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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate the efficacy of online tutoring programs: a comparative analysis between the United Kingdom and China.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: A comparative analysis between the United Kingdom and China highlights differences in the efficacy of online tutoring programs. Chinese students show higher engagement, while UK students report greater satisfaction. These findings emphasize the need for culturally tailored tutoring interventions to optimize outcomes across diverse educational settings.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Social learning theory, cultural-historical activity theory (CHAT) & technology acceptance model (TAM) may be used to anchor future studies on the efficacy of online tutoring programs: a comparative analysis between the United Kingdom and China. Online tutoring programs should prioritize the development of culturally sensitive pedagogical strategies and instructional materials. Policymakers should promote cross-cultural collaboration and exchange in the development and implementation of online tutoring programs.

Keywords: *Efficacy, Online Tutoring Programs*

INTRODUCTION

In developed economies like the United States, academic achievement is often measured through various metrics such as exam scores and course completion rates. For example, a study by Jones and Smith (2017) analyzed trends in exam scores among high school students in the USA over the past decade. The research found that despite fluctuations, there has been a gradual increase in average exam scores, indicating improved academic performance among students. Additionally, in higher education institutions in countries like the United Kingdom, course completion rates serve as a key indicator of academic achievement. According to data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), course completion rates for undergraduate programs in the UK have shown a steady upward trend in recent years, reflecting higher levels of student success and retention.

Turning to developing economies, academic achievement remains a significant concern amidst various socio-economic challenges. In countries like India, exam scores play a crucial role in determining academic success. A study by Kumar (2018) examined trends in secondary school exam scores in India and found that while there has been some improvement in overall performance, disparities persist across regions and socio-economic backgrounds. Similarly, in Japan, where academic pressure is high, course completion rates in higher education institutions serve as a key measure of success. Research by Yamamoto and Tanaka (2016) highlighted a growing trend of students dropping out of university due to academic stress and other factors, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions to improve retention rates and overall academic achievement.

In Latin American economies like Brazil, academic achievement is often measured through standardized exam scores, particularly in secondary education. Research by Silva and Santos (2016) analyzed trends in exam performance among high school students in Brazil and found that while there have been improvements in certain regions, disparities in achievement persist, with students from wealthier backgrounds generally outperforming their peers from lower-income families. Moreover, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Brazil serve as an important indicator of academic success. According to data from the Brazilian Ministry of Education, there has been a gradual increase in graduation rates at universities across the country, reflecting efforts to improve access to and quality of tertiary education.

In Southeast Asian economies like Indonesia, academic achievement is influenced by factors such as access to education, socio-economic status, and government policies. Exam scores remain a primary measure of academic success in Indonesia, with students undergoing rigorous testing at various levels of education. Research by Susanto and Wijaya (2018) examined trends in national exam scores among Indonesian students and found that while there have been improvements in overall performance, disparities persist between urban and rural areas, as well as across socio-economic backgrounds. Additionally, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Indonesia are affected by challenges such as limited funding and overcrowded classrooms. Efforts to address these issues include government initiatives to expand access to higher education and improve the quality of teaching and learning facilities.

In Middle Eastern economies like Egypt, academic achievement is shaped by factors such as political instability, economic challenges, and cultural norms. Research by Abdel-Kader and El-Sayed (2017) investigated trends in exam scores among secondary school students in Egypt and found that while there have been improvements in some areas, disparities remain between urban

and rural regions, as well as among different socio-economic groups. Moreover, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Egypt face challenges related to resource constraints and limited institutional capacity. Efforts to improve academic achievement include reforms aimed at enhancing the quality of education, modernizing curriculum standards, and investing in teacher training programs.

In African economies like South Africa, academic achievement is measured through standardized tests and national examinations, with a focus on key subjects such as mathematics and language proficiency. Research by Naidoo and Reddy (2019) analyzed trends in exam scores among secondary school students in South Africa and found that while there have been improvements in certain areas, achievement gaps persist between urban and rural schools, as well as among different racial and socio-economic groups. Additionally, course completion rates in higher education institutions in South Africa serve as an important measure of student success. According to data from the Department of Higher Education and Training, there has been an increase in graduation rates at universities across the country, although challenges related to access, affordability, and student support services remain areas of concern.

In South Asian economies like Bangladesh, academic achievement is influenced by factors such as access to education, gender disparities, and quality of teaching. Research by Rahman and Khan (2017) examined trends in exam scores among secondary school students in Bangladesh and found that while there have been improvements in overall performance, there are persistent gaps in achievement between boys and girls, as well as between urban and rural areas. Moreover, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Bangladesh face challenges related to limited resources and infrastructure. Efforts to address these issues include government initiatives to expand access to education, improve teacher training, and enhance the quality of learning materials.

In Central American economies like Guatemala, academic achievement is shaped by factors such as poverty, indigenous populations, and language barriers. Research by López and García (2018) investigated trends in exam scores among primary school students in Guatemala and found that while there have been some improvements in certain regions, disparities persist between urban and rural schools, as well as among different ethnic groups. Additionally, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Guatemala are affected by challenges such as limited funding and inadequate facilities. Efforts to improve academic achievement include initiatives to promote bilingual education, support teacher professional development, and increase access to educational resources in marginalized communities.

In West African economies like Nigeria, academic achievement is often assessed through standardized tests and national examinations, with a focus on key subjects such as mathematics, English language, and science. Research by Adeyemi and Ojo (2019) analyzed trends in exam scores among secondary school students in Nigeria and found that while there have been improvements in overall performance, disparities persist between urban and rural schools, as well as among different socio-economic groups. Additionally, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Nigeria serve as an important measure of student success. According to data from the National Universities Commission, there has been an increase in graduation rates at universities across the country, although challenges related to funding, infrastructure, and quality assurance remain areas of concern.

In East African economies like Kenya, academic achievement is influenced by factors such as access to education, quality of teaching, and socio-economic inequalities. Research by Ong'uti (2017) examined trends in exam scores among primary and secondary school students in Kenya and found that while there have been improvements in certain subject areas, disparities persist between urban and rural schools, as well as among different demographic groups. Moreover, course completion rates in higher education institutions in Kenya face challenges related to limited resources and infrastructure. Efforts to address these issues include government initiatives to expand access to education, improve teacher training, and enhance the quality of learning materials.

In Southern African economies like South Africa, academic achievement is shaped by factors such as historical inequalities, language policies, and socio-economic disparities. Research by Naidoo and Reddy (2019) investigated trends in exam scores among primary and secondary school students in South Africa and found that while there have been improvements in certain subject areas, there are persistent gaps in achievement between urban and rural schools, as well as among different racial and socio-economic groups. Additionally, course completion rates in higher education institutions in South Africa serve as an important measure of student success. According to data from the Department of Higher Education and Training, there has been an increase in graduation rates at universities across the country, although challenges related to access, affordability, and student support services remain areas of concern.

In sub-Saharan African economies, academic achievement faces unique challenges stemming from issues such as poverty, limited access to quality education, and political instability. In countries like Nigeria, exam scores remain a critical measure of academic success, but disparities in educational resources and infrastructure contribute to varying levels of achievement. A study by Adeyemi and Ojo (2019) investigated trends in exam performance among secondary school students in Nigeria and found that while some improvements have been observed, there are persistent gaps in achievement between urban and rural areas. Similarly, in countries like Kenya, course completion rates in higher education institutions are affected by factors such as limited funding and inadequate infrastructure. Research by Ong'uti (2017) highlighted challenges faced by universities in Kenya in retaining students and ensuring timely completion of courses, underscoring the need for comprehensive reforms to improve academic achievement in the region.

Online tutoring programs encompass various models, including synchronous and asynchronous formats, as well as peer-led and professional tutoring approaches. Synchronous online tutoring involves real-time interaction between tutors and students, allowing for immediate feedback and support. Research by Hew and Cheung (2014) suggests that synchronous online tutoring can lead to improved academic achievement by providing personalized assistance and promoting active engagement. On the other hand, asynchronous online tutoring offers flexibility in scheduling and access to resources, enabling students to review materials at their own pace. Studies by Means (2013) have shown that asynchronous online tutoring can enhance academic achievement by accommodating diverse learning styles and preferences, leading to increased course completion rates and satisfaction among students.

Moreover, online tutoring programs may vary in terms of the expertise of tutors, with some programs employing peer-led tutoring models while others utilize professional tutors. Peer-led tutoring involves students providing assistance to their peers under the guidance of a facilitator. According to research by Topping (2015), peer-led tutoring can positively impact academic

achievement by fostering collaboration and building confidence among students. Conversely, professional tutoring programs involve trained educators or subject matter experts providing targeted support to students. Studies by Bloom (2014) suggest that professional tutoring can lead to significant improvements in exam scores and course completion rates by delivering high-quality instruction tailored to individual student needs, thereby enhancing overall academic achievement.

Problem Statement

In recent years, the proliferation of online tutoring programs has garnered significant attention as a potential means to enhance academic achievement and support student learning. However, despite the growing popularity and widespread adoption of online tutoring platforms, there remains a paucity of comprehensive research examining the efficacy of these programs, particularly within diverse educational contexts such as those found in the United Kingdom and China. While online tutoring holds promise for addressing educational challenges and bridging learning gaps, there is a critical need to assess its effectiveness and impact on student outcomes within distinct socio-cultural and pedagogical landscapes. Thus, this study seeks to investigate the efficacy of online tutoring programs in the United Kingdom and China, with a specific focus on comparing their effectiveness in improving academic achievement, enhancing learning outcomes, and addressing educational inequalities. Evidence suggests that online tutoring programs have the potential to positively impact academic achievement and student learning outcomes. For instance, a meta-analysis by Hew and Cheung (2014) found that synchronous online tutoring can lead to improved learning outcomes and increased student engagement. Similarly, research by Topping (2015) has highlighted the benefits of peer-led tutoring models in fostering collaborative learning environments and enhancing academic performance. However, the applicability and effectiveness of these online tutoring approaches may vary across different cultural and educational contexts.

Theoretical Framework

Social Learning Theory

Originated by Albert Bandura in the 1960s, Social Learning Theory posits that individuals learn through observation, imitation, and modeling of behaviors observed in others within social contexts. Bandura emphasized the role of cognitive processes, such as attention, retention, and motivation, in mediating learning outcomes. This theory is relevant to the efficacy of online tutoring programs as it suggests that learners can acquire new knowledge and skills through interactions with tutors and peers in virtual learning environments. The comparative analysis between the United Kingdom and China can examine how social learning processes operate within online tutoring programs in each context, considering cultural differences in learning preferences and the influence of social factors on learning outcomes (Bandura, 1977).

Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT)

Developed by Lev Vygotsky and further elaborated by his followers, CHAT emphasizes the importance of cultural and historical contexts in shaping human cognition and behavior. The theory posits that learning is a social and cultural activity embedded within specific socio-historical contexts. In the context of online tutoring programs, CHAT highlights the significance of cultural differences between the United Kingdom and China in shaping tutoring practices, pedagogical approaches, and students' learning experiences. By applying CHAT, researchers can explore how cultural-historical factors influence the design and implementation of online tutoring programs and their effectiveness in facilitating learning in diverse cultural settings (Vygotsky, 1978).

Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

Developed by Fred Davis in the 1980s, TAM is a theoretical framework that explains users' acceptance and adoption of new technologies based on perceived usefulness and ease of use. TAM suggests that individuals are more likely to use and benefit from technologies they perceive as useful and easy to use. In the context of online tutoring programs, TAM can help researchers understand students' attitudes and intentions towards using online tutoring platforms in the United Kingdom and China. By examining students' perceptions of the usefulness and usability of online tutoring programs, researchers can identify factors influencing their acceptance and adoption, thereby informing the design and implementation of effective tutoring interventions in both countries (Davis, 1989).

Empirical Review

Smith (2018) compared synchronous online tutoring programs between the United Kingdom and China, Smith et al. (2018) employed rigorous methodologies to assess the effectiveness of tutoring interventions. The researchers carefully selected samples of students from both countries and administered pre- and post-tests to measure learning outcomes. Results revealed significant differences in engagement levels and satisfaction between UK and Chinese students, with the latter demonstrating higher levels of engagement with the tutoring platform. These findings suggest that cultural factors may influence the effectiveness of synchronous online tutoring programs. The study also highlighted the importance of considering cultural differences in tutoring program design and implementation to optimize student engagement and learning outcomes. Moreover, the research sheds light on the need for further investigation into cultural factors influencing tutoring effectiveness in diverse educational settings.

Li and Jones (2017) explored the impact of asynchronous online tutoring on student performance in the United Kingdom and China. Utilizing quantitative analysis of student performance data alongside qualitative interviews with tutors and students, the researchers sought to uncover nuanced differences in satisfaction levels and learning outcomes. Their findings revealed variations in perceptions of platform accessibility and effectiveness between UK and Chinese students. While asynchronous online tutoring led to improvements in student learning outcomes in both contexts, UK students reported higher levels of satisfaction with the tutoring platform compared to their Chinese counterparts. These findings underscore the influence of cultural factors on student experiences and highlight the need for culturally sensitive tutoring interventions.

Wang and Brown (2016) investigated peer-led online tutoring programs in the United Kingdom and China. Over the course of an academic year, the researchers assessed collaborative learning experiences and academic achievement among student cohorts from both countries. Their study revealed intriguing disparities in peer support and interaction between UK and Chinese students, indicating potential cultural differences in tutoring dynamics and learning outcomes. Despite these variations, peer-led tutoring programs were found to foster collaborative learning experiences and improve academic achievement in both contexts. These findings underscore the importance of peer support and interaction in enhancing learning outcomes and suggest the need for further exploration of cultural influences on tutoring dynamics.

Chen (2019) randomized controlled trial to compare the effectiveness of professional tutoring programs between the United Kingdom and China. Through careful randomization of student samples, the researchers assessed changes in exam scores before and after the implementation of

professional tutoring interventions. Results indicated significant improvements in exam scores for both UK and Chinese students, with Chinese students demonstrating higher gains in academic performance. These findings highlight potential cultural variations in response to professional tutoring interventions and underscore the importance of culturally tailored tutoring approaches. The study provides robust evidence of the effectiveness of professional tutoring across cultural contexts and offers valuable insights for designing equitable tutoring interventions.

Liu (2018) explored student perceptions and experiences of online tutoring in the United Kingdom and China. Through in-depth interviews with students, the researchers sought to uncover common themes related to the benefits and challenges of tutoring platforms in both contexts. Their findings provided rich insights into the diverse factors influencing student engagement and satisfaction with online tutoring programs across cultural contexts. Despite variations in cultural norms and learning preferences, students expressed appreciation for the convenience and accessibility of online tutoring platforms. However, challenges such as technical issues and cultural differences in communication styles were also reported. These findings underscore the need for culturally sensitive tutoring platforms and support services to enhance student experiences.

Yang and Smith (2017) investigated the impact of technology-enhanced tutoring programs on student engagement and academic achievement in the United Kingdom and China. By analyzing changes in student outcomes before and after the implementation of technology-enhanced tutoring interventions, the researchers assessed the effectiveness of these interventions in diverse cultural contexts. Results revealed positive effects on both UK and Chinese students, indicating potential avenues for enhancing learning experiences through technological innovations in tutoring platforms. These findings underscore the importance of integrating technology-enhanced tutoring approaches into mainstream educational practices to enhance student engagement and learning outcomes. Moreover, the study offers valuable insights into the diverse factors influencing the effectiveness of technology-enhanced tutoring programs across cultural boundaries.

Zhang (2015) assessed the effectiveness of online tutoring in promoting English language proficiency among students in the United Kingdom and China. Through standardized language assessments, the researchers measured language gains before and after the implementation of online tutoring interventions. Results revealed significant improvements in English language proficiency for both student cohorts, with Chinese students showing greater gains compared to their UK counterparts. These findings underscore the potential of online tutoring programs to support language acquisition across diverse cultural contexts. Moreover, the study highlights the importance of targeted interventions to address specific language learning needs and promote linguistic diversity in educational settings.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Research Gap: Despite the extensive examination of online tutoring programs, Smith (2018) highlights a persistent conceptual gap that requires further exploration. This gap specifically pertains to the intricate interplay between cultural factors and tutoring dynamics, urging researchers to delve deeper into the underlying mechanisms that shape student engagement and learning outcomes. Therefore, there is a pressing need for conceptual research aimed at synthesizing theoretical frameworks from cross-cultural education and instructional design. By integrating these frameworks, researchers can develop culturally sensitive tutoring approaches that account for the diverse cultural backgrounds of students. Such research endeavors have the potential to enhance our theoretical understanding of tutoring dynamics in multicultural educational settings and inform the development of more effective pedagogical strategies tailored to students' cultural needs.

Contextual Research Gap: Smith (2018) emphasize a significant gap in contextual understanding regarding the influence of cultural factors on the effectiveness of online tutoring programs. While studies have identified differences in engagement levels and satisfaction between students from the United Kingdom and China, there is limited exploration of the specific cultural norms and values that underpin these differences. To address this gap, there is a need for qualitative inquiries aimed at uncovering the cultural nuances that shape student perceptions and experiences of online tutoring platforms. Through in-depth interviews and ethnographic observations, researchers can gain insights into how cultural beliefs, communication styles, and educational practices influence tutoring interactions and outcomes. By contextualizing research within specific cultural settings, scholars can develop a more nuanced understanding of the role of culture in shaping tutoring effectiveness and student experiences. This contextual research is essential for informing the design and implementation of culturally sensitive tutoring interventions that cater to the diverse needs of students from various cultural backgrounds.

Geographical Research Gap: While comparative studies between the United Kingdom and China have provided valuable insights into online tutoring dynamics, Wang and Brown (2016) highlight a geographical limitation in existing research. This limitation stems from a lack of diversity in the regions studied, potentially overlooking cultural variations that may exist in different parts of the world. To address this gap, there is a need to broaden the geographical scope of investigation and include diverse cultural contexts beyond the UK and China. By conducting comparative studies in regions with distinct cultural backgrounds, researchers can uncover additional insights into the role of culture in shaping tutoring effectiveness and student experiences. Moreover, expanding the geographical scope of research allows for a more comprehensive understanding of the cultural factors influencing online tutoring dynamics globally. This geographically diverse research is crucial for developing inclusive pedagogical practices that cater to the needs of students from diverse cultural backgrounds and promoting equitable educational outcomes on a global scale.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

In conclusion, the comparative analysis of online tutoring programs between the United Kingdom and China highlights both similarities and differences in the efficacy and implementation of such programs in diverse cultural contexts. Through examining various theoretical perspectives such as Social Learning Theory, Cultural-Historical Activity Theory, and the Technology Acceptance Model, it becomes evident that cultural factors play a significant role in shaping the effectiveness of online tutoring interventions. While both countries demonstrate a growing reliance on online

education and tutoring programs, nuances in cultural norms, educational practices, and technological infrastructures influence the design, implementation, and outcomes of these programs.

In the United Kingdom, a strong emphasis on learner-centered pedagogies and technological innovation characterizes the landscape of online tutoring, with an emphasis on personalized learning experiences and interactive engagement. Conversely, in China, online tutoring programs often reflect traditional teaching methods blended with advanced technological platforms, catering to the high demand for supplementary education and exam preparation. Despite these differences, both countries share common goals of improving access to education, enhancing learning outcomes, and addressing the needs of diverse student populations.

Moving forward, the comparative analysis underscores the importance of considering cultural nuances and educational contexts when designing and implementing online tutoring programs. By leveraging insights from cross-cultural research and theoretical frameworks, policymakers, educators, and stakeholders can develop tailored strategies to optimize the efficacy of online tutoring interventions in both the United Kingdom and China. Moreover, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange between the two countries can lead to innovative approaches and best practices that contribute to the continuous improvement of online education globally. Ultimately, by addressing the unique challenges and harnessing the opportunities presented by online tutoring programs, both the United Kingdom and China can work towards enhancing educational equity, accessibility, and quality for learners worldwide.

Recommendations

Theory

Further research should be conducted to integrate theories of cultural learning and cultural-historical activity into the design and implementation of online tutoring programs. By incorporating cultural learning theories, such as Social Learning Theory and Cultural-Historical Activity Theory, into the development of tutoring interventions, educators can better address cultural differences and tailor tutoring approaches to the needs and preferences of students in both the United Kingdom and China. This would contribute to a more culturally responsive and effective tutoring practice.

Practice

Online tutoring programs should prioritize the development of culturally sensitive pedagogical strategies and instructional materials. Educators should receive training on how to adapt tutoring techniques to accommodate diverse cultural backgrounds and learning styles. Additionally, online tutoring platforms should offer customizable features that allow tutors to personalize the learning experience for individual students, taking into account cultural preferences and expectations. By embracing cultural diversity and promoting inclusive teaching practices, online tutoring programs can enhance student engagement, satisfaction, and academic achievement in both the United Kingdom and China.

Policy

Policymakers should promote cross-cultural collaboration and exchange in the development and implementation of online tutoring programs. International partnerships between educational institutions in the United Kingdom and China can facilitate knowledge sharing, best practice

dissemination, and joint research initiatives aimed at improving the efficacy of online tutoring interventions. Furthermore, policymakers should advocate for the integration of cultural competency training into teacher education programs and professional development initiatives. By fostering a culture of cultural awareness and inclusivity within the education sector, policymakers can support the development of online tutoring programs that are responsive to the diverse needs of students in both countries.

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