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**SAY NO TO
PLAGIARISM**

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Dear students

The Internet and online tools have led to an extensive debate on the use of **excerpts copied** from articles or books **without due citation and bibliographic reference**.

This phenomenon is considered **plagiarism** and will not be accepted since it is a violation of Law 9610/1998 of the **Brazilian Penal Code** that regulates the **copyright**.

Plagiarism can undermine the careers of students, researchers, practitioners, and authorities. We often have come across disturbing news from the national and international press on the subject.

Therefore, this educational material is a guide to explain plagiarism and avoid it in academic work. Please seek guidance on the topic and its consequences from your professors, advisors, and coordinators.

We emphasize that the rules for the production and presentation of academic work can be found on the website www.abnt.org.br of the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards.

Be proud of your production, say NO to plagiarism!

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What is plagiarism?

According to the *Merriam-Webster* dictionary:

Plagiarize (transitive verb) 1: to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own; 2: use (another's production) without crediting the source. (Intransitive verb) 1: to commit literary theft; 2: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

Copy (transitive verb) 1: to make a copy or duplicate of; 2: to model oneself on. (Intransitive verb) 1: to make a copy; 2: to undergo copying.

Plagiarizing or copying is **unethical** and **illegal**, subject to penalties provided in the Brazilian Penal Code.

About the law and its implications

**Law 9610 of February 19, 1998
Copyright - Crime Against Copyright -
Provided in Articles 7, 22 to 24, 101 a110**

Article 7. Define as protected intellectual works, the creations of the spirit expressed by any means or fixed in any tangible or intangible medium, known or invented in the future.

Articles 22 to 24 - About the moral and patrimonial rights of the author

Articles 101 to 110 - On sanctions of copyright infringements

**Criminal Responsibilities and Sanctions
Law 10695 of July 1, 2003**

Article 184 - Infringement of copyright and related rights:

Penalty of detention, from 3 (three) months to 1 (one) year, or fine.

Paragraph 1. If the infringement consists in the total or partial reproduction – with the intention of direct or indirect profit, by any means or process – of intellectual work, interpretation or phonogram, without express authorization of the author, performer, or producer (according to the case), or who represents them.

Penalty: imprisonment, from 2 (two) to 4 (four) years and fine

Some common types of plagiarism

1. Reproduce in **part or in whole** a text produced by one or more authors without citing the appropriate sources.

The increasing importance of internal demand as a growing dynamic factor in this stage of the depression can readily be grasped. Since internal demand remained steadier than demand abroad, the sector which was producing for the domestic market now afforded better investment opportunities than the exporting sector. Thus an almost unprecedented situation arose in the Brazilian economy – namely, preponderance of the sector linked with the domestic market in the process of capital formation. The precarious position of the coffee economy, operating on a policy of destroying one-third of what was produced at the low level of profitability, frightened away from that sector such capital as was still being generated therein. Not only was net profit affected; even maintenance and replacement were practically eliminated.

If the student presents a text as the one above, they are committing the crime of **plagiarism**. The writing was **copied in full** without citing in quotation marks the source: FURTADO, Celso. The Economic Growth of Brazil: A Survey from Colonial to Modern Times. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1963, p.216.

It is noteworthy that even citing the sources, academic work cannot be composed only by citations of one or several authors. Previous publications should appear only to illustrate, confront, or refute the arguments of the student/author.

2. Copy excerpts from one or several authors, and modifying some sentences or words, even if citing the sources is known as **“mosaic”** or **“patchwork”** plagiarism.

Another widespread type of plagiarism to be avoided occurs when students modify a word or sentence in a copied text.

Below is an example of this situation, based on the same text presented above. The sentence and the modified word have been marked in bold.

The increasing importance of internal demand as a growing dynamic factor in this stage of the depression can readily be grasped. Since internal demand remained steadier than demand abroad, the sector which was producing for the domestic market now afforded better investment opportunities than the exporting sector. **As a consequence, a new Brazilian economy emerges, based on the leadership of the domestic market in capital formation.** The precarious position of the coffee economy, operating on a policy of destroying one-third of what was produced at the low level of profitability, frightened away from that sector such capital as was still being generated therein. Not only was net profit affected; even maintenance and replacement were practically **removed**. (FURTADO, Celso, 1963. p.216)

3. Do not cite sources and appropriate the idea of the author promoting small or significant changes in the way it is presented.

The example uses the beginning of the text presented above:

TEXT FROM THE AUTHOR

The increasing importance of internal demand as a growing dynamic factor in this stage of the depression can readily be grasped. Since internal demand remained steadier than demand abroad, the sector which was producing for the domestic market now afforded better investment opportunities than the exporting sector.

Thus an almost unprecedented situation arose...

MODIFIED TEXT

At this point in the depression, the internal demand is steadier than the external one. The internal market offers the best opportunities, weakening the exporting sector. As a consequence, a new Brazilian economy emerges, based on the leadership of the domestic market in capital formation. Thus, a particular situation is observed...

4. Self or Auto-plagiarism is when the author reuses their previously published material without proper reference.

This situation is not a crime regarding copyright, but it is considered unethical in academia, corporations, and in the publishing market.

BE AWARE AND AVOID PLAGIARISM

"In addition to the illegal conduct of appropriating the work of others without authorization and proper reference, this harmful practice poisons research, producing irreparable damage." (CAPES, 2012)

The most important thing when writing a paper is to express your interpretation of the ideas of the authors using your own words. If necessary, include quotes to illustrate your ideas.

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