



**Palm Global
Academy**

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY
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1. Introduction

Palm Global Academy is committed to fostering a culture of academic honesty, integrity, and ethical scholarship within an Islamic educational framework. Islam places great emphasis on truthfulness, sincerity, and the pursuit of knowledge, and this policy aligns with those values.

2. Islamic Perspective on Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is deeply rooted in Islamic teachings. The Quran and Sunnah emphasise honesty, responsibility, and seeking knowledge with sincerity. The following references highlight the importance of integrity in all aspects of life, including education:

- **Truthfulness in Actions** *“And do not mix the truth with falsehood or conceal the truth while you know [it].”* (Quran 2:42)

This verse reminds students to uphold honesty and avoid deception in their academic work.

- **Seeking Knowledge with Sincerity** *“Whoever takes a path upon which he seeks knowledge, Allah makes the path to Paradise easy for him.”* (Sahih Muslim 2699)

Gaining knowledge should be pursued with sincerity and effort, rather than through dishonest means.

3. Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's work, ideas, or expressions without proper acknowledgment. This includes but is not limited to:

- Copying and pasting text from sources without citation.
- Submitting work generated or heavily assisted by AI without permission.
- Paraphrasing another person's ideas without credit.
- Submitting work completed by someone else, including peers or paid individuals.
- Using unauthorised resources in assessments or exams.

4. AI Usage Policy

Palm Global Academy recognises the evolving role of AI in education but enforces strict limitations to ensure academic integrity.

- **Age Restriction:** Only students from **Year 10 and above** may use AI tools, provided they have **explicit parental permission**.
- **Purpose of AI Use:** AI may only be used for **research purposes**—not to answer questions or generate assignment content.

- **Citation Requirements:** Any AI-generated content used in research must be explicitly cited and approved by instructors.
- **Assessment & Exam Restrictions:** Using AI in internal tests, assessments, or exams will result in an automatic grade of "U" (Ungraded), as it violates the principle of individual academic performance. The decision will be based on the teachers judgement and the use of AI checking software tools.

5. Academic Integrity in Online Learning

As an online institution, Palm Global Academy holds students responsible for ensuring authenticity in their academic work.

- Students must complete assignments independently unless specified as group work.
- Collaboration is encouraged in appropriate contexts but must not involve unauthorised sharing of answers.
- Exam protocols include strict measures to prevent academic dishonesty, including proctored assessments and plagiarism detection tools.

6. Internal Exam Procedures

To ensure academic integrity in internal exams, Palm Global Academy utilises **Exam.net** as a secure examination portal. The following rules apply to all termly exams:

- **Second Device Requirement:** Students must use a **second device** to join the exam session for monitoring purposes.
- **Camera Usage:** Cameras must be **switched on at all times** during the exam to ensure proper invigilation. Cameras must be facing the child so the teacher can see them working.
- **Submission of Written Tests:** If an exam requires written responses, students must upload their test to the relevant portal within the allocated time.
- **Strict Submission Deadlines:**
 - Any work uploaded **after the given time** will **not be marked**.
 - Students who **fail to meet exam requirements** (e.g., lack of a second device or camera off) will **not be allowed to take the test**.
- **Handling Technical Issues:**
 - Parents are **responsible for communicating any technical issues** to the school immediately.
 - Teachers have **discretion to accept late submissions** within a reasonable timeframe after the test concludes.

By enrolling at Palm Global Academy, students agree to abide by this policy and understand that violations may result in disciplinary action.