NO ANSWERS LEAKED

After a thorough investigation, we found that answers were not leaked for the second-year open book ‘Accounting measurement and disclosure’ examination, held on 28 April 2004.

Following the breakdown and restoration of her computer, a professor had accidentally posted to an assignment folder on an online learning portal a very preliminary draft guide for marking answers to intended examination questions. However, these questions were eventually changed for the actual examinations. The guide therefore did not match the questions in the examination held on 28 April 2004. It should also be noted that the guide did not include any questions.

Through the trail left by computer records, we were able to trace who had accessed and downloaded the marking guides. Not more than 36 out of 330 students or 11% of the students had done so.

We concluded that the marking guide was of no use to the students in the examinations. This is borne out by a detailed analysis of the performance of the 36 students who accessed the file, compared to the vast majority who did not. The analysis showed that the students did not do better and therefore had not gained any advantage from seeing the marking guide.
Based on the above, we have decided that it is unnecessary for students to retake the examination as the grades that have been awarded are an accurate reflection of their competence in the subject examined.

An email has been sent to all 330 students to inform them of this decision. The 36 students who accessed the marking guide online will not be penalized as what they had seen was accessible to all students, and in any case, were not the answers to the examination questions.

We also recognize that the professor who had sent the marking guide online had done so accidentally. To prevent such incidents from recurring, all access to marking guides henceforth will be password protected.

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