scholar's students to enhance their qualifications.

Distance education we can take with help of online leaning method. The golden path of distance education is online learning method. So that is why we require the online information.

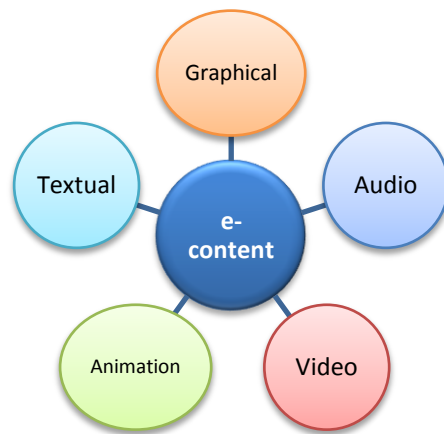
**Online Learning:**

- i. **Reduces travel time and travel costs** for off-campus students
- ii. Students may have the option to select **learning** materials that meets **their level** of knowledge and interest
- iii. Students can **study anywhere** they have access to a computer and Internet connection
- iv. **Self-paced learning** modules allow students to work at their own pace
- v. **Flexibility** to join discussions in the bulletin board threaded discussion areas at any hour, or visit with classmates and instructors remotely in chat rooms
- vi. Instructors and students both report eLearning fosters **more interaction** among students and instructors than in large lecture courses
- vii. eLearning can **accommodate different learning styles** and facilitate learning through a variety of activities
- viii. Class work and assignment scheduling

**Examples of Online Learning e-content:**



**Types of e-content in Online Learning According to format:**



### Advantages of Online Learning:

1. **Accommodate multiple learning styles.** Through the use of media, text, simulations, and even live technology-mediated interactions.
2. **Offer individualized instruction** through assessment and remediation addressing the learner's needs.
3. **Provide self-paced instruction** for learners wanting to move ahead or learners wanting or needing extra practice.
4. **Offer on-demand access** to learning when needed. The learner determines when he/she wants to learn.
5. **Allow collaborative learning** so learners do not feel isolated and maximize learning.
6. **Engages users** with stimulating content and interactivity that teaches and reinforces.
7. **Increase retention** by using reinforces more consistently than other approaches.
8. **Increase consistency** when the learning is captured and delivered by technology.
9. **Provides immersion** when using interactive scenarios or serious games.
10. **Reduce learning time**
11. **Track learners** and provide proof of their work and skill development.
12. **Synchronous or Asynchronous:** Enabling the marriage of approaches to meet instructional objectives.
13. **Customizable:** Web content can be customizable by user selected preferences, for example.
14. **Cost effective:** Once the learning has been developed it can be reused. How cost effective depends on the nature of the teaching approach (instructor lead, self paced, etc.).

15. **Accessibility:** learners can access the content anywhere there is an Internet connection
16. **Human interaction:** with chat, desktop conferencing, e-mail, forums, and blogs, learners can reach high levels of interactivity and even intimacy with others providing high level and high quality human interaction.
17. **Interactivity:** Web based learning may provide high level of interactivity and response to individual learner.
18. Online learning enhances the knowledge as well as skills.
19. **Definition:** The E-learning is a method of providing guidance or delivering information to students or the employees. These programmes are developed in such way that the individual don't need to come a classroom but can review all the data from any place convenient to them. It can be their home or their office.
20. The Biggest advantage of e-learning is that helps to provide information to a large group of individuals who cannot attend the institution. It also reduces the need for one to go a specific place to share to learn or share information. The e-learning provides an opportunity to students to complete course at their speed. The e-learning may even provide the students a platform to share their thoughts and have live or online discussion for clarification.
21. With the help of e-learning teaching and learning is going on simple way.
22. With the help of e-learning students, men and women, housewife cans easily taking education and skill for their development.
23. E-learning means learn with the help of different type of media through internet.
24. E-learning method is very easy and curious as well as enthusiastic.
25. It's very easy than traditional method.
26. It helps for innovative learning.
27. It helps for saving money as well as time also.

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