Present of Causal Model of Effective Cognitive Factors on Academic Dishonesty with Emphasize on Self-Efficiency Mediating Role and Metacognitive of First Secondary School Students in Shiraz

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Abstract—The aim of current research was presenting causal model of effective psychology factors on academic dishonesty with emphasize on self-efficacy and metacognitive of Shiraz first secondary school students. According to, chose 360 of Shiraz first secondary school students by random-stratified sampling method and answered to academic dishonesty questionnaires as Mc Cabe & Trenive (2000), academic self-efficacy beliefs (ASEBQ) by Zajacova et al. (2005), Ryan & Frederick vitality (1997) and Baer et al. mindfulness (2006). Data analysis was performed by path analytical method and AMOS software. Data analysis results showed mindfulness direct effect on metacognitive is 0/29. Addition to, direct effect of emotional intelligence (0/19) on academic self-efficacy (0/21) is significant. While direct effect of mental vitality on metacognitive is 0/24 and direct effect of metacognitive on academic dishonesty is -0/34. So, current research results show suitable fit of causal model of effective cognitive psychology factors on academic dishonesty of Shiraz first secondary school students.

Keywords--- Causal Model, Academic Dishonesty, Self-Efficacy, Metacognitive, First Secondary School.

I. INTRODUCTION

Education system of each obeys activities and its special goals that obtain these aims based on scientific and academic honesty shadow of those system learners. Ideally, formal education is that can reach to optimal goals by using reasonable features and provide appropriate for learners training. One of the problems that education institutes and schools deals always with them and in recent decades, have tried to deal with them seriously and haven't eradicated it completely up until now is cheating. This phenomenon can be seen in all education environments (Sabzian et al., 2017). Bahrami and coworkers (2015) believe that cheating or deception is an inclusive phenomenon that education system has faced with it years away and tolerated excessive costs about it. That is why cheating is a selfish and immoral act for raising positions and individual situations outsides the rules. Although, this action is a fact of life of more today education institutions, cheating is an immoral phenomenon and common among learners. Then it needs more attention by teachers, managers and researchers. If academic cheating increases in education system, its scientific basis's can shake and disturb to access in education goals. In fact, one of the matters that can disturb in function of these education institutions and prevent to reach to goals which is academic cheating or lack of

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academic honesty (Sabzian et al., 2017).

Statement of Problem

Today, academic violations and mibehaviours like academic dishonesty include cases which its prevalence in scientific environments such as schools and universities is impossible. Academic dishonesty conclude ethics fundamental in doing academic homework that has scientific and educational rating or credit for each individual. It can determine about prevalence of cheating, but various researches in different countries have showed that cheating hasn't been for a special academic period, a university and a country and see in whole world (Calahan, 2007).

In fact, cheating among students is common and increasing. Study has shown that 60% of teens have cheated in tests at least once and 38% of them did it more than two times. Another research in this matter says that statistics of students cheating have increased for last 50 years up to now (Kheirabadi, 2011; quoted Sabzian et al., 2017).

But should point this note that academic dishonesty not only relate to one country, but also is in different countries. Although Bahrami and coworkers (2015) have pointed in their research in USA show that about 58% of medical students have admitted cheating and 88% whom people did it include B.A period students. Other researchers have stated that 27% to 58% of learners cheat at least once and at last another research state that cheating in educational environment doesn't occure as individual action. This is a common work, 9/26% to 8/88% of learners want another person to help them in cheating depends on fraudulently behavior. Lev and coworkers in 2010 and Bandura in 1977 stated confidence in students' abilities and their proper understanding of their skills is a research that self-efficacy has important role in it. Students who have less self-efficacy and don't try for success in this way are people who have stress while they have lack of competence and do cheating function. Instead, students who have more self-efficacy have more competence and success. Most of researchers try to consider factors of this matter that Qadampour and coworkers (2015) quote people who have less self-efficacy and less self-esteem do cheating. Our country also is not immune of different aspects of this fake behavior (cheating). As Sayed Hosseini Davarani (2006) show outbreak of some fake behaviors in tests such as rewrite of another person's, allow others to write test paper, send and deliver through gesture is about 50%. Khodaee, Moqadamzadeh and Salehi (2011) state base on their research results that 95% of students have confessed cheating during academic year and have reported 75% successful of them in cheating. It is note that academic dishonesty only relate to schools, but also is common in higher education. So Khamesan and Amiri (2011) show that mean of cheating scale was 2/24 in Birjand students and state more students have cheated between once to five times in test sessions. Individual characteristics are effective on academic dishonesty (Tamara, 2015 & Salgado et al., 2014).

People characteristics are individual variables related to academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is a reveal behavior which can relate to individual characteristics. It can point that these characteristics to people gender (Hensley et al., 2013 & Jurdi et al., 2012) believed that men cheat women in academic period. Eastman and coworkers (2008) and also Williams and coworkers (2010) believed that academic major also is effective on cheating. Jurdi (2012) says our classmates interfere in this argue, too and students also obey each other. As Crittenden, Hanna and Peterson (2009) opinion, cheating is a function that students do it for better score. The next factor in desire to cheating is Internet usage that students use it do their homework with copy subjects (Bain, 2015).

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People belief of their abilities for reaching to their academic goals show learning and self-efficacy (Ugwa et al.,

2013) that is effective on academic dishonesty. Base on Shim and coworkers (2013) state that tries for getting good

score is functional orientation. If it is more, person self-efficacy will be more. If people have more self-efficacy,

their academic development and motivation will be more and at last leads to less academic dishonesty (Caprara et

al., 2011; Todd et al., 2011, Luara, 2015 & Moradi et al., 2016).

Hypothesizes

Mental vitality has direct and positive effect on academic self-efficacy.

Mindfulness has direct and positive effect on metacognitive

Emotional intelligence has direct and positive effect on academic self-efficacy.

Emotional intelligence has direct and positive effect on metacognitive.

Metacognitive has direct and negative effect on academic dishonesty.

Academic self-efficacy has direct and negative effect on academic dishonesty.

Mental vitality through academic self-efficacy has indirect and negative effect on academic dishonesty.

Mindfulness through academic metacognitive has indirect and negative effect on academic dishonesty.

Emotional intelligence through academic self-efficacy and metacognitive has indirect and negative effect

on academic dishonesty.

II. METHOD

Current research, one hand, based on its goal includes practical researches and on the other hand, this research

studies the relation between variables, descriptive (non-experimental) that is correlation. The number of first

secondary school students of Shiraz high schools in 1397-1398 as secondary education deputy of Shiraz education

ministry quote is 58863 that 28983 of them are girl and 29880 are boys. In order to determine, sample volume has

used Jessi & Morgan table and selected 360 persons as sample of 58863 girls and boys students of Shiraz first

secondary school in 1397-1398. According to society has formed of different sub-groups (girls and boys). So has

used of relative class sampling method. It chose 177 people (49%) girl and 183 people (51%) boy of 360 selected

persons. It is necessary to mention that used software in this research is SPSS and AMOS. In this study, used library

sources such as articles of Latin and Persian journals, books and Internet resources for collecting literature and

research subject and used standard questionnaires for data collection in order to analysis.

Academic Dishonesty Questionnaire

For study of academic dishonesty used Mc Cabe & Trenive (2000) academic dishonesty scale in this study. This

questionnaire have two components of inner behavior (include 5 questions) and exterior behavior have used 5

degree range of Likert (never-always) in order to scoring questionnaire questions. In this questionnaire, maximum

score who a person can earn is 50 and minimum is 10.

Academic Self-Efficacy Questionnaire

This research has made academic self-efficacy beliefs questionnaire (ASEBQ) by Zajacova et al. (2005) for

variable measurement of academic self-efficacy. Zajacova and coworkers expanded new copy of academic self-

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efficacy questionnaire as academic self-efficacy beliefs questionnaire and with pattern of academic scale (Mildston,

Lent, Brown & Larkin, 1986) and collage self-efficacy contents (Solberg et al., 1993). This questionnaire include 27

questions with 10 degree range of Likert, completely certain to completely uncertain and four components of

reliability to his ability do homework in class (question 1 to 9) and do homework in outside the class (questions 10

to 17), confidence to his ability in interaction with others at school (question 18 to 23) and confidence to his ability

in work management, family and school (question 24 to 27). In this questionnaire, maximum score who a person can

earn is 270 and minimum is 0. Then, if the score is close to 270, academic self-efficacy level is more and if person

score is low and close to 0, it will have low self-efficacy level (Shokri & et al., 2011).

Mental Vitality Questionnaire

In order to study mental vitality used Ryan and Fredrick mental vitality questionnaire (1997) that measure person

current energy and happy. This scale includes 7 articles and is as 5 degree range of Likert. Scoring answers measure

from not completely correct (code 1) to completely correct (code 7). Milia, Skye & Costenze in 2011 quote Sheikh

Eslami and Daftarchi in 2015 have reported reliability of mental vitality scale with using Cronbach's alpha (94%).

Sheikh Eslami and Daftarchi (2015) have used Cronbach's alpha coefficient for study reliability of this scale that

questionnaire alpha coefficient reported as 0/89. Sheikh Islami and Daftarchi (2015) also calculated its review and

correlation of each question with total score of mental vitality scale and has reported domain coefficient as 0/57 to

0/86 that coefficients in level has been significant (0/001).

Mindfulness Questionnaire

Mindfulness questionnaire is self-assessment scale of 39 items that has evolved by Baer and coworkers (2006,

quote Ahmadvand et al., 2011) through mix of Fribreg mindfulness questionnaire (Walach et al., 2006), awareness

scale and mindfulness attention (Brown & Ryan, 2003), Canchoki mindfulness scale (Baer & Smith, 2004),

cognitive and emotional mindfulness reconsidered scale (Kumar et al., 2005) and Sutampeton mindfulness

questionnaire (Chadwick et al., 2007) with 5 agent analysis function. Baer (2006) did exploratory agent analysis on

samples of university students. Mindfulness questionnaire range, Likert 5 degree state accept or reject with each of

phrases from 1(never and very rarely) to 5 (often or always). Score domain in this scale is 39-195. A total score

earns of total scores of each sub-scale that show scores is high, mindfulness also is more (Ahmadvand, et al., 2011).

As results Neuser (2010, quote Ahmadvand et al., 2011), factors inner matching was suitable and alpha coefficient

was between 0/75 (being a non-reactive agent) and 0/91 (in description agent). Correlation between agents was

medium and significant in all cases and was in range of 0/15 to 0/34.

Metacognitive Strategies Questionnaire

It used Welz questionnaire in this research for data collection. This questionnaire has determined in 1997 and a

self-report scale (30 articles) that measure people about their thinking. Answer to that question calculate in a four

degree scale of Likert, 1-not agree to 4-completely agree. This scale includes 5 sub-scales such as positive beliefs

about anxious, uncontrollable beliefs and get dangerous of anxious, beliefs about cognitive-adequacy, total negative

beliefs (be responsible, superstitions and etc.), cognitive self-awareness. Shirinzadeh has translated and provided this

questionnaire for Iran population. Cronbach's alpha coefficient of total scale has reported in Iranian samples (0/91)

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and has reported for sub-scale of uncontrollable, positive beliefs, cognitive self-awareness, cognitive reassurance and need to control negative thoughts respectively in Iranian sample 0/87, 0/86, 0/81, 0/80 and 0/71. In consider that has emphasized using agent analysis and reported its reliability with Cronbach's alpha for total and sub-scales between 76% to 93% and considered validity of this questionnaire by two clinical psychologists through method and a psychiatrist and earned coefficient (79%) in order to measure 1-inner coherence, 2-cut in half, 3-through Cronbach's alpha method. In order to validity (reliability) of questionnaire of scale metacognitive on 52 people also run and earned its reliability coefficient (r=0/88) (Yousefi et al., 2008).

Emotional Intelligence Questionnaire

In order to study emotional intelligence used Sybria Shring questionnaire (1996, quote Mohammadi, 2016) in this research. This questionnaire includes 5 components of self-motivation (7 questions), self-awareness (8 questions), self-control (7 questions), social awareness or sympathy (6 questions) and social skill (5 questions) and totally includes 33 questions. Answers are as 5 degree and sequentially. Scoring answers is from never (code 1) to always (code 5). We can say Asadi (2003) earned test inner similarity scale by Cronbach's alpha method (0/84). It has presented variables correlation matrix (foundation of analysis studies among variables), route coefficient, fit specifications and fit model route chart with the goal of data analysis.

Table 1: Correlation Matrix of Research Variables

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mindfulness	1					
Emotional intelligence	0.277**	1				
Mental validity	0/450**	0/092**	1			
Academic self-efficacy	0/225**	0/231**	0/255**	1		
Metacognitive	0/240**	0/109*	0/048	0/070	1	
Academic dishonesty	0/009	0/057	0/212**	0/249**	0/318**	1

1.0/0P < ** 5.0/0P < *

Result of table showed that mindfulness on awareness has the most correlation (0/450) and emotional intelligence and metacognitive have the least correlation (0/109).

Table 2: Estimate of Direct Effect Coefficient

Estimate variables	Standard parameter	t	Significant level
Direct effect of mindfulness on:	Ys <u></u>		71 <u></u>
Metacognitive	0/29	3/672	0/01
Direct effect of emotional intelligence on:	7.00	is	25
Academic self-efficacy	0/21	2/741	0/01
Metacognitive	0/19	2/380	0/01
Direct effect of mental vitality on:	;) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Academic self-efficacy	0/24	3/094	0/01
Direct effect of academic self-efficacy on:	/ 		-
Academic dishonesty	-0/27	-3/733	0/01
Direct effect metacognitive on:			
Academic dishonesty	-0/34	-4/621	0/01

Result of table 2 showed that direct effect of mindfulness on metacognitive is 0/29. This measure is significant with t=3/672 in 0/01 level. So, second hypothesis of research approve direct effect of mindfulness on metacognitive.

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Indirect effect of mindfulness also is significant (-0/10) through metacognitive on academic dishonesty and research eighth hypothesis is accepted. Then mindfulness has indirect effect on academic dishonesty through metacognitive. Results also shows that direct effect of emotional intelligence on metacognitive is 0/19. This measure is significant with t=2/380 in 0/01 level. So, fourth hypothesis of research is accepted. Direct effect of emotional intelligence on academic self-efficacy is 0/21.

This measure is significant with t=2/741 in 0/01 level. Then research third hypothesis approve direct effect of emotional intelligence on academic self-efficacy. It is necessary that indirect effect of emotional intelligence on academic dishonesty through academic self-efficacy and metacognitive is -0/12 and significant. Ninth hypothesis of research is accepted. Direct effect of mindfulness on metacognitive is 0/24. This measure is significant with t= 3/094 in 0/01 level. So, first hypothesis of research approve direct effect of mindfulness on metacognitive. In addition, indirect effect of mindfulness on academic dishonesty through academic self-efficacy is significant and 0/06 and seventh hypothesis of research is accepted. Then, mindfulness has indirect effect on academic dishonesty through metacognitive. Indirect effect of academic self-efficacy on academic dishonesty is -0/27. This measure is significant with t= -3/733 in 0/01 level.

So, sixth hypothesis of research approve direct effect of academic self-efficacy on academic dishonesty. Direct effect of metacognitive on academic dishonesty is -0/34. This measure is significant with t= -4/621 in 0/01 level. So, fifth hypothesis of research approve direct effect of metacognitive on academic dishonesty. Other estimated parameters are measure of total effects that is mix of direct and indirect effects. Some of exogenous variables include direct or indirect effect with endogenous variable of academic dishonesty. So total effects of these variables following:

Total effect of mindfulness on academic dishonesty is significant (-0/10).

Total effect of emotional intelligence on academic dishonesty is significant (-0/12).

Total effect of mindfulness on academic dishonesty is significant (-0/06).

Total effect of academic self-efficacy on academic dishonesty is significant (0/27).

Total effect of metacognitive on academic dishonesty is significant (-0/34).

In following table is brought determined variance of research variables.

Table 3: Determined Variance of Research Variables

Column	variable	(R ²)Determined variance		
1	Academic self-efficacy	0/11		
2	Metacognitive	0/09		
3	Academic dishonesty	0/18		

Model Fit Features and Fit Model

In order to study of model fit, has used fit features. Totally, it reports x2/df, RMSEA, CF11, GF1 and AGF1 among various fit features.

In following table has presented model fit features.

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Table 4: Model Fit Features

Features	
Square ration	11/963
Freedom degree	6
P value	0/063
Comparative fit index (CFL)	
Justified fit index (GFI)	
Adjust justified fit index (AGFI)	
Estimate square root of approximate error variance (RMSEA)	

All measures are bigger than 0/9 and shows accepted fit. Although measure of RMSEA is 0/080, include good fit modeling. In continue, fitted model route diagram has presented with estimated parameters (standard measures).

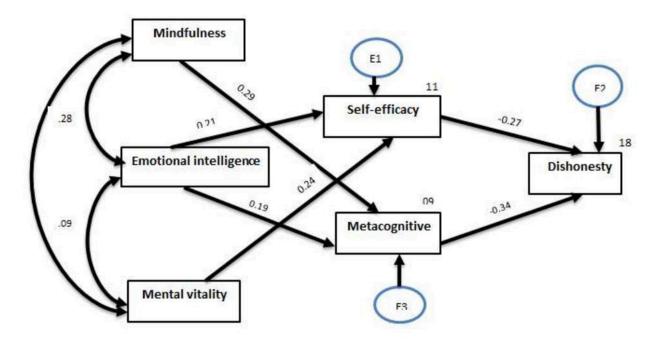


Figure 1: Route Diagram and Fitted Model Parameters Estimate

III. RESULTS

Results showed that mindfulness has direct and significant effect on academic self-efficacy. This finding aligns with Tofiqi researches (2017). In interpretation of this finding, can point Ryan & Dc (2008) explanation about mindfulness. Ryan & Dc (2008, qoute Tofiqi (2017)). They believe that mindfulness is physical and mental energy. They believe that people who are in high level of mindfulness report their position without any clash with environment, non-control of out, ability in interaction and influence on environment around. They attend themselves as their actions source and regulate their energy in order to targeted actions. At last, it will end to increase their self-efficacy beliefs. So, students who have more mindfulness and get experience the sense of happy and energy, have more self-efficacy in education. Mindfulness has direct and significant effect on metacognitive. This finding aligns with Hamedi and co-workers research results (2016) and Mosavinejad & Abdkhodaee (2016). In interpretation of

this finding, should note this note that mindfulness can have useful role in improve learning and academic function in order to life various aspects. Dogan (2015) has stated in research that high level of learner's emotional self-efficacy leads to high level of cognitive engagement. Ersanl researches results (2015), Patrick and co-workers (2007) have similar researches like Dogan (2015).

Emotional intelligence has direct and significant effect on academic self-efficacy. This finding aligns with Bahadori Khosroshahi & Khanjani (2011) and Aqdami Baher and co-workers (2009). In other words, emotional intelligence talents give students this behavior who can control difficult situations before they get non-control and cause to decrease students stress that cause more self-efficacy sense in students. Then can earn stress management with increasing emotional intelligence increase and at last, leads to academic self-efficacy increase. Research results showed that emotional intelligence has direct and significant effect on metacognitive. This finding aligns with Heidari and co-workers (2010), Ansari (2017), Khoshro and co-workers (2017) and Talebzadeh (2011). We can say that students who have more emotional intelligence, they can learn better metacognitive strategies. Different researches showed that if learners learn more as cognitive, they can get more cognitive and behavior goals (Wang & Eccles, 2013).

Result show that metacognitive has reverse and significant on academic dishonesty. In other words, students who use cognitive strategies. This finding aligns with Ansari research results (2017). In interpretation of this finding, we can say students have more self-efficacy, cheat less. Because these students feel that they can answer exam questions. So, they focus more in exam sessions on their papers and finally this subject cause to decrease students' academic dishonesty.

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