Reflection on my Conduct

No reflection is complete without first acknowledging the mistake that was made, which in my case was using someone else's work and attempting to pass it off on my own on an exam. It was an extremely poor decision and a dishonest thing to do no matter what the reasons may have been at the time. Deep down, I had hoped that if I was just able to get past this last exam then I would be finished with this class and hopefully pass but in hindsight I believe I had a better chance in passing if I had just taken the exam with integrity. After truly thinking about my actions, I've come to understand that passing someone else's work as my own will negatively impact me in my lifelong term as actions catch up to us and such actions will ruin my credibility and trust with others. In regard to my actions in this specific incident, I would've been better off attempting the exam, in particular the question I plagiarized, on my own because at the end, even if it had not worked out, I would've known that I tried my best and it would have been a learning experience for me in figuring out what I need to do next time in order to do better in both this class and when I find myself in similar situations in the future.

Upon reflecting on my actions, I've also come to realize just how unfair what I did was to the rest of my classmates who took the exam with integrity. It's not fair to them because in comparison to how much effort they put into the class and particularly in studying for this exam, I decided to use someone else's hard work and attempt to pass it off on my own and reaping the benefits everyone else worked hard for with integrity. Such actions would be completely unacceptable in a real life work environment, especially in my chosen career of

computer science. After my actions in this incident, I have taken it upon myself to do my best to never find myself in a position like this ever again, in all aspects of my life be it an academic or work setting. I believe its important to stay true to myself and all work that I produce should be of my own capabilities and when it is necessary to work with someone then that person should receive due credit as well. I am extremely regretful in both my decision making and actions in plagiarizing someone's work on an exam and will do my absolute best in maintaining integrity in my work and never finding myself in a situation where I feel compelled that the only way forward is to go against my integrity and copy someone else's work.