Online shopping is now replacing shopping in the store. Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

立场：线上和线下商店共存才是良性发展，否则很可能是消极发展
网购优势：
1. 从不同线上渠道货比三家
2. 足不出户，即可收到商品
3. 网上价格更具竞争力
劣势：
1. 无法触摸
2. 需要等待一段时间才能收货
线下购物优势：
1. 无需等待，即可收货
2. 通过近距离观察，触摸，更清晰的判断是否值得购买

In many instances, online shopping is now replacing store shopping. Some people view this as s positive development; other people view it as a negative development. Although the benefit of online shopping are certainly understandable, it is my feeling that it will be a negative development if many retail stores are forced to close due to competition from online shopping sources.

The advantage of online shopping are obvious. People can read reviews on those items and can compare prices from various sources on the internet. Without even leaving their home, they can order and receive online products, often at prices which are similar or even lower than the prices they would receive in a retail store. So, the benefits of online shopping are undeniable.

That being said, retail stores also offer advantages that are undeniable. Retail stores allow people to touch, feel, and maybe even demonstrate the product, in front of customers. For example, if a person is interested in purchasing a smartphone works, a salesperson can walk him through. Also, ordering groceries online means that customers will not be able to touch or feel those fruits, as they would if they purchased those items in the supermarket. Moreover, not everyone is patient enough to wait for their orders for a few days whereas they can receive these items immediately in a real store.

There is no doubt as to why online shopping is becoming more and more popular. However, retail shops offer benefits which are not available with online shopping. It remains to be seen how much online shopping will affect people's retail shopping options, but I think people will be better served if both options remain available.

Some people think that with the increasing use of mobile phones and computers, people lose the ability to communicate face to face. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

立场：同意
1. 用手机和电脑交流，很多时候无法像面对面交流，可以观察对方的肢体语言、表情
2. 通过电脑沟通，某种程度也降低了沟通的愉悦

With the increase use of mobile phones and computers, some people think that many people are losing their ability to communicate face to face. I strongly agree with this premise.

No one can doubt the benefit of face to face communication. Since the evolution of man, face-to-face communication has always been our main means of communication. Face-to-face communication allows us to "read" the person we are talking to. We can see how they are receiving what we are telling them by viewing their body language, by watching their facial expressions, or by hearing the tone of their voice.

Many of these observations are not possible when we communicate with someone via mobile phone or computer. If we are talking to someone on the phone or chatting with someone on the computer, we may be able to hear them, but we may not able to tell their body language. If we are texting someone or sending them an e-mail, we will not be able to see them or hear them. Face-to-face communication is a more complete form of communication than phone or computer communication. It is my feeling that face-to-face communication can be more satisfying and more rewarding.

Although it would be foolish to not take advantage of the avenues of communication offered by today's technology, it is unfortunate that many people now have less face-to-face basis as they rely instead on technology whenever possible.

Nowadays, more and more jobs and tasks are done by machines which involved hard physical work. Do the positive effects of this trend outweigh the negative effects?

立场：利大于弊
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1. 短期内导致很多人失业
利
1. 失业只是暂时的，新的职业会再次出现
2. 借助机器工作，大大减少人力的投入
3. 借助机器是为了提高产出和效率

Nowadays, more and more physical jobs and tasks which were previously performed by people are now being performed by machines. I disagree with the view that the negative effects of this trend outweigh the positive effects.

Some people maintain that the wide use of machines in various industries is threatening the future of workers. Sooner or later, those humans will lose their jobs and their ability to support their families because the machines have taken over their responsibilities.

On the other hand, it should be noted that even though machines may be replacing the jobs of some humans', humans will still be needed to operate those machines. Yes, an employee who previously might have performed hard labor might lose that particular job to a machine, but that same person could be retrained to operate the equipment. If this happens, that person will be able to have a job which requires less physical exertion. Furthermore, companies would not be replacing hard labor jobs with equipment unless the equipment was faster, more proficient, less expensive, and possibly safer.

As a society, human beings are always moving forward in new inventions and in more advanced technology. Before the wheel was invented, all items were carried by humans or animals. Now, no one can even question the benefits of using wheels to transport items and people.

Although some people may be losing jobs to machines and other new innovations, those same people can be trained for other positions, including positions in which they are operating the machinery that replaces them. Our society continues to move forward with new innovations, therefore people need to learn to adapt.

People can live and work anywhere they want to choose because of improved communication technology and transport. Do the advantages of this development outweigh disadvantages?

立场：利大于弊
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1. 员工不用为了工作而搬家
2. 员工可以合理选择住所，而避免增加生活成本
3. 对于城市来说减少交通拥堵
弊 1. 员工异地工作，可能导致沟通问题

With today's communication technology and transport, many people can now choose to work anywhere they want. Although there are advantages and disadvantages to people being able to work from anywhere, I believe that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

When being able to choose where they work, employees will not worry about moving home. Some people prefer to be close to their families; other people prefer to stay in the country away from the city. Maybe some opt to live near an elderly parent so they can care for that parent.

Sometimes people decide to live in communities other than where their company is located because those other places have a lower cost of living. For example, if a company is located in a large city, the cost of living in that city may be high. As a result, employees may decide to live in areas outside the city because those outlying areas are less expensive or because they have more available housing.

Moreover, if the company is located in the city, the city itself might be glad to have some people working and living outside the city, because if all those people working or living in the city, it might create congestion problems, especially traffic jams.

In terms of the disadvantages, it is likely that the communication may not be as smooth as expected. However, today's telecommunication technology enables people to send videos, pictures and other types of documents, so as long as employees agree on the measures for effective communication, it should not be a big problem.

Although there can be some disadvantages in having people live and work anywhere they want, those disadvantages are often exceeded by advantages.

Universities and colleges are now offering qualifications through distance learning from the Internet rather than teachers in the classroom. Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

立场：在线教育利小于弊
利：
1. 打破地域限制
2．上课时间更灵活
弊
1．没有传统课堂互动性强
2．小组讨论不如传统课堂活跃

Some people contend that offering university students online classes provides more advantages than disadvantages over traditional classroom learning. Although I understand the advantages of online learning, I maintain that traditional classroom learning should still be preferred.

On the side of online learning, we should remember that not all people live near colleges or universities that offer degrees or certifications in the desired field of study. With this in mind, online learning can eliminate geographical limitations in education. Also, it should be pointed out that some of the people who are looking to earn degrees are people who are already working full time. These people might not have a schedule which is flexible enough to allow for traditional classroom learning. Online learning often allows for much more flexibility and sometimes a student can view a lesson online, whenever they have time for it.

Those things being said, traditional classroom learning has many advantages. Classroom learning offers interaction that is most likely absent in online classes. If a student attending a lecture in a classroom has a question, he can generally ask his professor or his fellow classmates, and he can get answers to his questions immediately. Unlike online learning, classroom teaching also allows for lively group discussions or group projects.

In my opinion, classroom teaching remains the preferred method of learning over online learning. Meanwhile, online learning is a viable and valuable option for those students who cannot participate in classroom learning because of geographical reasons or because their schedules do not allow for classroom learning.

其他观点

More and more professionals have earned their diplomats through online courses in the past several years. This essay will argue why the advantages are more than the disadvantages. The freedom of time to study at one's own pace is one of the main benefits, whereas how face-to-face interaction has declined is its primary negative effect.

One of the chief advantages is the opportunity to provide everyone access to education through the internet, which allows flexibility of time. Also, individuals can study at their own speed, and at the same time can work to support oneself financially. With the help of internet sessions, the students can choose schedules that will not be of any conflict to their course, leaving out the stress of quitting their jobs for going to an actual classroom and following a regular schedule.

The main disadvantage, associate with the growth of internet classes, is the frequent usage of technology in education which results in the decrease in face-to-face interaction between students and teachers. People, sadly, consume much of their time in front of their computer screens, less time for interacting with each other. This result in soft skills, such as verbal communication and empathy, being affected, as there are no opportunities for students to attend group activities in reality.

In sum, distant learning provides flexibility and an opportunity to save time and resources in earning professional qualifications. This can outweigh the drawbacks of diminishing personal communication even though it is natural instinct for people to always want human contact, especially in education.