

CHEATING IN EXAMINATIONS: A CLANDESTINE WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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ABSTRACT

This paper highlights the problem of cheating in examinations and other forms of examination irregularities which have, for many years posed serious repercussions to many examining authorities the world over. Cheating in examinations is nowadays like a culture that seems to be entrenched in the minds of our society; and it has indeed become a recurrent stumbling block almost in all learning institutions. Many examining authorities have been discovering many cheating cases in school and national examinations leave alone many more cases, which sometimes go, undetected. The paper uncovers the forms of cheating in examinations and possible causes of this illicit act. It dwells on the reasons for this problem and the serious consequences the act has on the lives of people directly and worse still, indirectly (clandestine). The paper also puts forward the suggestions to curb the problem. The papers uses data obtained through reviewing different scholarly works. These include books, journals, dissertations, and conference papers. Both soft (online) and hard copy materials have been reviewed in the course of producing this paper.

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