**In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers and books because they will be able to read everything they want online without paying.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

It is expected that in the not-too-distant future, fewer people will purchase printed newspapers and books as the majority of the people will prefer free online materials. I agree with this viewpoint, and, in this essay, I will elaborate on my reasons.

While some contend that online materials will not wholly replace traditional books and newspapers due to factors such as ease of handling and possible effect of screen light on eyesight, it important to note that electronic books and news platforms have largely eliminated these issues. For example, E-book readers give the users the ability to adjust not only the light but also the size of the font or the background to customize their reading experience to their liking.

Furthermore, the environmental impact of paper production, notably deforestation, has caused a shortage of raw materials to make paper. As a result, tablets and e-books are not only more environmentally friendly but they also reduce paper use. However, it is worth mentioning that online materials will not be free as many publishers and writers will charge a subscription fee for their content. Take online news websites as an example. On those websites, users usually have limited access to the news and if they need further news or news with analysis, they will have to subscribe to those websites and pay a fee.

In conclusion, I restate my position that an increasing number of individuals will opt for reading books and newspapers online, given the ability to tailor their reading experience, shortage of paper materials and the environmental benefits of adopting electronic devices. Nevertheless, it is crucial to note that online materials will come at a cost and users may have to pay a subscription fee to access the online materials.

Excellent!