

## Is It Cheating?

**For each item, circle Y for yes, it is cheating, N for no, it is not cheating, or D for depends on the circumstances. If you circle D for depends on the circumstances, please describe the circumstances.**

### **DEFINING ACADEMIC HONESTY SCALE by Jeanne L. Higbee & Pamela V. Thomas**

1. When typing an English paper for a friend, changing words or phrases in order to improve how the paper reads

Students:	Y-70%	N-15%	D-15%
Faculty:	Y-100%	N-0	D-0

2. Proofreading an English paper for a friend and making corrections

Students:	Y-14%	N-79%	D-7%
Faculty:	Y-53%	N-13%	D-33%

3. Proofreading an English paper for a friend and circling errors

Students:	Y-0%	N-100%	D-0%
Faculty:	Y-7%	N-86%	D-7%

4. Discussing a paper with a friend while in the process of writing it

Students:	Y-0%	N-88%	D-12%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-80%	D-20%

5. Discussing a paper with a friend who is in the same class and is writing on the same subject

Students:	Y-14%	N-49%	D-37%
Faculty:	Y-7%	N-53%	D-40%

6. Changing laboratory results to reflect what the results should have been

Students:	Y-95%	N-0%	D-5%
Faculty:	Y-100%	N-0%	D-0%

7. Turning in the same paper for two different courses during the same term

Students:	Y-68%	N-8%	D-24%
Faculty:	Y-40%	N-20%	D-40%

8. Turning in the same paper for two different courses during different terms

Students:	Y-56%	N-18%	D-26%
Faculty:	Y-47%	N-20%	D-33%

9. Turning in two different papers based on the same library research for two different courses

Students:	Y-5%	N-86%	D-9%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-33%	D-67%

10. Studying from old exams from the same course and professor

Students:	Y-5%	N-64%	D-31%
Faculty:	Y-13%	N-40%	D-47%

11. Maintaining a test file of old exams for students in an organization to use to prepare for exams

Students:	Y-40%	N-29%	D-31%
Faculty:	Y-33%	N-27%	D-47%

12. Asking someone who has already taken the same exam (e.g., during an earlier class period) about what the test covers

Students:	Y-54%	N-17%	D-29%
Faculty:	Y-66%	N-27%	D-7%

13. Asking someone who has already taken the same exam for specific test questions and/or answers

Students:	Y-100%	N-0%	D-0%
Faculty:	Y-93%	N-7%	D-0%

14. Making arrangements with other students to take turns going to lecture and taking notes

Students:	Y-12.5%	N-52.5%	D-35%
Faculty:	Y-27%	N-40%	D-33%

15. Purchasing lecture notes from a note taking business to supplement one's own notes

Students:	Y-12%	N-79%	D-9%
Faculty:	Y-7%	N-60%	D-33%

16. Purchasing lecture notes from a note taking business instead of going to class

Students:	Y-67%	N-21%	D-12%
Faculty:	Y-33%	N-47%	D-20%

17. Copying lecture notes from a friend after missing class

Students:	Y-2%	N-83%	D-5%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-80%	D-20%

18. Asking another student how to do a homework assignment

Students:	Y-0%	N-83%	D-17%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-53%	D-47%

19. Collaborating with other students to complete homework assignments

Students:	Y-7%	N-62%	D-31%
Faculty:	Y-7%	N-13%	D-80%

20. Preparing for exams in a study group in which each person develops review materials for a portion of the course

Students:	Y-2%	N-98%	D-0%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-80%	D-20%

21. Including an article in the reference list when only reading the abstract

Students:	Y-43%	N-31%	D-26%
Faculty:	Y-46%	N-27%	D-27%

22. Including a citation for a source you have not read in a paper and reference list

Students:	Y-91%	N-7%	D-2%
Faculty:	Y-67%	N-13%	D-20%

23. Asking someone to proofread a draft of a term paper and circle errors

Students:	Y-0%	N-98%	D-2%
Faculty:	Y-7%	N-80%	D-13%

24. Asking someone to correct a draft of a term paper

Students:	Y-31%	N-47%	D-22%
Faculty:	Y-60%	N-13%	D-27%

25. Using published summaries and/or study guides to assist in understanding reading assignments

Students:	Y-0%	N-95%	D-5%
Faculty:	Y-0%	N-73%	D-27%

26. Using published summaries and/or study guides instead of reading assigned works of literature

Students:	Y-49%	N-34%	D-17%
Faculty:	Y-46%	N-27%	D-27%

27. Watching videotaped films of famous works of fiction rather than reading an assigned book

Students:	Y-74%	N-19%	D-7%
Faculty:	Y-47%	N-33%	D-20%

28. Signing a friend's name to an attendance list

Students:	Y-100%	N-0%	D-0%
Faculty:	Y-100%	N-0%	D-0%