PLAGIARISM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

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Abstract. This article gives some data about plagiarism and its types besides the exact consequences of it. Moreover, there is some information about academic honesty and dishonesty.

Key words: Plagiarism, Academic honesty, Research etiquette.

In this digital period, carrying out researches is becoming easy because of huge amount of online data to acknowledge science. However, academic dishonesty is also becoming more common than previous time, so we would like to give our prospective on this issue relevant to plagiarism considered the most unscrupulous action.

Plagiarism is a process of stealing others work, being dishonest to his or her individuality, treating other’s works as its property or the result of hard work. How shameful action it is!

Do we realize bad effects of plagiarism, afterwards we can avoid committing that action. This is why we must know what is the plagiarism itself, types of it, and the consequences as well. For that reason, upcoming researchers would be better advised to be aware of plagiarism thoroughly.

Here is some brief information:

The types of plagiarism are given differently: “Direct plagiarism, mosaic plagiarism/insufficient paraphrasing/patch writing, idea plagiarism” [2]. “Direct plagiarism, self-plagiarism, mosaic plagiarism, accidental plagiarism” [6].

Direct plagiarism is clear coming from its name which is taking the exact words, phrases and structures from other sources directly unfairly.
Some researchers may take creating a work using previous ones or mixing them without permission of the professors who are involved them into account as academic honesty- but the reverse. This is Self-plagiarism.

Some suppose that using synonyms and omitting some parts, but keeping voices and tones can be done. Nevertheless, it is also a type of plagiarism named mosaic.

When one uses phrases or citations from other sources in the researches, it must cite the sources, or else that action turn out to be plagiarized. This type of plagiarism called accidental plagiarism.

I suppose most of the time researchers DO NOT appreciate their time because of bad time management, at the result when deadlines come, they start feeling stressed and overwhelmed. Therefore, they choose the easiest way hoping for the best and copying something off the internet.

Using plagiarism leads researchers into failure and that is depicted below:

**Figure 1. Easy and short steps**

One of the reasons of confronting to the failure in scientific areas is using plagiarism which is shown in the figure 1 precisely.

The consequences of plagiarism are far higher than benefits. For instance, reliability to author’s work and academic, professional, student reputation may be lost because of it. Furthermore, Copyright laws are absolute, that’s why the legal repercussions of plagiarism can be rather bad. One is not allowed to use other’s material unfairly without citation and reference. Last but not the least, monetary penalties can be done relevant to the plagiarism.
A real research requires a great deal of hard work, patience and trying. In my prospective, there are some reasons for plagiarizing, but the main one of them is laziness. Another one is curiosity about obtaining something easily or trying to have a reputation in a short notice.

Being fair and hard-working in any area including the scientific one brings the results which you and others can obtain something useful. That is going to be shown below in the figure 2:

As it is shown in the figure 2, getting to the expected results is far more difficult rather than previous one, but the result and efficiency is much higher.

Just because we are paying attention to plagiarism, it does not mean not to use other sources at all. What we need is to be aware of academic honesty adequately.

Academic honesty means using citations, phrases or paragraphs from other sources in a fair way, like indicating sources, using quotation marks besides the authors or publishing presses.

“Etiquette is established practices often govern social behavior in cultures and communities. Same holds for science. Different practices are applied by different communities” [1]

Research etiquette is also vital when a research is being done, because while researchers are trying to do something new, they have to keep value of work and appreciate the science simultaneously and then embarrassing state will not occur.

When one knows right and wrong sides of something comprehending the differences, causes, and consequences, it is easy to be out of it. On this purpose, some useful facts has been aforementioned.
In my prospective, does someone work hard to accomplish a goal, use the energy, dedicate to his or her job, being fair instead of pretending to be fair, and then a worthy results will come. Moreover, when something is written by heart, gaining a good experience, it really gives sense as a unique work.

As researchers, we strongly recommend young researchers to keep research etiquette, fulfill the objectives in a fair way realizing academic honesty and dishonesty. Plagiarism is an egregious type of work, so it cannot be a masterpiece ever. Undoubtedly, dedicated practice will help produce stronger papers with long-lasting impact and its perfect results.

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