

महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

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स्वतंत्र संकलन यानुसार कायदा कार्यालयी वा भाषात्मक वेवळे वृत्त लयांक दिने जावेत

भाग चार

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिवेशन व राज्यघाटकी प्रस्तावित खेडेचे अध्यादेश व खेडेचे अधिवेशन

अनुक्रमिका

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXI OF 1982.—An Act to provide for preventing malpractices at University, Board and other specified examinations	PAGES 221-223
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AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature; It is hereby enacted in the Thirty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement
Definitions

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Prevention, of Malpractices at University, Board and other specified Examinations Act, 1982.

(2) It shall be deemed to have into come force on the 25th May, 1982.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Board" means the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education established under the Maharashtra Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards Act, 1965 or any of its Divisional Boards;

Sub. XLI of 1965.

(b) "Examination" means any examination held or proposed to be held by any University or the Board and includes such other examination held or proposed to be held by such other authority as may be specified in this behalf, from time to time, by the State Government by notification in the Official Gazette;

(c) "University" means any University established by law in the State of Maharashtra.

Duties of paper-setters and positioners for contravention

3. (1) Any person who is appointed as a paper setter at any examination shall not supply or cause to be supplied the question paper drawn by him or a copy thereof or communicate the contents of such paper to any person or give publicity, thereto in any manner, except in accordance with the instructions given to him in writing by his appointing authority in this behalf.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Duties of persons entrusted with printing, etc.

4. (1) Any person who is entrusted with the work of printing, cyclostating typing or otherwise producing copies of any question paper set for the purposes of any examination shall not supply or cause to be supplied a copy thereof or communicate the contents thereof to any person or give

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5. (1) Any person who is entrusted with the custody, or is otherwise in possession, of any question papers set-up for the purposes of any examination shall not supply or distribute or cause to be supplied or distributed any copy thereof or communicate the contents thereof to any person or give publicity thereto in any manner, except in accordance with the instructions given to him in writing by the authority which entrusted the custody or gave possession thereof to him.

Duties of person entrusted with custody of question papers and punishment for contravention.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

6. Whoever has in his possession any question paper set or purported to be set for any examination and supplies or causes to be supplied or offers to supply a copy thereof, or communicates or offers to communicate the contents thereof, to any person, whether for any consideration or otherwise, or gives publicity thereto in any manner, except in accordance with the instructions issued in writing by an authorised officer of the University, Board or other authority concerned with the examination, at any time before the examination is held, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Prohibition of supply or publication of any question paper before examination is held.

7. Whoever is found in or near an examination hall by the invigilator or any other person appointed to supervise the conduct of the examination, copying answers to the question paper set at the examination, from any book, notes or answer papers of other candidates, or appearing at the examination for any other candidate or using any other unfair means, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

Prohibition of copying and impersonating at examinations.

8. Whoever abets any offence punishable under this Act shall be punishable with the punishment provided for the offence.

Punishment for abetment or offences.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 all offences under this Act shall be cognizable offences and shall be non-bailable.

Offences to be cognizable and non-bailable.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, all offences under this Act shall be tried in a summary way by any Metropolitan, Magistrate or any Judicial Magistrate of the First Class and the provisions of sections 262 to 265 (both inclusive) of the said Code shall, as far as may be, apply to such trial :

Offences to be tried summarily.

Provided that in the case of conviction for any offence in a summary

trial under this section, it shall be lawful for the Magistrate to pass a sentence of imprisonment for any term for which such offence is punishable under this Act.

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11. (1) The Maharashtra Prevention of Malpractices at University Board and other specified Examinations Ordinance, 1982, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
Mah. Ord.
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and saving.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification issued) under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done, taken or issued, as the case may be, under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

शामकीव पण्यवती मुद्रणालय, मुंबई.

ORDINANCE 5050 :

1. (a) On receipt of a report regarding use of unfair means by any student at any University examination, including breach of any of the rules laid down by the University Authorities, for proper conduct of examination, the Board of Examinations shall have power at any time to institute inquiry and to punish such unfair means or breach of the rules by exclusion of such student from any University examination or from any University course in a College or Recognised Institution or in the University Department or from any Convocation for the purpose of conferring degree either permanently or for a specified period, or by cancellation of the result of the student in the University examination for which the student appeared or by deprivation of any University Scholarship held by him/her or by cancellation of the award of any University prize or medal to him/her or by imposition of fine or in any two or more of the aforesaid ways *within a period of one year.*
 - (b) Where the examinations of the University courses are conducted by the constituent Colleges /Recognised Institutions on behalf of the University, the Principal/Head of the concerned constituent College/ Institution, on receipt of a report regarding use of unfair means by any student at any such examination, including breach of any of the rules laid down by the University Authorities or by the College/ Institution for proper conduct of examination, shall have power at any time to institute inquiry and to punish such unfair means or breach of any of the rules by exclusion of such a student from any such examination or any University course in any College/Institution either permanently or for a specified period or by cancellation of the result of the student in the College/Institution examination for which he/she appeared or by deprivation of any College/Institution Scholarship or by cancellation of the award of any College/Institution prize or medal to him/her or by imposition of fine or in any two or more of the aforesaid ways.
 - (c) On receipt of report regarding malpractices used or lapses committed by any paper-setter, examiner, moderator, referee, teacher or any other person connected with the conduct of examination held by the University or Colleges or Recognised Institution including breach of the rules laid down for proper conduct of examination, the Board of Examinations, in the cases of the University examinations or the Management Body in the cases of the examinations conducted by the College/Institution on behalf of the University, as the case may be, shall have power at any time to institute inquiry and to punish such malpractices or lapses by declaring disqualified the concerned paper-setter, examiner, moderator, referee, teacher or any other person connected with the conduct of examination from any examination work either permanently or for a specified period or by referring his/her case to the concerned authorities for taking such disciplinary action as deemed fit as per the rules provided for or in any two or more of the aforesaid ways.
2. **Competent Authority :**
 - (i) The Board of Examinations of the University constituted under the provisions of Section 31(3) shall be the competent authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against the students using, attempting to use, aiding, abetting, instigating or allowing to use unfair means at the examination conducted by the University.
 - (ii) The Principal of the constituent College or Head of the Recognised Institution shall be the competent authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against the student/s using, attempting to use, aiding, abetting, instigating or allowing to use unfair means at the examination conducted by the College or Institution on behalf of the University.
 3. **Definition-Unless the context otherwise requires :**
 - (a) "Student" means and includes a person who is enrolled as such by the University/College/Institution for receiving instruction qualifying for any degree, diploma or certificate awarded by the University. It includes ex-student and student registered as candidate (examinee) for any of the degree, diploma or certificate examination.
 - (b) "Unfair means" includes one or more of the following acts or omissions on the part of student/s during the examination period.
 - (i) Possessing unfair means material and or copying therefrom.
 - (ii) Transcribing any unauthorised material or any other use thereof.
 - (iii) Intimidating or using obscene language or threatening or use of violence against invigilator or person on duty for the conduct of examination or manhandling him/her or leaving the examination hall without permission of the supervisor or causing disturbances in any manner in the examination proceedings.
 - (iv) Unauthorisedly communicating with other examinees or anyone else inside or outside the examination hall.
 - (v) Mutual/Mass copying.

- (vi) Smuggling-out, either blank or written, or smuggling-in of answerbooks as copying material.
 - (vii) Smuggling-in blank or written answerbook and forging signature of the Jr. Supervisor thereon.
 - (viii) Interfering with or counterfeiting of University/College/Institution seal, or answerbooks or office stationary used in the examinations.
 - (ix) Insertion of currency notes in the answerbooks or attempting to bribe any of the persons connected with conduct of examinations.
 - (x) Impersonation at the University/College/Institution examination.
 - (xi) Revealing identity in any form in the answer written or in any other part of the answerbook by the student at the University or College or Institution examination.
 - (xii) Or any other similar act/s and/or omission/s which may be considered as unfair means by the competent authority.
- (c) "Unfair means relating to examination" means and includes directly or indirectly committing or attempting to commit or threatening to commit any act or coercion, undue influence or fraud or malpractice with a view to obtaining wrongful gain to him or to any other person or causing wrongful loss to other person/s.
- (d) "Unfair means material" means and includes any material whatsoever, related to the subject of the examination, printed, typed, handwritten or otherwise on the person or on clothes, or body of the student (examiner) or on wood or other material, in any manner or in the form of chart, diagram, map or drawing or electronic aid etc. which is not allowed in the examination hall.
- (e) "Possession of unfair means material by a student" means having any unauthorised material on his/her person or desk or chair or table or at any place within his/her reach, in the examination centre and its environs or premises at any time from the commencement of the examination till its conclusion.
- (f) "Student found in possession" means a student, reported in writing, as having been found in possession of unfair means material by Jr. Supervisor, Sr. Supervisor, member of the vigilance Committee or Examination Squad or any other person authorised for this purpose, in this behalf, even if the unfair means material is not produced as evidence because of it being reported as swallowed or destroyed or snatched away or otherwise taken away or spoiled by the student or by any other person acting on his behalf to such an extent that it has become illegible. Provided report to that effect is submitted by the Sr. Supervisor or Chief Conductor or any other authorised person to the Controller of Examinations or Principal or Head of the Institution concerned or any officer authorised in this behalf.
- (g) "Material related to the subject of examination" means and includes, if the material is produced as evidence, any material certified as related to the subject of the examination by a competent person and if the material is not produced as evidence or has become illegible for any of the reasons referred to in clause (f) above, the presumption shall be that the material did relate to the subject of the examination.
- (h) "Chief Conductor" means Principal of the College concerned or Head of the *University Department* or Recognised Institution concerned, where concerned examination is being conducted, and any other person duly authorised by him or person appointed as in-charge of examination, by *prior* approval of the University.

During examination, examinees and other students shall be under disciplinary control of the Chief Conductor/s.

Chief Conductor/s of the Examination Centre shall, in the case of unfair means, follow the procedure as under :—

- (i) The student shall be called upon to surrender to the Chief Conductor the unfair means material found in his or her possession, if any, and his/her answerbook.
- (ii) Signature of the concerned student shall be obtained on the relevant materials and list thereon. Concerned Sr. Supervisor and the Chief Conductor shall also sign on all the relevant materials and documents.
- (iii) Statement of the student and his/her undertaking in the prescribed format and statement of the concerned Jr. Supervisor and Sr. Supervisor shall be recorded in writing by the Chief Conductor (Appendix-C). If the student refuses to make statement or to give undertaking the concerned Sr. Supervisor and Chief Conductor shall record accordingly under their signatures.

Appendix A

12. The Broad Categories of Unfair Means Resorted to by Students at the University/College/Institution Examinations and the Quantum of Punishment for each Category thereof.

S. No.	Nature of Malpractice	Quantum of Punishment
(1)	Possession of copying material	Annulment of the performance of the student at the University/College/Institution examination in full.* (Note :— This quantum of punishment shall apply also to the following categories of malpractices at Sr. No. (2) to Sr. No. (12) in addition to the punishment prescribed thereat.
(2)	Actual copying from the copying material	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for one additional examination.
(3)	Possession of another student's answer-book.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for one additional examination. (BOTH THE STUDENTS)
(4)	Possession of another student's answer-books + Actual evidence of copying therefrom.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for two additional examinations (BOTH THE STUDENTS).
(5)	Mutual /Mass copying.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for two additional examinations.
(6)	(i) Smuggling-out or smuggling-in of answerbook as copying material.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for two additional examinations.
	(ii) Smuggling-in of written answer-book based on the question paper set at the examination.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for three additional examinations.
	(iii) Smuggling-in of written answer-book and forging signature of the Jr. Supervisor thereon.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for four additional examinations.
(7)	Attempt to forge the signature of the Jr. Supervisor on the answerbook or supplement.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for four additional examinations.
(8)	Interferring with or counterfeiting of University/College/Institution seal, or answerbooks or office stationery used in the examinations.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for four additional examinations.
(9)	Answerbook, main or supplement written outside the examination hall or any other insertion in answerbook.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for four additional examinations.
(10)	Insertion of currency notes/to bribe or attempting to bribe any of the person/s connected with the conduct of examinations.	Exclusion of the student from University of College or Institution examination for four additional examinations. (Note :—This money shall be credited to the Vice-Chancellor's Fund)
(11)	Using obscence language/violence threat at the examination centre by a student at the University/College/Institution examination to Jr./Sr. Supervisors/Chief Conductor or Examiners.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for four additional examinations.
(12)	(a) Impersonation at the University/College/Institution examination.	Exclusion of the student from University or College or Institution examination for five additional examinations. (both the students if impersonator is University or College or Institute student).
	(b) Impersonation by a University/College/Institute student at S.S.C./H.S.C. any other examinations.	Exclusion of the impersonator from University or College or Institution examination for five additional examinations.

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- (13) Revealing identity in any form in the answer written or in any other part of the answerbook by the student at the University or College or Institution examination. Annulment of the performance of the Student at the University or College or Institution examination in full.
- (14) Found having written on palms or on the body, or on the clothes while in the examination. Annulment of the performance of the student at the University or College or Institution examination in full.
- (15) All other malpractices not covered in the aforesaid categories. Annulment of the performance of the student at the University or College or Institution examination in full, and severe punishment depending upon the gravity of the offence.
16. If on previous occasion a disciplinary action was taken against a student for malpractice used at examination and he/she is caught again for malpractices used at the examinations, in this event he/she shall be dealt with severely. Enhanced punishment can be imposed on such students. This enhanced punishment may extend to double the punishment provided for the offence, when committed at the second or subsequent examination.
17. Practical/Dissertation/Project report Examination.
Student involved in malpractices at Practical/Dissertation/Project report examinations shall be dealt with as per the punishment provided for the theory examination.
18. The Competent Authority, in addition to the above mentioned punishments, may impose a fine on the student declared guilty.
- *(Note : The term "Annulment of Performance in full" includes performance of the student at the theory as well as Annual Practical examination, but does not include performance at term work, project work with its term work, oral or practical and dissertation examinations unless malpractice used threat).

Malpractices used or Lapses Committed by any Paper-Setters, Examiners, Moderators, Referees, Teachers or any other persons connected with the Conduct of Examination.

(I) Competent Authority :

- (a) The Board of Examinations shall be the competent authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against the paper-setters, examiners, moderators, referees, teachers or any other persons connected with the conduct of examinations committing lapses or using, attempting to use, aiding, abetting, instigating or allowing to use malpractice/s at the examinations conducted by the University.
- (b) The Management (includes the Trustees, Managing Body or Governing Body) of the constituent affiliated/conducted college or Recognised Institution shall be the competent authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against the paper-setters, examiners, moderators, referees, teachers or any other persons connected with the conduct of examinations committing lapses or using, attempting to use, aiding, abetting, instigating or allowing to use malpractice/s at the examination conducted by the constituent affiliated/conducted colleges' or Recognised Institution on behalf of the University.

(II) Definition—Unless the Context Otherwise Requires :

- (a) "Paper-setter, examiner, moderator, referee and teacher" means and includes person/s duly appointed as such for the examination by the competent authority and the term "any other person connected with the conduct of examination" means and includes person/s appointed on examination duty by the competent authority.
- (b) Malpractice/lapses includes one or more of the following acts or omissions on the part of the person/s included in (a) relating to the examination :—
- (i) Leakage of question/s or question paper set at the University/College/Institution examination before the time of examination.
- (ii) Examiner/Moderator intentionally awarding marks to student in assessment of answerbooks, dissertation or project work to which the student is not entitled or not assigning marks to the student to which the student is entitled.

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Statement of candidate who is alleged to have used Unfair-Means at the University Examination

Name in Full : _____

Address : _____

Examination : _____

Paper No. & Subject : _____

Seat No. : _____

To,

The Controller of Examinations,
 University of Mumbai,
 M. J. Phule Bhavan,
 Vidyanagari,
 Santacruz (East),
 Mumbai-400 098.

Sir,

I appeared at the above examination held on _____ at the

_____ College

(Centre) in the Morning/Evening session.

I give below my statement as follows :-

Place :

Date :

Time :

Signature of the Candidate