

Part 1

Read the text below on the 'Online Learning' and answer Questions 1– 10.

A Hannah, Nashville

Peer-to-peer interaction is a really pivotal part of education at my school, and it feels like it falls so short in our distance learning. We use Zoom and can see one another and our teacher, but everyone is always muted so as not to interfere with background noise.

B Emily Barkley, Lawrenceville, NJ

“Oh my goodness ... Why there is so much homework?” This was my first reaction to online study as I looked at the homework checklist. Due to the outbreak, most activities, including daily clubs, are canceled at present, thus we do not have much to do at home. At least teachers believe so; therefore, tons of homework overwhelms us everyday.

C Sophie Dai, WLSA Shanghai Academy

The workload ... has been overwhelming. That's been the most challenging part of remote learning, because I get easily distracted when I try to work in my house, and that I have even more work than normal, it's challenging to get everything done.

D William, The Barker

Before the whole pandemic happened, I only spent about an hour, maybe 2 on the computer both at school and at home. At the end of the day, I don't want to see another computer for a while. I actually did some research (on the computer) and I found that I was suffering from computer fatigue. Yep, it's a real thing.

E Zoe V., Nashville, TN

I have had a great deal of trouble keeping up with all of the work that my teachers have been putting onto me. That's mostly because my pace is slower than most of my other classmates because my dyslexia and ADHD make it a lot harder to keep things on track because of how free things are.

F Emma B., Cass High School, Georgia

Online school has been a stressful process for many of my friends and me. I live in an area where internet access and WiFi are hard to get and, as a result, I'm not only stressed about school but I'm often anxious that I will not be able to join and maintain access to online classes and assignments.

G Leah, Springfield, OR

I feel as though I can learn the material at my own pace and on my own time, with breaks when I need them. With the stressful environment of school being significantly reduced, in my mind the pros of E-Learning outweigh the cons. I enjoy getting to know my teachers and classmates.

H Ella Mastin, Glenbard West HS

In the mornings I put on a nice shirt, so I look put together when attending online instructional Zoom or Microsoft Teams meetings, but what the camera, my teachers, and my peers cannot see is that I am actually lounging around in the comfort of my sweatpants.

I Tracey N, Dawson HS

The freed time has allowed me to pursue interests not supported by the public school system, as I have had more time to learn to code, and even accomplished creating a Virtual Private Network from scratch.

J David Vallejo, Miami

Since I can plan out my day myself, I feel it suits me better than what school puts students through, though it is challenging to learn new topics of some subjects without direct explanation from a teacher.

Question 1 – 10

Identify which paragraphs (A – J) contain information listed in Questions 1 – 10 by marking a cross ☒ for the correct answer. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

You must choose answers only from the information given in the text. Paragraphs may be used more than once or not used at all.

This student refers to

- 1 a terrible screen overexposure
- 2 the opportunity to dress informally
- 3 a new activity that leads to a successful outcome
- 4 personal health issues, which make online learning even more difficult.
- 5 a chance to learn at his or her own speed
- 6 There is an issue with the internet connection.
- 7 a lack of extracurricular activities.
- 8 the opportunity to learn something new despite the lack of direct instruction
- 9 an unfavorable environment.
- 10 online learning programs or tools.

