

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following questions is too narrow a topic for a three-page paper?
 - (A) What is the rationale for smoking bans in outdoor areas?
 - (B) What are the benefits of smoking bans for smokers and non-smokers?
 - (C) What is the status of statewide smoking bans in the U.S.?

2. A student began an investigation about the legalization of marijuana. The research focused on arguments concerned with long-term effects of its use. While doing research, the student found information about the possible benefits of chemicals in marijuana for treating medical conditions. The student would now like to change the focus of the research paper. Choose the answer that best reflects the new focus of this student's research.
 - (A) Effects of marijuana use on fetus development
 - (B) Evidence of marijuana addiction
 - (C) Short- and long-term effects of marijuana on the brain
 - (D) Use of the marijuana chemical cannabidiol for treatment purposes

3. You have just been assigned to research an inventor's life and his work. Your assignment is to write a seven-page paper and include at least five different sources. Of the topic questions below, which question would best address the assignment?
 - (A) What was the inventor's most famous invention?
 - (B) When and where did the inventor live?
 - (C) How did the inventor's life and work influence other inventions and society?
 - (D) What was the inventor's education?

4. For a final project in mathematics, your teacher has assigned a paper on a topic of your choice. You are having a hard time focusing your topic of interest. Which of the following resources would be most helpful in focusing the topic for a mathematics project?
 - (A) The subject area of an online math database
 - (B) The table of contents of a math book
 - (C) A Google search on "math topics"
 - (D) A math education magazine

5. Your biology teacher has assigned a five-page paper about alternative energy. You must choose a topic that is neither too broad nor too narrow to complete the assignment. Which topic below will you choose?
- Ⓐ Renewable energy such as wind turbines and solar power will save our planet.
 - Ⓑ Manufacturing electric cars is very costly.
 - Ⓒ Wind turbines can provide energy to farms economically and safely.
 - Ⓓ Many renewable energy sources exist such as wind turbines, solar power, and water power.
6. Your civics teacher has assigned a project about Amendments to United States Constitution. The project must address the original context and intent of the amendment, the way it has been applied over the course of its history, and how the amendment relates to a current social or legal issue. Your group is researching the Fourth Amendment, which addresses the right to privacy. Which research question below best addresses the information your group needs to find?
- Ⓐ How is the Fourth Amendment applicable today?
 - Ⓑ How has our interpretation of the Fourth Amendment changed since its adoption?
 - Ⓒ Why was the Fourth Amendment included in the Bill of Rights?
 - Ⓓ What legal cases have involved the Fourth Amendment?
7. You are creating a presentation on the emergency response to a recent tornado in your area. Your teacher requires that you use one primary source. Which of the following is a primary source?
- Ⓐ Red Cross brochure of what to do in an emergency
 - Ⓑ Newspaper article on the search and rescue efforts
 - Ⓒ Emergency preparedness guide on the city's web page
 - Ⓓ Video of survivor account of the event

8. You are doing a research paper about graphic novels as literature. Which set of sources would be the best place to start your search?

1. Encyclopedia article on “graphic novels”
2. Book on contemporary literary history
3. Google search on “graphic novel literature”
4. Search in literary database on “graphic novels”
5. Marvel Comics website

- Ⓐ 2, 3, 5
- Ⓑ 1, 3, 4
- Ⓒ 3, 4, 5
- Ⓓ 1, 2, 3

9. You are creating a video public service announcement for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). You decide to include teenage tobacco use statistics. Which of the following group of resources would provide you with the most useful information?

- Ⓐ Books, research database, .gov websites
- Ⓑ Interview with public health officer, books, local newspapers
- Ⓒ Books, research database, local newspaper
- Ⓓ Interview with public health officer, research database, .gov websites

10. You are learning about nutrition in health class and are to develop 7 to 10 slides in a PowerPoint presentation outlining healthy eating habits. Which of the following sources would provide the best information for the creation of your presentation?

- Ⓐ Science journal database
- Ⓑ Popular magazine database
- Ⓒ Hospital website
- Ⓓ Government health website

11. You are gathering information about the costs of operating different car models. You want to consider the cost of fuel, maintenance, and insurance. Which of the following sources would provide the **least** amount of information to answer your question?

- Ⓐ Your school library’s online catalog
- Ⓑ A .gov website, such as from the Department of Transportation
- Ⓒ Consumer websites
- Ⓓ Information from car manufacturers

12. In Biology class, you have been assigned a paper dealing with sustainable harvesting of krill to use for oil in the nutritional supplement industry. You know nothing about this topic. Which resource would be the best place to obtain background information about this topic?

- Ⓐ A food supplement company's website
- Ⓑ An article from a current affairs database
- Ⓒ An article in a science encyclopedia
- Ⓓ An online newsletter from an environmental group

13. You are required to do a three-minute informative speech for Economics 101 and are searching for information on game theory as proposed by Nobel Prize winner John Nash. Since using his name provides over 300 articles, you must refine your search. Which keyword combination would you use for your follow-up search?

- Ⓐ John Nash **OR** game theory
- Ⓑ John Nash **AND** game theory
- Ⓒ Game theory **NOT** John Nash
- Ⓓ Nobel Prize **AND** game theory

14. Your teacher has assigned you to locate five quality database sources dealing with healthcare. The best way to keep track of your sources is by creating:

- Ⓐ Source cards
- Ⓑ Spreadsheet
- Ⓒ Works Cited page
- Ⓓ All of these

15. You found a lengthy book about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. You are interested in their encounter with the Sioux Indians. Which of the following do you use to locate the chapter on their experience in Sioux country?

- Ⓐ Table of Contents
- Ⓑ Summary in the library catalog
- Ⓒ Index
- Ⓓ Preface

16. In your social studies class your group is creating a presentation about urban sprawl for a citizen's group. Select the correct order of steps your group needs to take.

1. Search sources, evaluate, and record information,
2. Organize information and create a rough draft of your presentation.
3. Identify information needed and likely sources.
4. Get review comments and revise for final version.
5. Review the success of your research and final presentation.
6. Focus the topic for the intended audience.

- (A) 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4
- (B) 6, 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
- (C) 6, 2, 1, 3, 5, 4
- (D) 3, 6, 2, 1, 4, 5

17. You enter a search in a library database. The search results include over 1,000 digital resources including journal articles, magazines, newspapers, books, and videos. You need peer-reviewed sources for your assignment. Which of the following search tools do you use to locate peer-reviewed articles?

- (A) Results expander – *search full text*
- (B) Publication – *select specific magazine*
- (C) Results limiter – *academic journals*
- (D) Source Type – *reports*

18. You are searching for information about an event that has common key words thus producing too many results. Which search filter could you use to help find the relevant information quickly?

- (A) Date
- (B) \$
- (C) About
- (D) Or

19. The following magazine articles all deal with fracking (also called hydraulic fracturing). Based on the following article titles, indicate which one includes the most likely example of a biased position.

- (A) It's Official: 'Age of Shale' has arrived
- (B) "Texas fracking ban faces industry challenge"
- (C) "EPA rule to curb hydrofracking emissions draws mixed reactions"
- (D) "Exxon says 'fracking' safe as industry mounts defense"

20. You are doing a research paper on the effectiveness of American foreign aid. You have found a source that states 26% of the federal budget is spent on foreign aid. Your teacher asks that you confirm the accuracy of this statement. Which of the following is the best way to determine its accuracy?
- Ⓐ Speech by U.S. Senator
 - Ⓑ ForeignAssistance.gov website
 - Ⓒ Book on Federal spending
 - Ⓓ Wikipedia article
21. You are doing a paper on mollusks and found a website on “The Endangered Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus” (<http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/>). Your teacher questions the legitimacy of this website. What is the best approach to verify that this is a credible site?
- Ⓐ Check the website to identify the sponsoring organization.
 - Ⓑ Search the website name in a search engine and review the results.
 - Ⓒ Review the links on the website.
 - Ⓓ Learn more about the tree octopus in a book on Cephalopod mollusks.
22. You are a big fan of the *Star Wars* movies. Your friend tells you that scientifically it would not be possible for the lightsabers to have been composed of lasers. Which of the following would be the most authoritative source to determine if your friend’s claim is true?
- Ⓐ A movie review for the first *Star Wars* movie
 - Ⓑ A book about special effects in the *Star Wars* movies
 - Ⓒ An article about lightsabers posted to physics.org
 - Ⓓ A *Star Wars* fan site
23. The research question you have for your paper is: “To what extent do profits from casino gambling benefit education statewide?” You have found an article about state-licensed gambling in one state. Which of the following facts from the article addresses your research question?
- Ⓐ Casinos are allowed to keep up to 80% of revenue.
 - Ⓑ Casino proceeds replaced, but did not add to school funding.
 - Ⓒ Table games such as poker, craps, and roulette are very profitable.
 - Ⓓ Gambling revenue is in decline.

24. You are writing a paper on the effect of chewing tobacco on health. Which website is most likely to have the **most objective** information?

- Ⓐ U.S. National Institutes of Health
- Ⓑ Tom's Mint Chew
- Ⓒ U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co.
- Ⓓ Skoal Smokeless Tobacco

25. You have been discussing the "fair use" provisions of copyright law that allow for limited use of copyrighted materials. Which one of the following uses of copyrighted material would be allowable under "fair use?"

- Ⓐ Short video clips from a TV show to substantiate criticisms of the show you are making in your class presentation
- Ⓑ Entire music video from a popular artist as part of a class project on the artist's life and work
- Ⓒ Any of these
- Ⓓ Compilation of movie clips from old VHS tapes for class discussion on movies of the 1940's

26. Look at the three PowerPoint slides below. Which one shows the proper way to give credit to an information source used to create the slide?

Frame 1

Percent of Teens Who Play Video Games
By gender, the percentage of teens who play video games online or on their phone: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls 59%• Boys 84%

Frame 2

Percent of Teens Who Play Video Games
According to the Pew Research Center, the percentage of teens who play video games online or on their phone: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls 59%• Boys 84%

Frame 3

Percent of Teens Who Play Video Games
By gender, the percentage of teens who play video games online or on their phone: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls 59%• Boys 84 %
Lenhart, Amanda. "Teens, Social Media & Technology Overview 2015." <i>Pew Research Centers Internet American Life Project</i> . Pew Research Center, 8 Apr. 2015. www.pewinternet.org/2015/04/09/teens-social-media-technology-2015/ . Accessed 5 July 2017.

- (A) Frame 1
- (B) Frame 3
- (C) Frame 2

27. You are using a nonfiction book about robots to write a report. The librarian tells you to take notes. What should you do?

- Ⓐ You can copy the words exactly as the author wrote them and use them as your own.
- Ⓑ You read the author's words and then re-write the facts in your own words.
- Ⓒ You make a copy of the pages of the book and use that as your report.

28. You want to use the information in the following quote for your paper on malaria.

"In recent years, hundreds of millions of anti-malarial mosquito bed nets have been distributed across the malaria-infected world, along with cavalcades of anti-malarial drugs and diagnostic kits. As a result, since 2000, malaria mortality has fallen by 25 percent."

Shah, Sonia. "A Cure for Africa's Common Cold: Why Malaria Persists." *Foreign Affairs* (2013): n. pag. 24 Oct. 2013. Web. 12 May 2015.

Which of the examples below correctly paraphrased the information to avoid plagiarizing?

- Ⓐ Distributing hundreds of millions of anti-malarial mosquito bed nets, cavalcades of anti-malarial drugs and diagnostic kits has reduced malaria mortality by 25 percent (Shah).
- Ⓑ Since 2000, malaria deaths have fallen by 25 percent due to distribution of anti-malarial mosquito bed nets, drugs, and diagnostic kits (Shah).
- Ⓒ Since 2000, malaria mortality has fallen by 25 percent due to hundreds of millions of anti-malarial mosquito bed nets, cavalcades of anti-malarial drugs and diagnostic kits (Shah).

29. Which of the following is considered an example of plagiarism?

- Ⓐ Rewriting someone else's words and giving credit
- Ⓑ Turning in someone else's paper as your own
- Ⓒ Using "common knowledge" and not giving credit

30. Part of the copyright law addresses “fair use” of reproduced work. “Fair use” is the limited use of copyrighted materials without obtaining permission. Generally, these limited uses included criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, and research. The law addresses consideration of the amount of the copyrighted material used. With this information in mind, choose the example listed below that is an example of “fair use.”

- Ⓐ Your friend wants to use music from a recent popular album as background music for his presentation in class. Since you already bought the album, you burn a copy for him to use for the project.
- Ⓑ To raise money for the chess club, you show a personally owned copy of a recently released film after school. You charge a one dollar entry fee per person.
- Ⓒ For a discussion on the theme of gender in comic books, a teacher scans a section of a comic book. The teacher posts this scanned portion to the password-secured class website so the class members can read and discuss the text.

General Assessment 1

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. A | 16. B |
| 2. D | 17. C |
| 3. C | 18. A |
| 4. A | 19. D |
| 5. C | 20. B |
| 6. B | 21. B |
| 7. D | 22. C |
| 8. B | 23. B |
| 9. D | 24. A |
| 10. D | 25. C |
| 11. A | 26. B |
| 12. C | 27. B |
| 13. B | 28. B |
| 14. D | 29. B |
| 15. A | 30. C |