

UNIV 101 Pre-Test – Fall Semester 2005

INSTRUCTIONS: Please DO NOT write on this test. Mark your answers only on the brown/white scantron form. Thank you.

Information Literacy Questions

1. You're giving a 5-minute speech about a big earthquake in China that happened in the 1800's. Choose the best source for finding basic facts about this topic:
 - a. a scholarly journal article
 - b. a weekly news magazine article
 - c. a newspaper article
 - d. an encyclopedia article

2. You're writing a 10-page research paper about the effect of a 2002 earthquake on China's economy. Choose the best source for finding information that analyzes this topic:
 - a. a scholarly journal article
 - b. a weekly news magazine article
 - c. a newspaper article
 - d. an encyclopedia article

3. Generally, the most common reason to consult an encyclopedia article rather than a journal or magazine article is:
 - a. you need reliable information
 - b. you need the most current information
 - c. you need information quickly
 - d. you need a concise overview of a topic

4. What is the best way to find a scholarly journal article on a given topic?
 - a. search a print index or periodical database
 - b. search a general Web search engine like Google or Yahoo
 - c. page through print volumes of academic journals
 - d. search an online library catalog

5. When an event occurs, which of the following would be the most likely order in which information about the event would be reported?
 - a. newspaper / encyclopedia / journal article
 - b. Internet / book / journal article
 - c. newspaper / journal article / book
 - d. newspaper / book / journal article

6. Examine the following citation:

Scheit, Karl Heinz. *Nucleotide Analogs: Synthesis and Biological Function*. New York: Wiley, 1980.

This is a citation to a:

- a. book
- b. chapter of a book
- c. journal article
- d. web page

7. Examine the following citation:

DeWoody, J.A. 1999. Nucleotide Variation in the p53 Tumor-Suppressor Gene of Voles from Chernobyl, Ukraine. *Mutation Research*. 439 (12):25-36.

This is a citation to a:

- a. book
- b. chapter of a book
- c. journal article
- d. web page

8. The screenshot below is to an article from an online library database.



1. [Teachers, professionalism, and craft](#). By: Pratte, R.; Rury, J.L. Teachers College Record, Fall91, Vol. 93 Issue 1, p59, 14p; (AN 9202032646)
[Times Cited in this Database \(1\)](#)
 [HTML Full Text](#)  [PDF Full Text](#) (1.8MB)

The name of the publication this article can be found in is:

- a. Teachers, professionalism, and craft
- b. Pratte, R; Rury, J.L.
- c. Teachers College Record
- d. Times Cited in this Database

9. Shown below is an article citation from an online library database.

Title: "Mapping out your firm's success"

Source: *Black Enterprise*; New York; Mar 2000

Author: Mark Richard Moss; Volume 30; Issue 8; pp. 104-112

Subject Terms: Entrepreneurs, Strategic planning, Corporate objectives, Guidelines, Minority owned businesses.

Would this article be included in the results of a Subject search for the phrase *corporate planning*?

- a. Yes
- b. No

10. You really like the book *The Grapes of Wrath* by the author John Steinbeck. You need to find out whether your local college library owns a copy of this book. Which of the following would be the best place to search for this book?

- a. a WWW search engine
- b. the library catalog
- c. the college home page
- d. the library directory

11. If you were searching for biographies of John Steinbeck, the best type of search to conduct would be:

- a. Author
- b. Title
- c. Subject
- d. Call Number

12. To search an electronic database for information about “diabetes in either cats or dogs,” which of the following searches would yield the best results?
- diabetes and (cats OR dogs)
 - diabetes and (cats AND dogs)
 - diabetes and (cats NOT dogs)
 - diabetes or (cats AND dogs)
13. When searching for articles in online library databases, the difference between a “keyword” search and a “subject” search is:
- keyword searches article titles only; subject searches the title and subject fields, as well as the article abstracts
 - keyword searches multiple fields in a record (e.g. author, title, subject); subject searches only in the subject field
 - keyword searches for all variations of a word, including synonyms; subject searches for the exact words
 - keyword searches are typed in by the user; subject searches are generated from lists the user must choose from
14. Which of the following is generally NOT a criterion for evaluating websites that you are considering using as sources for a college paper?
- there is a clear statement of responsibility
 - the date of last update is clearly stated
 - the information is useful
 - the site has won awards for its graphics design and presentation
15. A scholarly journal article generally does NOT have which of the following characteristics:
- a bibliography or footnotes
 - colorful photos and graphics
 - a sober serious look
 - articles written by authors who are research experts in their fields
16. Which of the following sources is most likely to contain outdated information?
- Field Guide to North American Trees, published in 1980
 - The Poems of Edgar Allan Poe, published in 1982
 - The Diaries of George Washington, published in 1981
 - Computer-Based Instruction, published in 1983
17. When searching online, if you conduct a search then add a second word to that search using the AND Boolean operator, the number of items retrieved for your search will generally:
- increase in number
 - decrease in number
 - remain unchanged
 - result in zero hits
18. When searching library databases on the topic “sociology,” using the truncated search **sociolog*** might retrieve a list of items with which of the following words in the results:
- social, sociology, sociological
 - sociology, sociological, socioeconomic
 - sociologist, sociology, socioeconomic
 - sociology, sociological, sociologist

19. Websites with .org in their URLs are from non-profit organizations and are therefore unbiased.
- True
 - False
20. Websites with .gov in their URLs are from the U.S. government and are therefore usually considered reliable sources of information for research.
- True
 - False
21. Which of the following writing practices could lead to you being accused of plagiarism?
- paraphrasing an author's writing by reordering, shortening, or changing descriptive words in their original sentences
 - using a different style manual than the one assigned by your professor
 - taking accurate notes on where you found specific ideas, facts, and quotes
 - documenting citations to sources you used to write your paper
 - using quotation marks or block quotes around exact quotations
22. As you browse through a book dealing with your topic, you come across a sentence that states very clearly a point you would like to make in your term paper. You add the sentence to your paper exactly as you see it and cite the book. Later a friend tells you that you did not have to do that for one sentence. You only need to cite material when you sue a "substantial amount" from a book for an article. Is your friend's statement true or false?
- True
 - False
23. When writing a research paper, you are required to cite commonly known facts (common knowledge).
- True
 - False
24. When writing a research paper, you are not required to cite information you found in common reference books such as encyclopedias or dictionaries.
- True
 - False