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Exploring Causes of Plagiarism and Its Reduction among Students

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Abstract

This research focused on causes of plagiarism among students and its reduction. Through qualitative research related to the first question that what is students' understanding about plagiarism? How can they define the word of plagiarism? It is found that all the students have the same understanding of the meaning of the word of plagiarism and they defined it in different ways with same meaning they mentioned that it is taking of others work, idea or activity and name it as their own work. Related to the second question of the questionnaires that what type of plagiarism do the students familiar with? Different kinds of plagiarism found out through research namely intentionally, unintentionally, direct, self, accidental and source based plagiarism. Related to the third question that what causes students' plagiarism? it is found that there are different causes of plagiarism such as lack of content knowledge, having some problem on citation, references, lack of information, lack of enough ability how to do something, lack of hard working, academic pressure, fear of not to be succeed or have low grades in the exam are causes for their plagiarism. Related to the fourth question of the research on how plagiarism can be reduced among students? It is found that through giving good resources and lectures regarding research methodology section, hiring professionals, updating research methodology subjects and students should be taught and trained practical knowledge of the content of the research paper and teachers should have regular meeting with students related to their assignment. Related to the fifth question that what is instructor's penalty for the students who plagiarize? It is found that teacher will not accept the assignment of the students and they will ask students to re- do it and if he/ she fined two students with the same paper or paragraphs he will reduce the grade for both of the students.

Keywords: plagiarism, students, causes, reduction, practices

Introduction

Plagiarism is a serious issue in an academic process which affect students success ability, makes students lazy, dependent and irresponsible with their learning. This is a fact that the purpose of education is students learning and use their learning in their real life. Although many students do not consider this issue and they plagiarize. Plagiarism became a problem for all administrators and teachers and it affect the process of evaluation that causes unfair evaluation of the students and

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