Subject: Prevention of plagiarism in postgraduate dissertation

Reference – UGC Letter no F.1-18/2010(CPP-II) dated 06 August 2018

Sir Madam,

University Grants Commission regulations, New Delhi, in its 530th meeting approved UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018. These Regulations have been notified in the official Gazette of India on 31st July, 2018.

According to these regulations, level of plagiarism and their penalties in submission of thesis and dissertations are given below:

12.1 Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis and dissertations

I. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% - Minor Similarities, no penalty.
II. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
III. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% - Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
IV. Level 3: Similarities above 60% - Such student registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism- Such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree/credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is detected on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

12.2 Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

I. Level 0: Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty.
II. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

III. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
   i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
   ii. Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
   iii. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master’s, M.Phil., Ph.D.
        Student/scholar for a period of two years.

IV. Level 3: Similarities above 60%
   i. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
   ii. Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.
   iii. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master’s, M.Phil., Ph.D.
        Student/scholar for a period of three years.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative. In case level 3 offence is repeated then the disciplinary action including suspension/termination as per service rules shall be taken by the HEI.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the benefit or credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

Note 3: HEIs shall create a mechanism so as to ensure that each of the paper publication/thesis/dissertation by the student, faculty, researcher or staff of the HEI is checked for plagiarism at the time of forwarding/submission.

Note 4: If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of an HEI, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be taken by the Controlling Authority of the HEI.

Note 5: If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of Department/Authorities at the institutional level, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Competent Authority.

Note 6: If there is any complaint of plagiarism against any member of DAIP or IAIP, then such member shall excuse himself/herself from the meeting(s) where his/her case is being discussed/investigated.

You are advised to ensure the implementation of above mentioned regulations.

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