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Abstract:

Examination malpractice has been identified as a plague which has infected the Nigerian educational system. Examination is a common phenomenon in the life of a student and hence, it is accorded great respect, and the desire to succeed at all costs has led to various sophisticated methods of cheating in examinations. The increasing trend of examination malpractice in Nigerian schools (primary, secondary, tertiary and professional institutions) and in public examinations has assumed a new dimension. It is becoming a more worrisome and disturbing phenomenon day after day. Of all educational problems in Nigeria, none poses a great threat than the issue of examination malpractice. The most disturbing aspect of it all is the participation or involvement of school administrators, parents/guardians, and examinations personnel. This study is an attempt to explore ways to curb examination malpractice by examining the concept of examination malpractice; exploring the numerous causes of examination malpractice together with the methods/ styles of cheating. Some curative as well as preventive strategies to curb examination malpractice such as increasing numbers of invigilators, equipping schools, improving condition of service of teachers, eliminating proximity induced cheating and painting surface of desks in black colour to discourage scribbling on them were discussed.

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