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Faculty Quiz: Understanding (& Defusing) Academic Plagiarism

QUESTION 1

In academia, plagiarism is generally defined as unaccredited borrowing of another's text in exchange for something of value – a grade, a job, publication, etc. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 2

The problem of academic plagiarism has steadily increased over time and, with the Internet, has reached epidemic proportions today. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 3

The prevalence of academic plagiarism is well-established with one out of three U.S. college students admitting to "serious cheating on written work." TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 4

Scientists have documented tricks that the brain plays on memory that may support some writers' claims that they "accidentally" plagiarized. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 5

In one study of plagiarism, half of the college students did not understand that "unaccredited paraphrasing" was an unethical practice. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 6

By the time they get to college, most students have mastered basic academic writing skills, such as summarizing. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 7

Research on university plagiarism policies shows that students respond more strongly to warning messages than educational messages. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 8

Students from other countries, such as China, may plagiarize because their cultures do not consider plagiarism a violation of scholarly integrity. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 9

Some writers have developed techniques, like mosaic plagiarism, that go undetected by software tools like Turnitin. TRUE OR FALSE

QUESTION 10

Some faculty consider "accidental plagiarism" the most common academic integrity infraction for graduate students. TRUE OR FALSE