

THE PROBLEM OF EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE:  
AN ETHICAL AND MORAL PERSPECTIVE FROM THE OGBOMOSO SOUTH  
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## ABSTRACT

Examination Malpractices no doubt constitute a major ethical problem to us as a nation. It will be foolhardy to suggest that this problem does not exist. What can be done to put a stop to this problem seems to be the question on the lips of every concerned Nigerians and stakeholders in the educational sector. This project is no doubt a contribution to further provide a better understanding of the nature, causes, implications and solutions to the unethical problem of examination malpractice.

Every concerned Nigerians and stakeholders in the educational sector have a duty no doubt to confront this hydra headed monster with every available resources at our disposal and put a definite end to this ethical problem, that would no doubt spell a doom for us as a nation if not eradicated or reduced to the barest minimum. Parents, teachers, students, school management, examination bodies and the society in general, all have one role or the other to play in the fight against the evil of examination malpractice.

## 5.2 Conclusion

Although it has been established that examination malpractice is a major ethical problem that if not properly checked could spell doom for the nation, it is however encouraging, that some part of the country does embrace hard work and honesty when it comes to the conduct of examination as revealed in the study as regards students in Ogbomoso South Local Government Area of Oyo state.

Parents and guardians should learn from their counterparts in this part of the country who shun with disdain the practice of examination malpractice among their wards. If the quality of certificates awarded by various examination bodies is to reflect the real abilities of the students and the students serve as worthy ambassador of the nation, the conduct of their examination must always be thorough to ensure that results from such examination are reliable and valid. Religious institutions that stand at a vantage point to consistency campaign for the eradication of this hydra headed monster should do so with all available resources at their disposal.

## 5.3 Implication of the Study

A nation that desires meaningful development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond should not pay lip service to the quality of manpower trained and prepared for the

arduous task of the nation building. A nation whose foundation is laid or built on cheating and deceit will no doubt in a short while crumble.

#### 5.4 Recommendations

Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations were made to the various stakeholders in the educational sector directed towards finding solutions or minimizing examination malpractices among adolescents in secondary and tertiary institutions of learning.

##### Religious Institution

Religious institutions should wake up to their responsibilities of being the moral and ethical light of the society, the church should properly sensitize her members both parents and their wards on the need to appreciate and practice hard work, truth and shun such ethical vices such as examination malpractices.

##### Government

The government should subsidize the price of textbooks and other educational infrastructures. The resultant effect of this is that almost every student will have easy access to recommend texts since their prices are reasonable. Invariably students will be prepared fully for their examinations thus having no reason to cheat during the examination.

To make the above recommendation a total success, adequate physical facility like class rooms, laboratory equipment, and well equipped library should be provided within short period. In addition human resources like school counselor, librarian and so on should be provided for the institution all these will work together for the total success of the students.

## Teachers

The teachers should also be adequately involved in terms of regular and adequate payment and granting of loans, also recognition should be recorded to the profession.

When all these are done the teacher's attitude towards teaching will be transformed and hence, more education thus impact the knowledge needed by the students to them. This will eventually build up self-confidence and self-reliance in the students.

A teacher who is taking a subject should not be allowed to supervise or be in the premises while his examination is going on and also the student who is not taking that particular subject should not be found roaming about around the examination hall.

Examination hall should therefore be out of bound for the teacher who is taking the subject and the students who is not taking the subject. It should be noted that absence of moral education also contributed greatly to the cheating attitude and practices among students thus a counselor should be entrenched in the curriculum. This will enable the students to view cheating attitudes and practice from moral point of view.

## Students

In addition, students should be taught on how to cultivate the spirit of hard work, which can be achieved by giving prizes to brilliant one at the end of each academic year. It will also encourage a health rivalry among the students and awareness of the justification for hard work.

## Examination Bodies

The various examination bodies need to sit up and put in place measures that would reduce the incidence of examination malpractice to the barest minimum. Corrupt officials within the body should be made to face the music. A situation where exam

questions leak before the examination date does not speak well about that examination body.