Since the dawn of human civilization, education had always been one of the hottest topics among people. There has been a heated debate in recent years about whether the ultimate goal of education is self-learning or not. As far as I am concerned, I agree that self-learning is the final aim of education as it can benefit people in academic learning and in working. Here follow my reasons.

To begin with, self-learning is essential in pursuing academic achievement. People will find out that not all knowledge will their teacher teach them. When they are interested in a subject, they have to learn by themselves through various approaches. Take me as an example, when I was in high school, I was interested in Physics. However, the only physic class my high school has is Physic C Mechanics. In order to study Electricity and Magnets, I started to search for classes online, such as Kean Academy, and look for practice exams on Test Daily. I also listened to online classes produced by professors from colleges such as Stanford, Harvard, and MIT. After a year’s hard-working, I finally got a 5 in my AP Physic C Electricity and Magnetism and went to My dream University. All of this could not have happened if I was not taught how to educate myself, thus the ultimate goal of education should be self-learning.

Secondly, self-education can also benefit people when they are in working scenarios. Just like the old saying goes, it is never too old to learn. People sometimes have to jump out of their comfort zone and learn something new in order to keep up with the times and the fast-developing society. Since it is impossible for people to stay in school where there are always teachers forever, they have to learn to educate themselves. Take Bill Gates as an example, as the Industry 5.0 era, driven by AI technology companies, is yet to come, Bill Gates, being one of the leaders in the industry4.0 era, Bill Gates learned by himself about the new AI technologies, such as Chat GPT, and help develop the new Bing AI. If Bill Gates did not receive a good education at Harvard University in self-learning, He could not learn AI technologies by himself.

Admittedly, not all of the goals of education are to increase people’s self-learning. Education is also made for spreading knowledge to people who are in need. However, self-learning is the ultimate goal of education, as when people learned how to educate themselves, they are able to learn all the knowledge that education can teach.

From all of the above, it is safe to draw the conclusion that the ultimate goal of education is to educate people themselves, as people can not always learn new knowledge from other people, and self-learning is an indispensable part when people get into work.