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malpractices and evaluates the efficiency of measures taken against

corruption and fraud by various actors. Although corruption and cheating are so wide-spread in most Russian universities that the real value of their diplomas is very questionable, these problems are prioritiz