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Owing to paucity of time, a university professor generates a Ph.D. evaluation report using Artificial Intelligence and submits it with some modifications. Discuss this from the perspective of accountability and integrity.

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Answer Hint

Artificial Intelligence, academic integrity, accountability, authorship, professional ethics, confidentiality, human judgment, transparency

Model Answer

Introduction

Using AI in academic work is not inherently unethical; the ethical issue arises when its use replaces professional responsibility and is concealed.

1. Accountability

The professor remains accountable for the accuracy, originality, confidentiality and fairness of the Ph.D. evaluation, irrespective of whether AI generated the draft. Delegating judgment to an algorithm cannot transfer accountability.

2. Integrity

Submitting an AI-generated report with minor modifications may amount to misrepresentation of authorship and intellectual effort. AI can also introduce factual errors, fabricated references or biased assessments.

3. Ethical Course

The professor should independently evaluate the thesis, use AI only as an assistive tool where permitted, verify every claim, maintain confidentiality and disclose AI assistance according to institutional norms.

Conclusion

Academic evaluation is a position of trust. AI may enhance efficiency, but integrity requires human judgment, transparency and personal accountability to remain paramount.

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