Guiding questions for conversations about suspected academic misconduct in the use of generative Artificial Intelligence as an unauthorized aid

The following questions are a helpful starting point for a conversation with a student when you suspect they may have misused generative AI in work submitted for grades or academic credit. The questions are intended as a **guide only**; student answers to the questions **do not prove** student misconduct but may help to indicate the likelihood of inappropriate use of technology in creating the work submitted. During the conversation, try to determine which description of the student's answer is most accurate.

Question	Student could not answer the question	Student showed limited ability to answer the question	Student was able to answer the question satisfactorily	Student showed excellent, comprehensive response to the question
1. Can you please give me an overview of what your				
assignment is about?				
Follow up questions:				
What are the main topics/themes you discussed?				
What are your main arguments/highlights?				
What is something you learned from completing this				
assignment?				
2. What was your favourite part of the assignment?				
Follow up questions:				
What were some of the most challenging parts of the				
assignment?				
What would you have done if you had more time?				
3. Tell me about your general process for writing/creating				
this assignment.				
Follow up questions:				
Did you complete it in stages?				
How long did it take you to complete?				
4. Can you tell me about the technology and/or AI enabled				
tools you used in completing this assignment? (e.g.				
Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Grammarly, ChatGPT, Google				
Gemini, Microsoft Co-pilot, Perplexity, Jenni etc.)				
Follow up questions:				
Which version(s) did you use?				
Can you explain the process you went through in creating				
your assignment/answers using these tools?				
Do you tend to review each spelling and grammar				
suggestion, or just accept it?				
Did you keep your rough notes or drafts? These can be				
helpful in showing your thinking and creative process.				
What benefits do you think using these tools had in				
completing this assignment?				
5. I noticed that the language and tone of this assignment (or				
parts of this assignment) sound very different from other				
writing you've submitted. Can you explain that difference?				
Follow up questions:				
Did you get help from the writing centre or friends/ family in				
editing your assignment?				
This passage sounds very different to other sections (read				
examples). Can you explain what you meant?				
For coding/programing assignments, ask the student to				
explain particular functions.				
6. Can you explain to me the policy for use of AI in				
assignments for this course?				
Follow up questions: Do you feel that your use of AI tools or other technologies in				
completing this assignment was appropriate and in line with				
that policy?				
7. Let's take a look at your reference list. Can you explain				
how you found and chose the references you've				
now you found and chose the references you ve incorporated?				
Follow up questions:				
Which references did you find most useful/important?				
Number of check marks				
Likelihood of Misconduct	If most answers fall within these two		If most answers fall v	vithin these two
Given the student's score, is it more likely than not the	columns, it is more likely the work was completed with unauthorised assistance.		columns, it is more li	kely that the
student submitted work completed by or with the			submission is the student's original worl	
unauthorised assistance of Al?				

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