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## How do you cheat on a test

Should you cheat on a test? Most of us would straightaway say "no". This is probably because cheating is unethical and if you are found guilty, you might have to face serious consequences of cheating on a test. Yet you might have seen many students cheat on a test. You yourself might have copied someone's answers on a test. Today we are not here to question the moral grounds for cheating. But, we are here to discuss the pros and cons of cheating on a test. So, let's get started. First, let us discuss the pros. Pros of cheating on a test Cheating can help you achieve better grades No matter how much we preach that grades are no more important than knowledge, The school system still values these. These grades stay with the students in their portfolios and up to many phases of their lives. If we take a closer look at the life of a student, they prepare for a test with the intention to gain knowledge but only to score higher grades. They learn something just to make sure that they will be able to answer all the questions in the test and earn better grades. So, if a student cheats on a test, they can easily earn good grades and would not have to go through all the trouble. Cheating is not bad A lot of people preach that cheating is unethical and it promotes bad habits and impacts the self-esteem of a student. But if we actually consider the environment in which students are these days, cheating seems a good idea. This is because the school system gives them almost no control over their academic life. They have to study some standard subjects and appear in standardised tests. They cannot pursue their interests or even if they want to, they have to wait until they pass high school. So cheating on a test is not that bad. Cheating requires creativity Many students feel had after cheating or the students who are caught cheating are often considered bad in class. But in reality, students who succeed in cheating feel proud of themselves. This is because they were able to hide it from everyone. Cheating often requires creativity in terms of execution as well as ingenuity to avoid being caught. It also serves as a statement of disdain against an arbitrary and repressive institution. For these reasons, cheating can be a source of pride that boosts self-esteem. Cheating showcases that you can stand up against abuse of authority As we mentioned above, cheating can be considered ethical based on the environment the students are put. We have seen that students do not have much say in school regarding which subjects they want to study or whether they want to take formal education at all. When a student cheats, it showcases that they dare to stand up for themselves. We should be concerned more about students who do not cheat because it demonstrates their inability to stand against or question abuses of power in society. The act of cheating is an act of valiance against an oppressive system. Cheating is also helping out other students If a student knows the answers and is showing his/her answers to other students, he or is also considered an equal participant in cheating. But, if we look it the other way round, he/she is just helping another student or a friend. The tests at school are standardised and not every student can pass them. Every student has a different learning capability and treating them the same way when it comes to tests is a little unfair. So in this case helping a student with cheating answers is justifiable. We are sure you will have a lot of ifs and buts in your mind. But, this is just a positive perspective on cheating on a test. Now, let us focus on the cons. Cons of cheating on a test You might get caught One of the obvious and most common drawbacks of cheating is that you might get caught and have to face severe consequences of cheating. Getting caught might lead to: Suspension from class Zero marks on the paper Bad rapport in front of the whole class and your teachers Complaint to your parents Cancellation of admission It can be stressful If somewhere you think that cheating is unethical and it is wrong to cheat and still you indulge in cheating, you might feel all stressed and guilty about it. It could make you feel that you have done something wrong. Many students also get worried after cheating successfully about what if the teacher finds out that they have cheated on the test. You might lose all your marks and it will affect your whole academic performance. Even worse, if you get caught, you might have to lie about it and things can get complicated. Cheating is unfair to you When you are given a test, it judges how well you have understood your study material. If you answer all the questions based on your knowledge it feels as if you have accomplished something. But, if you just cheat and copy answers that others have written you might not get any sense of accomplishment. It can affect your self-esteem and confidence. You might not even believe in your abilities because you just cannot answer a question on your own. Cheating is unfair to others You have not studied at all for a test while your friend has been studying for the past one week. You cheat on the test and get an A while your friend who studied and gave the test based on his capabilities gets a B. Your name comes on the topper's list but it is unfair to your friend and many other students like him who have genuinely studied for the test. You will receive recognition when you don't even deserve it and the students who should be appreciated will be left behind. This is why cheating is unfair. Cheating hampers your progress When you prepare for a test, you study all the concepts listed in the syllabus. You prepare every topic from scratch and ensure that your fundamentals are clear. But, if you just cheat on the test, you do not have to worry about learning the basics or anything. As a result, your academic learning will be zero, even if you are getting good marks. As you will move to higher classes, you will have to keep cheating on tests as you will not be able to understand the concepts well. As a result, cheating hampers your academic progress. Cheating eventually leads to failure It might be right in some sense that tests are unfair or schools use a one-size-fits-all approach. But, cheating on a test will not lead you anywhere. In the end, you will have to study, learn concepts and memorise lessons if you want to pass the school examination. Otherwise, it might turn you into a failure. You might gain traits like creativity and stand up for yourself, but you will never be able to develop the traits of persistence, dedication, diligence, and sacrifice. Moreover, you will find that cheating will never let you meet your goals. What do you think? Should cheating be forbidden in schools or should students be allowed to cheat on tests? Also, if students are allowed to cheat on a test, what is the point of testing them in the first place? Everything in this world has its positive and negative sides. But in the end, it is up to us which side we prefer the most and choose. Find the best tutors online from all across Australia – Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Newcastle, Goldcoast, Canberra, Brisbane. To make it easier for you to decide, your first session is completely FREE! Select and book an online Math tutor, Science Tutor, English Tutor and all the other subjects. BOOK A SESSION NOW! Disclaimer: Take note that the following tips and tricks are meant for educational purposes, so use this information with proper discretion. But then again, who are we kidding? You'll try these exam cheating tricks out anyway. Education is a wonderful thing, but it can get downright boring and demotivating due to a number of reasons. It's easier said than done to force oneself to drive forth and learn to love the process, but that's mostly possible only with hindsight and experience. However, exams still have to be passed, so there are certain measures some take to Smartphone This could just be the golden age of cheating in tests due to the technology that's readily available to students these days. There are plenty of options in just one mobile device, from the good old note or text message from a conspirator to an app or looking up and saving web pages on the Internet. Music Player You can have audio notes that you can listen to for questions that you can't seem to answer. You can either wear a hoodie or long hair to conceal the earphones that let you listen to those notes or somehow excuse yourself for a bathroom break to quickly get a few minutes to listen. Fingernail If you have some patience and a pen with a really fine tip and good ink, then you can actually write notes on your fingernails, especially on the thumbs. You can also write them on your skin, but that can be a bit obvious if your teacher is particularly eagle-eyed. A neat trick you can do is to engrave your notes with a needle on the shaft so you can still read them while not making it obvious enough with the ink. It may take some practice though since you need to learn how to make those etchings visible for you to read. Studying You can actually have the answers without having to look at them from somewhere during the exam and never get caught for cheating. All you have to do is to get all that information in your head with effective study techniques. What a concept! Cheating on a test is common in high school and college. The higher up you go and the more advanced the material gets, the easier it is to rationalize your way to an artificially high score. However, as the old saying goes, doing so often means that you're hurting no one else but you (and perhaps the people whose lives you hold in your hands depending on the profession). Nevertheless, the ways that people cheat on tests are quite creative especially as described in this reddit thread. While this may seem like a halfway endorsement of their actions, please know that it's not. Cheating on a test will eventually catch up with you and with careers like medicine, it can hurt others as well, proving to be anything but a victimless crime. Furthermore, knowing how people cheat on a test can help teachers and other educational professionals know what to watch out for. That said, here are some of the most inventive ways that people have cheated on tests. 11 Methods for Cheating on a Test 1. "Put all of my notes in my TI-83 calculator as programs." 2. "The only time I ever cheated was on a chemistry final in college. We had to memorize a ridiculous amount of formulas which I thought was silly. We were allowed a TI graphing calculator and I had one that was dark blue. I wrote the formulas on the inside of the cover in graphite so you couldn't see them unless the light caught it in just the right way. Ended up getting a 96 on the exam. No regrets, would cheat again (but haven't)." 3. "Everyone has cheated on online quizzes and tests, but I took that s\*\*\* to the next level. I had a chemistry class where all of the quizzes were online at your own pace. I used a firefox plugin to intercept the form data that the quiz was sending back to the server and found that it wasn't sending my answers at all, it was scoring it without telling me and sending a raw correct/total value. So I would start a quiz and ten minutes later send some form data with about 90% right. There was so little security on it that I could have told it I got 500% right if I wanted." 4. "Not proud of this but for my final exam in my Shakespeare class there was a row of seats with their sides against a wall and I sat directly behind a really obese girl. Was able to search the answers on my phone as the way she was positioned in front of me blocked the professor's view. Don't think I would've passed otherwise." 5. "Me and the kid next to me each read half the assigned chapter, then swapped answers. Worked for about two months before we got caught. Got a zero on that quiz, too bad the teacher dropped the lowest quiz grade of the semester. Got an A, would do again 9/10. Saved me ~200 pages of textbook reading." 6. "In high school biology the desks were those black-top fireproof tables that show pencil lead really clearly, but can be wiped off with just a wipe of your hand. I sat next to a friend and any time there was a question on a test that one of us didn't know, we would write the question number down on the table. We switched techniques, but the other person would either write the letter of the multiple choice answer down on the table too, or we would tap our pencil on the table (1 time=A, 2=B, etc). Then we'd subtly wipe the table and we were in the clear! The best thing was that our tests were still almost always different scores because there would be questions that we thought we knew, but didn't." 7. "Not me, but one of my college professors doesn't allow water bottles on the table during exams. One year he found a kid staring very intently at his water bottle and went over to find that he had written a bunch of equations on the inside of the wrapper around the bottle." 8. "I used to teach in various capacities at a university. The engineers were geniuses, possibly for their intelligence, but certainly for their cheating skills. They would do things like systematically distract all the proctors and then switch exam papers in some crazy synchronized act. Three, four, etc arms would all go up at the front of the room pretty much around the same time, the proctors would descend on them, look closely at a question they weren't allowed to answer anyhow, and behind them everyone would swap. Then it'd happen again later. Apparently we never caught on, we only heard about it from one of the students who felt guilty. Then we setup a hidden camera. It was the single video I wish I still could have kept to this day." 9. "I would study whatever was on the test until the very last second the test was handed to me and then I would turn it over and write down everything I wanted to remember on the back of the test and then proceed to take the test confident that I had my notes AND I wasn't cheating." 10. "I was in class last year and I looked up and saw notes written on the ceiling." 11. "A friend of mine knew roughly what the essay questions on his final year exams would be so he wrote answers and then read them aloud, recording on his iPhone. He then took a pair of in-earphones and cut one off. Finally he cut a small hole in the sleeve of his jumper and ran the earphone from his iPhone up his torso (under the jumper of course) and right to the hole in his sleeve. When he sat the exams he hit play and propped his head against his arm (was inner forearm) as if he was supporting his head and then listened to the answer's. Worked pretty well for him as he had to remember a lot of studies, names and dates and he didn't get caught." Wow. That's an impressive list of cheaters. But now we want to hear from you. What are some ways that you or someone you know have cheated on tests with or without getting caught? Sound off in the comments section below! 1 Decide which type of cheating is going to be most beneficial for you. Will you use the Cheat-Sheet, the Partner-Cheating, or the Hard-to-Prove? (Refer to the sections below for more information on such methods.) 2 Don't get caught. Cheating only helps if you can get away with it. Here are some simple tips to avoid getting caught: Don't look suspicious. It's important to strike a balance between effectively getting your answers and not making it obvious. To do this, don't overly fidget. If you must look around, never hold your gaze in one place for longer than five to ten seconds. Switch it up by randomly staring in other directions — this way, your test supervisors won't get too suspicious and find out where your accomplice (or cheat sheet) is. Don't aim too high. It's not impossible to cheat your way into a perfect score if you really put in the effort, but if everyone else is getting an unremarkable grade on the exam, you will draw attention to yourself. This is fine if you normally get decent marks, but if you're known among teachers as one of the slower students, then there's a chance that they'll find out. Deliberately miss a few questions, though, and you'll be good to go. Try getting a B on a test and continually but slowly raising your average score until it's an A. You can even shoot for ups and downs in your scores, to make it appear more natural. Dispose of the evidence. As soon as the test is over, ask to go to the bathroom (if you haven't already gone) to wash off or throw away any evidence of cheating. The longer you hold on to something, then the better your chance of getting caught because one person or another will notice. Advertisement 1 Start by gathering the information you will need. This includes formulas, keywords, vocabulary, dates, definitions, names, conjugations, etc. 2 Write or print the information correctly. The font should always be clear to read, and in the Goldie Locks size (not too big, not too small). While you would want to include as much as possible on the small sheet of paper, remember if the font is too small you will overly focus on your cheat-sheet thereby increasing your chances of getting caught. 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