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WHY HAS E-LEARNING BECAME A MUST-HAVE IN IRAQ

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   With the outbreak of COVID-19 in Iraq and the world, it became possible to adopt distance learning technology in all institutions. Iraq is not an exception , where the internet entered almost all Iraqi houses. the computers, tablets and smart phones have become available for all ages .It is obvious that each individual should ensure his rights in education, especially as to university , therefore it is possible to adopt distance learning technology to ensure the rights of generations in education, with the possibility of exception of scientific or applied lessons in schools and universities under the recommendation of the World Health Organization. E-learning has first used in the mid1990s as a shortened form of " Electronic learning" . it is a broader concept (than online learning) encompassing a wide set of applications and processes which use all available electronic media to deliver vocational education and training more flexibly. According to the recent definitions, it can be define as the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to facilitate and enhance learning and teaching. Choosing a proper E-learning method, totally depends upon the proper need analysis of the organization and upon the nature of the audiences and their collaborative methods. By choosing the right method cannot only make the development process more streamline and productive but it will also provide a better E-learning experience for all audience. There are many types of e-learning such as :

- Computer managed learning (CML)
- Computer assisted instruction (CAI)
- Synchronous online learning
- Asynchronous online learning
- Fixed e-learning
- Adaptive e-learning
- Linear e-learning
- Interactive online learning

There are many facts and plentiful benefits that online learning provides such as:

-The research institute of America reports that learning retention rates improve from 8 to 10 percent for face – to- face training to 25 to 60 percent for E-learning

-A study conducted by Brandon Hall found that e-learning requires 40-60 percent less employee time than classroom training. The employee save a lot of time through online learning and are able to resume work and apply the new skill faster.

-It saves a lot of money for both learner and instructors, as well as materials.

-It provides access to learning anytime and anywhere.

-It leads to better retention, modern learners prefer bite-sized, interactive content. they would rather watch a video or listen to a podcast than read through pages of a manual.

-E-learning tools enable learner designers to make content interactive. The more engaging the content is, the better the leaners remember information. if the enjoy learning, they can able to recall and apply the concepts at work.

- E-learning   is consistent . in face-to-face sessions ,every instructor has his or her own method of teaching. Online learning provides consistent and tenderized learning every time. Each learner goes through the same experience regardless of when and where he

or she takes the course.

- It offers personalization, each learner has unique performances and learning goals. So it makes it possible to cater to individual needs.it allows learners to choose their learning path and navigate at their own pace.

The previously discussed reasons show precisely why e-learning is absolutely essential in today's world .