



General Assessment 2

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

1. You have just been assigned to research an artist and the influence of art on society. You are assigned 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 artist's most famous piece of art?
 - (B) How did the artist's work influence other artists and society?
 - (C) When and where did the artist live?
 - (D) With whom did the artist socialize?
2. You are a member of the school speech and debate team. You will be debating stem cell research and want to have the most accurate and convincing information. In order to narrow your search to the most accurate information from a scientific viewpoint what resource would you use?
 - (A) Articles about stem cell research from science journals
 - (B) Medical encyclopedia
 - (C) A book about the bioethics of stem cell research
 - (D) A recent article in a news magazine about stem cell research
3. You are writing a paper about computer safety and have had some difficulty finding information. You want to broaden your search to see if you can find more information. Choose which of the following would best broaden the search.
 - (A) Operating system updates
 - (B) Firewall protection
 - (C) Antivirus software
 - (D) Computer protection
4. Consider the topic below as a possible topic for your four-page research paper about World War II. Is the topic too broad, too narrow, or a good topic for the paper?

“The treatment of Jews by the Nazis during World War II was a form of human rights abuse.”

 - (A) Good topic
 - (B) Topic too narrow
 - (C) Topic too broad

5. In your social studies class you are assigned a three-page paper requiring a topic relating to important events in United States history. Which of the following research questions would represent the best topic for a three-page paper?
- Ⓐ What reasons did each of the signers of the Declaration of Independence have for signing the document?
 - Ⓑ Why did the United States decide to purchase the Louisiana Territory?
 - Ⓒ What are three reasons why the United States entered into World War II?
 - Ⓓ What were the political, social, and economic impacts of the Civil War?
6. You are doing a paper on tattoos. Which of the following questions is too narrow a topic for a five-page paper?
- Ⓐ What are the possible medical issues with tattoos?
 - Ⓑ How can tattoos be removed?
 - Ⓒ Is society accepting of tattoos?
7. You are doing a research paper on Apollo 12 astronaut Neil Armstrong. Which of the following is a secondary source?
- Ⓐ Letter qualifying him as a Naval Aviator
 - Ⓑ Neil Armstrong's college transcript
 - Ⓒ Neil Armstrong's flight log
 - Ⓓ Neil Armstrong's biography
8. You have been asked to research and give a presentation on the future of 3D printing. Which group of multiple sources would provide the most productive search?
- Ⓐ A science & technology database, a local newspaper, an encyclopedia
 - Ⓑ An interview with an engineer, an encyclopedia, a local newspaper
 - Ⓒ A newspaper database, a science & technology database, interview with an engineer
 - Ⓓ An encyclopedia, a newspaper database, a science & technology database
9. You must create and maintain a website about the use of drones for an assignment. There will be a prize for the best website. Before you get started, you want to see other examples of popular websites. How would you best locate some examples?
- Ⓐ Use an Internet website rating service such as Alexa.
 - Ⓑ Locate a book about websites in the library's online catalog.
 - Ⓒ Do a keyword search on drones in a search engine, such as Google.
 - Ⓓ Complete a survey of staff and students to see which websites they review.

10. Your assignment is to take a stand on a current event and support your stand with evidence. You have chosen to argue that schools should allow students to have cell phones in the classroom as a tool for student learning. Which of the following set of sources would likely provide support for your position?
- Ⓐ Interview with teachers, books on classroom learning, encyclopedia of education history
 - Ⓑ An education research database, interviews with teachers, local newspaper
 - Ⓒ An encyclopedia of education history, local newspaper, scholarly journals
 - Ⓓ A national education website, education research database, magazine articles
11. You are doing a research paper on the social influences of hip hop. Which of the following resources is most likely to be useful for your project?
- Ⓐ History book on American music
 - Ⓑ Encyclopedia article on Hip Hop
 - Ⓒ Magazine database of popular magazine articles
 - Ⓓ Social science database of academic journal articles
12. Which list of potential electronic sources of information shows the best order for researching most topics?
- Ⓐ A search engine (such as Google), authoritative website, electronic encyclopedia, social network.
 - Ⓑ Social network, nonfiction e-book, a search engine (such as Google) article database
 - Ⓒ Nonfiction e-book, a search engine (such as Google), authoritative website, article database
 - Ⓓ Electronic encyclopedia, article database, authoritative website, search engine (such as Google)
13. You have found a book that looks like a great source to use for your paper. It has fifteen chapters and more than 350 pages. What is the best way to find the information that you need?
- Ⓐ Use the index
 - Ⓑ Skim the book
 - Ⓒ Check the book jacket for a summary
 - Ⓓ Read through the table of contents

14. Your assignment is to create a newspaper page depicting the fall of the Berlin Wall. Which search terms are most appropriate for an online search for newspaper examples of the event?
- Ⓐ Fall OR Berlin Wall OR Communism
 - Ⓑ Fall AND Berlin Wall AND Newspaper
 - Ⓒ Germany AND Berlin AND Wall
 - Ⓓ Berlin Wall AND decline NOT beginning
15. You are researching various colleges in order to decide which university best meets your needs. The fields you have decided to include are tuition, room and board, number of applicants, the percentage admitted, and the average SAT/ACT test scores. The best way to record this information would be:
- Ⓐ Note cards
 - Ⓑ Spreadsheet
 - Ⓒ Word processing document
 - Ⓓ Table/Chart
16. In Science class your group is creating a pamphlet encouraging the community to support creating a nature park. This pamphlet will be distributed in your school and community. 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 pamphlet.
 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 pamphlet
 6. Focus the topic for the intended audience.
- Ⓐ 6, 2, 1, 3, 5, 4
 - Ⓑ 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4
 - Ⓒ 6, 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
 - Ⓓ 3, 6, 2, 1, 4, 5
 - Ⓔ 6, 3, 2, 1, 4, 5

17. You enter a search in a library database. The search returns only 10 results. You are sure there are more publications with information about the topic in the database you are searching. Which of the following search tools do you use to find more information about the topic?
- Ⓐ Subject – *choose a specific subject search*
 - Ⓑ Results expander – *search full text*
 - Ⓒ Publication – *select specific magazine*
 - Ⓓ Results limiter – *magazines or newspapers*
18. You are searching in a database for scholarly articles. What search filter could you use to help find the relevant information quickly?
- Ⓐ Primary source
 - Ⓑ Peer-reviewed
 - Ⓒ Or
 - Ⓓ Near
19. Your grandfather is touting the benefits of taking colloidal silver, an alternative medicine, for his overall health. You do a Google search to learn more. Which of the following results would be the best source for authoritative information?
- Ⓐ Wikipedia.org - (medical uses of silver)
 - Ⓑ webMD.com – (Colloidal silver)
 - Ⓒ nccih.nih.gov- (Colloidal silver: What you need to know)
 - Ⓓ www.silver-colloids.com – (colloidal silver facts)
20. You have seen an offer in a magazine for free dietary supplements. Which of the sources listed below would give the most accurate and current information about the supplements being offered?
- Ⓐ Website of dietary supplement manufacturer
 - Ⓑ A blog site on body building
 - Ⓒ A magazine article database
 - Ⓓ Government website on dietary supplements

21. You are doing a paper on electronic cigarettes. Based on the information given, what is the likelihood of bias in this article?

“E-cigarettes, vaping, hookahs, and patients.” *Tennessee Medicine: Journal Of The Tennessee Medical Associations*

- (A) Article is most likely unbiased.
- (B) Article is most likely biased.

22. The research question for your paper is the extent to which ethanol is energy efficient. “Does ethanol yield more energy than the energy needed for its production?”

Which of the following facts addresses your research question?

- (A) 47% of the Iowa corn crop goes into ethanol production.
- (B) Ethanol contains 34% more energy than is used to grow the corn and distill it into ethanol.
- (C) Government subsidies lower the price of ethanol.
- (D) Over 95% of all fuel sold in the U.S. is blended with 10% ethanol.

23. You are researching the pros and cons of deforestation. Which resource is most likely to include biased information about your topic?

- (A) The article titled “NASA Tropical Deforestation Research” published by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a government research agency
- (B) The article titled “Global Deforestation” published by scientists at the University of Michigan, a public research university
- (C) The article “Solutions to Deforestation” published by Greenpeace, an independent campaigning organization focused on the environment
- (D) The article “Deforestation Increasing in the Amazon” published by the New York Times, an international news company

24. A team of scientists claim they have discovered a human ancestor that lived 3.3 to 3.5 million years ago in Ethiopia. Someone updated the Wikipedia page about Australopithecus (extinct genus of hominids). What organization would be most likely to write the most accurate account of this claim?

- (A) A member of the discovery team
- (B) The National Science Foundation
- (C) A national news service like the Associated Press
- (D) The Ethiopian government news service

25. Which of the following is an example of using copyrighted material under the “fair use” guidelines?
- Ⓐ You digitize a photo from a print magazine to use for your t-shirt business.
 - Ⓑ You copy five photos from an online website and add to your web page with a photo credit.
 - Ⓒ You copy photos from an art book and print them to sell to other students.
 - Ⓓ You copy five photos from an online website to use for your in-class presentation.
26. You understand that if something is “common knowledge” that it generally does not need to be cited. Which of the following is how you decide?
- Ⓐ General information that you expect the readers will know
 - Ⓑ Five other credible sources do not cite the information
 - Ⓒ All of these
 - Ⓓ Information easily found in basic reference sources
27. You are preparing a presentation that will be posted on a publicly available website. You have found images on the web from the U.S. National Archives that you want to use. They are noted as being in the “public domain.” What do you need to do to use these images?
- Ⓐ Place the images on the website with a credit to the original source.
 - Ⓑ Seek written permission from the National Archives to use the images.
 - Ⓒ Place the images on the website with a note that permission is being sought.
 - Ⓓ Look for other images to use instead.
28. Which of the following is considered an example of correct paraphrasing to avoid plagiarism?
- Ⓐ Use author’s sentences, quotation marks, giving credit
 - Ⓑ Using author’s sentences, no quotation marks, giving credit
 - Ⓒ Changing a few words, no quotation marks, giving credit
 - Ⓓ Changing the words and sentence structure, no quotation marks, giving credit

29. “The Art Nouveau movement was committed to abolishing the traditional hierarchy of the arts, which viewed so-called liberal arts, such as painting and sculpture, as superior to craft-based decorative arts.”

A student wants to use the information from the sentence above in a research paper for their Art History class. The teacher has asked that students properly paraphrase without plagiarizing. Which of the examples below is correctly paraphrased and not plagiarized?

- Ⓐ A key aspect of the Art Nouveau style was the attempt to change the attitudes about high and low art, raising the status of the decorative arts to equal level with the likes of sculpture and painting.
 - Ⓑ The Art Nouveau movement wanted to change the traditional hierarchy of the arts, which considered painting and sculpture as superior to the decorative arts.
 - Ⓒ Abolishing the traditional hierarchy of the arts, which viewed the liberal arts, like painting and sculpture, as superior to craft-based decorative arts, was a key commitment of the Art Nouveau Movement.
 - Ⓓ The Art Nouveau style was committed to undermining the liberal arts, such as painting and sculpture, in order to favor the decorative arts.
30. You have come across a great 10 minute video online about the Montgomery Bus Boycott that you would like to include in a presentation you are doing about the Civil Rights Movement. According to copyright law, how much of the video are you permitted to use?
- Ⓐ You may use up to 33% or 5 minutes, whichever is more, in your multimedia presentation.
 - Ⓑ You may use up to 10% or 3 minutes; whichever is less, as part of a multimedia presentation.
 - Ⓒ You may use the entire original video in your multimedia presentation since it is part of the course curriculum.



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| 10. D | 25. D |
| 11. D | 26. C |
| 12. D | 27. A |
| 13. A | 28. D |
| 14. B | 29. A |
| 15. B | 30. B |