



Copying in examination

I appreciate your timely editorial—“Teachers and academic decay” which appeared in ‘The Bangladesh Times’ on April 7, 1989.

It is revealed from your editorial that in the last SSC examination about 5000 students had to be expelled for adopting unfair means. Why the trend of copying has increased so much is a national question?

As a teacher, I observed that students have now lost all interest in education. Rather they consider education as a burden imposed upon them by their parents or society. They are still attending the educational institutions because they need a certificate for getting a job and to reach to a pre-fixed social status without realizing the basic objective of education, i.e. acquisition of knowledge. Students in these days have developed great many expectations with little opportunity of achieving those in reality. Earning of money has now come to the first place while acquisition of knowledge stands in the second.

On the other hand, teachers have also lost their interest in

teaching. In the present economic situation, they pay more attention to and devote more time in money-making business. Of course, there are some teachers who are much devoted to their profession and determined to repel copying practice in the examination halls at any cost. What is needed is security and protection of the invigilators.

Meanwhile, it will not be possible to bring about any improvement in our existing educational arena until and unless we can make our society free of the elements who are quite secretly but very effectively working to jeopardise the very foundation of this country's education.

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