# PLAGIARISM QUIZ

As indicated in the I.P.E.S.A., plagiarism is punishable. To avoid consequences, it is important to know all aspects of plagiarism.

**TRUE or FALSE**

Plagiarism includes quoting oral statements from public presentations (e.g., films, interviews, and lectures) without mentioning sources.

True. Plagiarism is not limited to written material but includes all borrowing, including oral information.

**YES or NO**

Three students have a graded assignment to do as a group. They agree on who will do which section. When the teacher hands back corrected assignments, he informs these students that he found plagiarism in their work. Two of the students argue that the plagiarized excerpts are all in the section written by the third student and that they were unaware plagiarism had occurred. Can these two students be accused of plagiarism?

Yes. If any member of a team engages in plagiarism, all team members can be penalized, since each member shares responsibility for verifying the integrity of an assignment before it is handed in to the teacher.

**TRUE or FALSE**

The information on the Internet (writings, ideas, images, videos, etc.) is public in nature and consequently belongs to everyone. Accordingly, it is unnecessary to cite Internet sources.

False. The rules of proper referencing apply regardless of the information source. But there's more. The Copyright Act requires the permission of authors in order to use their material, in particular for images and PowerPoint presentations, whether in part or in full.

**TRUE or FALSE**

Handing in the same assignment in two different courses is a form of plagiarism.

True. This is in fact a case of self-plagiarism, i.e., reusing material already used in a previous course while passing it off as original or new material (in the sense that it has not been used before) even though it is actually… leftovers! With the teacher's permission, it is sometimes possible to reuse a past assignment if it is adapted and enriched to meet the requirements of a current course.

**YES or NO**

Guillaume has a graded individual assignment to do. He gets together with two other students in his class to prepare for this work. The three students discuss and exchange sources, texts, etc. Each one hands in an individual assignment, but all three assignments have parts that are similar, bordering on identical. Is this a case of plagiarism?

No, but Beware! Strictly speaking, this is not a case of plagiarism, since none of the students "copied off" another student per se. However, since the teacher's instructions were to hand in an individual assignment, all three students are guilty of cheating. While students may reflect on an individual assignment within a team setting, each student must produce an assignment that is a result of his or her own personal reflection. The same principle of verifying integrity also applies to academic articles with multiple authors.

**TRUE or FALSE**

Lea has not yet begun a course assignment that is due in one week. One of her friends, who has already taken the course, suggests that Lea use her work, word for word. Since Lea has her friend's permission, this is not a case of plagiarism.

False. The rules of proper referencing apply regardless of the information source. But there's more. The Copyright Act requires the Given that Lea is not the author of the work, passing it off as her own is an act of plagiarism, even if the author has given Lea permission to do so. The same goes for any work obtained on the Web or elsewhere.

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