

IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW.

Malpractice is alarming in our country. Most of our students depend mostly on examination malpractice. The total number of students involved in various forms of examination malpractice are 20,003 representing 1.63% of our students.

The history of malpractice can be dated back to the year 1914 when the Senior Cambridge local examination leaked, and in 1948, a Nigerian had her paper cancelled for coming to exam hall with foreign paper. Examination malpractice is a misdemeanor which brings total loss of trust in the educational system, reduce enrollment of students in schools, frequent cancellation of results etc.

The most reported measures that curb examination malpractice in study areas are preventing students from bringing prepared answers to the examination hall (mean = 3.42) and intensifying efforts in effective supervising of students during examination. Examination malpractice has become very common in Nigerian schools leading to student's unpreparedness in exams thereby causing brain drain. Examination malpractice is a worrying trend that has become a major issue that urgently requires attention. Some of the examples of examination malpractice are: dubbing, sorting, giraffing, use of sign languages, use of cell phone etc.

The penalty for examination malpractice in Nigeria does not exceed a fine of 50,000 naira or jail term not exceeding three years or more. Seeing as this is the case and more often than not, students are caught. I came up with invention a device which I will call "Malpractice Catch". Malpractice Catch, if I could would be a small portable device that would work with electronics (AI), secretly pinned to the collar of the examiner and fitted with an in-built camera that works as supervisor walks round the examination hall or sits and monitors the environment. This device will be very effective in curbing examination malpractice in institution where there are large number of students and few invigilator. It works like a CCTV camera.

In conclusion, as examination malpractice hinders the academic growth of students who have become dependent on corruption aided by school managements, Malpractice Catch promise to be of great assistance in curbing examination malpractice which has contributed majorly to the destruction of lives and properties

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