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Main Idea Choice

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Look at the multiple-choice options that follow. Select the choice that best captures the *central idea* of the passage, not just a single detail. Then, explain why you chose it and why the other options are weaker.

The Growth of Online Learning

Over the past decade, online learning has grown rapidly across the world. Universities now offer entire degree programs online, allowing students to study from anywhere with an internet connection. Many working adults use online classes to balance education with full-time jobs. Online learning also saves time and money by cutting out commutes and lowering costs for textbooks through digital versions. Some challenges exist, such as limited face-to-face interaction and the need for reliable technology. Still, the flexibility and accessibility of online education have made it an increasingly popular choice. Experts believe it will continue to expand and transform how people think about traditional classrooms.

Which of the following best expresses the **central idea** of the passage?

- A. Online learning is only helpful for people with full-time jobs.
- B. Universities are replacing textbooks with digital versions.
- C. Online learning is growing quickly because it is flexible, accessible, and changing traditional education.
- D. Online education is difficult because of technology and lack of face-to-face contact.

Briefly explain your answer: _____
