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**IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

If I could invent something new it will be Examination Malpractice Detection Machine. It can also be called Hammer Expo Machine (HEM).

For this machine to achieve its aim answer sheets used for examination must be

customized. It will have security designs, features and candidates image. All these can only be seen when we hold it against light. It will also include candidate name, examination number, centre number and a space where the candidate writing the examination can thumb print.

After examination all the answer sheets are sent to Hammer Expo Machine (HEM) at different locations across Nigeria for checking before marking starts. Any defaulter is punished.

Each script is inserted into the machine. When blue light appears it means the candidate was not involved in examination malpractice. When it shows yellow light it means the student cheated. This will automatically change the setting of the machine to screen mode. Decoder button is thereby activated and what the candidate did during the examination is exposed as evidence and used against the candidate.

The machine will not give any light if a fake answer sheet was used. It will be thrown out immediately and the result cancelled.

Hammer Expo Machine (HEM) will also reject answer sheets with thumb prints that are different from the ones earlier captured. This will stop those who write examination for others.

The invention of this machine is necessary because examination malpractice is very common nowadays. Candidates are using new methods to cheat during examination. This include the use of cell phones. All effort by examination bodies such as The West African Examination Council (WAEC) and The National Examination Council (NECO) to stop it have failed.

Education is the bedrock of national development and productivity. Education provides the foundation for a person to improve himself or herself and contribute to society in a positive way. Examination malpractice destroys quality and excellence. We cannot get the above benefits if it is not checked.

Therefore, Hammer Expo Machine (HEM) will force students to study hard. It

will guarantee progress, prosperity and a greater Nigeria.

Finally, Hammer Expo Machine (HEM) will maintain standard in Examination

in the whole world. It will also help students to develop reading culture.

**Blessing Imo Friday**

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