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Negative Impact of Internet on Education

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Abstract:

Internet is the most powerful invention and if used in the positive direction, but, these days social net-working has become a norm in our Society with websites like Facebook, Twitter and many more holding a unique and vital' role in our daily lives. In this article, we are discussing negative impact that internet produces on the education internet is very valuable resource no doubt, but if students use it excessively, even this resource can produce very negative effects. The internet addiction can be of any kind, a student might be addicted to the Social networking sites or the gaming sites and in the extreme cases, a student might even fall a prey to the gambling sites.

Internet is the most powerful invention and if used in the positive direction. Our daily lives revolve around technology and most of us can't imagine going a day without logging on the internet or using our mobile phones. But these days, due to the social networking sites such as Facebook taking over. Internet is producing adverse effects on the students, especially those students studying in college. As it is rightly said something that has some positive effects also some of the negative effects on the other hand. Here we are discussing few negative effects that internet produces on the students.

- **Wastage of time:** Some children are interested in gambling. When they have the free time they search and play the new games which are attractive, especially violence games because it can easily make them cheerful and enjoyable to play on line. Most of them spent much time to search from the net without considering and communicating to other in term of doing something friendly. Obviously, the more you sit in front of your computer, lesser the time you would give to your studies. Students do not realize this fact soon and when their exams approach, they feel like a lot of course is yet to be studied and they have wasted all their time on the internet. In some of the cases, students start failing in their exams which lead to further depression.
- **Physical Development:** A full education enhances the mind and body. Hours spent surfing the internet, playing on line games and engaging on social networks can drastically hinder a child's Physical development. These days, students hardly to any of the Physical exercises. They prefer bikes instead of cycles or walking. This may cause obesity, and to add to this problem, internet is there. Students spend most of their leisure time sitting at one place in front of their computers and very less movement is done by their body. Even at night instead of sleeping, they prefer to waste their time on internet. Many of other health related problems may also rise due to obesity and inertia.
- **Face to Face Communication:** When students are very much indulged in the usage of internet, they might not be able to achieve face to face communication with the friends and the family. Even though no disease or disorder has yet been linked to social networking addiction. Still a number of behaviour associated with excessive use of social media has lately become the subject of much discussion and research. Such as constantly checking Facebook status updates or "Stalking" people's profiles on Facebook, for hours on end. This is a great disadvantage of internet as this reduces face to face communication along the students. Even the family is ignored by such students and they tend to sit in front of their laptops or desktops the whole day.
- **Privacy is disturbed:** A vital question that often pops up in our minds while sharing personal information on social sites is now do we balance our personal and professional lives online? "Am I comfortable in sharing pictures of my weekend getaway with my work colleagues?" "Where should I draw a line?"
Moreover, while we might think that our information is safe on the internet but in reality most of us are rendered vulnerable by the information we put out there. Take Facebook for example where majority of people have their full names, dates of birth, age, work, family members hobbies and pictures online.
The more you use internet, more are chances that your privacy is disturbed. Hacking the internet has become very easy these days, hackers are very intelligent and you cannot even imagine how they are going to use this talent of theirs to spoil your life. Not only your basic information, but some of your most confidential details might get into their hands if you do not use internet safely.
- **Thinking Capacity Reduced:** Today when teacher gives assignments to students, they tend to search it on the internet and copy down the facts. But, this is not the right way. This also makes students lazier. If this thing continues in the future as

well, chances are there that students would not do anything on their own and just cram what is given on internet. Many of us can't go an hour without checking updates and this can cause us to get distracted from what's really important in life. Instead of focusing on work, school and family. We spend majority of our time online looking for the next juicy status update, headline or photograph. Social networking is supposed to help individuals learn and grow, instead, every time we are on a social site, we feel unproductive and distracted.

- **Cyber Bullying/Hate Speech:** A majority of kids, teens and even adults will experience cyber bullying in one form or another. On social networking sites people can post whatever they want without facing any serious consequences. Much of this information shared is often untrue and rarely controlled by the social media sites. Such rumors can spread rapidly and often cause many people to gang up and attack one person. Students feel insulted or embarrassed when someone bullies them and this may lead to depression sometimes. Mental harassment also comes under this category. There have been many case reported where some of the students have committed suicides as a result of cyber bullying. As the usage of internet is increasing day by day cases of cyber bullying are also increasing simultaneously.
- **Addiction:** Today, internet is one of the most powerful tools through the world because it is a collection of various services and resources for people to search. But, even though it provides the massive benefits, the disadvantages of internet uses are also concerned by most parents to their children for seeing the possible bad consequences happening through different areas. When children are online, they can easily be lured to a harmful person and as the result, there have been many cases where children have been convinced to meet people they have talked to online. In fact, the stories seem to come out every week and the children lured into something foolish, dangerous, or even deadly online that cause to violence and make the example for children practically following the figure. Whenever they got it, they will do it and share it to others without reasonable behaviour with bad attitude from what they have learned in internet.
- **Making 'Friends' on line:** Although social networking helps us to connect with new people, it has also impacted how people make friends these days instead of meeting face-to-face people now days are happy to scroll through an endless list of bite sized snippets of personal information, or interact through comments, or even chat with multiple people simultaneously. In the long run, this can produce adverse effects on the mental health of the students and he is sexually exploited online.
- **Moral Corruption:** There are many things available on the internet that should not be in the reach of students. But internet does not have any hard and fast rule for that. We all look at each other's social networking sites, admiring clothes, lifestyles and even relationships. More than often wishing that our lives were as great as others. But when it comes down to it, people mostly tend to share only the glittering highlights from their lives, deliberately leaving out the dull ones.
- **Cheating:** The internet archives the world's knowledge. Students can find essays or test answers for only subject imaginable. Knowing that the correct answers are readily available online can prove far too tempting for some students, which leads to academic fraud, and rampant cheating. Educators have taken steps to counter such practices. Determined students many attempt to circumvent such safeguards by using social media and message boards to share class information. This contributes to culture of cheating that didn't exist on such a scale before the internet.

Lastly we can say that Frequent Computer use often has negative effect on academic performance and student health. One of the major negative effects in lack of sleep or difficulty sleeping. Students are often distracted by their computers and online activities, which can make them neglect their studies and homework, leading to declining grades. Computer also use can have a negative effect on socialization. The internet presents many opportunities for online socialization, particularly through instant messaging and online multiplayer games. However, frequent Internet users often withdraw from real life socialization opportunities, declining to participate in campus activities, study groups, parties with friends to spend more time on line. So students must operate the internet under supervision of their parents and even if they think they are old enough, parents should not allow them to be that much self-dependant.

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