

Plagiarism Attitude Scale

Directions

This is an attitude scale, which measures how you feel about plagiarism. It is *not* a test with right and wrong answers. Please consider your honest opinions regarding the items and record your responses. Do *not* place your name on this scale.

1. Sometimes I feel tempted to plagiarize because so many other students are doing it.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. I believe I know accurately what constitutes plagiarism and what does not.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

3. Plagiarism is as bad as stealing the final exam ahead of time and memorizing the answers.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

4. If my roommate gives me permission to use his or her paper for one of my classes, I don't think there is anything wrong with doing that.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

5. Plagiarism is justified if the professor assigns too much work in the course.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. The punishment for plagiarism in college should be light because we are young people just learning the ropes.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. If a student buys or downloads free a whole research paper and turns it in unchanged with his or her name as the author, the student should be expelled from the university.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Plagiarism is against my ethical values.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. Because plagiarism involves taking another person's words and not his or her materials goods, plagiarism is no big deal.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

10. It's okay to use something you have written in the past to fulfill a new assignment because you can't plagiarize yourself.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

- Strongly Disagree

11. If I lend a paper to another student to look at, and then that student turns it in as his or her own and is caught, I should not be punished also.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. If students caught plagiarizing received a special grade for cheating (such as XF) on their permanent transcript, that policy would deter many from plagiarizing.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree