Virtual University of Pakistan

Say No to <u>plagiarism</u> and let's earn <u>good grades</u>

Dear Students

First of all we would like to share the definition of plagiarism available on HEC website for your better understanding. You are advised to read it as many times as you can.

 $\label{localized Plagiarism} \textit{Plagiarism is a} \underline{\textit{specific form of cheating which is almost wholly found in respect of course assignments completed by students independently.} \\ \textit{Source:http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/QALI/QualityAssurance/QADivision/Documents/Little%20Book%20of%20Plagiarism.pdf} \, .$

It means that if you are copying someone's work or stealing someone's idea without giving credit, it is called as *plagiarism*.

On the basis of aforementioned definition of *plagiarism*, compare your assignments and GDBs comments. It has been observed that few students, to kill the creativity and critical thinking among our students, have created different blogs and are promoting the culture of cheating and stealing ideas which is an intellectual crime. Students around the globe establish such kinds of blogs where they create and share intellectual ideas and information and it is acceptable whereas the situation in your case is opposite. The dark side in our case is that someone uploads the whole solution (either correct or incorrect) and our innocent students copy those solutions blindly. There is no harm in consulting books, handouts, or internet to grab the essence of a good answer rather we appreciate such acts but copy/paste option is not at all acceptable. Some students paste relevant or irrelevant text from different internet sources even when assignments or GDBs are application/scenario based.

It has been circulated many times not to copy or cheat from such unreliable sources but it's regretful to share that instructions were not taken seriously. We strongly condemn such substandard blogs which are playing with the grades of our students.

Dear students, we are very concerned with your grades and learning process. You are strongly advised to avoid such practices that could damage your grades. The best practice is to watch the video lectures carefully for knowledge enrichment.

Have a happy learning and good luck for your future endeavors.

Your well-wishers