Computers are being used more and more in education and some people believe that there will soon be no role for the teacher in education. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

In recent years, computers have been gaining importance in all aspects of human life, particularly education. It is suggested that they will eventually replace teachers in the foreseeable future. However, I strongly believe that the role of teachers will persist because their merits far outweigh that of electronic devices.

Admittedly, computers allow more flexibility in the learning process. Students can have lessons virtually wherever and whenever they want, as long as they have their laptops with them. They can learn at their own pace that they are comfortable with, unlike the conventional style of teaching, where lecturers may at times need to compromise the needs of weaker students in order to stick to their teaching schedule. In addition, technology-based learning is much more convenient. Students can stay at home and study using their laptops without having to travel to school, which saves time that could be used for actual learning or other activities instead.

Despite the numerous advantages of learning through computers, I believe teachers are essential because laptops cannot carry out certain vital functions of the latter educators. First and foremost, one important part of the job of teachers is to help students develop interpersonal skills and moral values. In other words, the aims of education is not merely to instil factual knowledge in students and assess their academic ability, but also to nurture their personal character and teach them standards of upright conduct. Obviously, this can only be achieved through face-to-face communication in the classroom. Moreover, teachers can assist children with learning weaknesses and help them overcome their difficulties, such as lack of confidence or self-discipline. This, again, would be impossible if learning takes place solely through technology.

To conclude, although computers undeniably make the learning process more
flexible and convenient, I believe they are no substitute for teachers since they cannot fulfil the true full range of purposes of education.

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| Task response           | 8-9             | You have a clear position
You provide good main arguments for agreeing and disagreeing and you develop these main ideas well.                                     |
| Cohesion and coherence  | 8               | As I mentioned the order of the paragraphs in your essay body should be switched, so the structure is like this:
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