

General Assessment 2

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

1. Your research topic is about the beaver's home (called a lodge). Which research question would help you find related information?
 - (A) Why do beavers cut and fell trees?
 - (B) What do beavers eat?
 - (C) How do beavers use branches and mud for building?
 - (D) How do beavers impact the environment?

2. What is the best order of steps to follow when you are researching a new topic?
 - (A) Topic > select sources > background reading > focus topic > research
 - (B) Topic > background reading > focus topic > select sources > research
 - (C) Topic > background reading > select sources > focus topic > research
 - (D) Topic > focus topic > background reading > select sources > research

3. You need to give a short speech about a country in the news. What resource would be the best place to find some background information to help create a specific research question?
 - (A) A book about the history of the country
 - (B) A website about fashion in the country
 - (C) An online encyclopedia article on the country
 - (D) A newspaper article on an election in the country

4. You are assigned a research project on plants. You need to narrow the topic. Which group below begins with the broadest topic and then moves to the narrowest topic at the end?
 - (A) Flowering plants, hybrid tulips, plants, tulips
 - (B) Plants, flowering plants, tulips, hybrid tulips
 - (C) Hybrid tulips, tulips, flowering plants, plants
 - (D) Tulips, plants, hybrid tulips, flowering plants

5. You are unsure of how to check out materials in your public library. Which of the following would be the best source for information on the library's checkout procedures?
- Ⓐ The city's website
 - Ⓑ The local newspaper
 - Ⓒ Your friend
 - Ⓓ The library's website
6. You have been assigned a research project about sea pollution. Which would be the best tool to use?
- Ⓐ An environmental database
 - Ⓑ Google Maps
 - Ⓒ A current events database
 - Ⓓ A newspaper database
7. You want to know which teams won the Super Bowl the last five years. What resource would you use?
- Ⓐ Google Maps
 - Ⓑ Encyclopedia
 - Ⓒ Search Engine
 - Ⓓ Thesaurus
8. You are interested in knowing more information about a soldier's life during war. Which of the following would be a primary source for this information?
- Ⓐ Book about the war
 - Ⓑ Biography about the soldier
 - Ⓒ Encyclopedia article
 - Ⓓ Soldier's diary
9. You are looking for a book on creating new products from recycled plastic. Your online library catalog does not show any books on the topic when you use the search terms "new products from recycled plastic." You should revise your search by using which of the following broader term?
- Ⓐ New products
 - Ⓑ Recycling
 - Ⓒ Plastic
 - Ⓓ Waste

10. You have used your school library catalog to find books on earthquakes. Using the information from the catalog put the books in order as they would be found on the shelf.

1. 551.2 RUB – *Earthquakes*, by Michelle Rubin
2. 551.4 ORM – *Tsunamis*, by David Orme
3. 551.2 MAC – *Volcanoes & Earthquakes*, by Ken Mack

- Ⓐ 3,1,2
- Ⓑ 2,3,1
- Ⓒ 1,3,2

11. You need to find a biography about Gary Paulsen. What kind of search should you do in the library online catalog?

- Ⓐ Title search for Paulsen
- Ⓑ Author search for Paulsen
- Ⓒ Subject search for Paulsen

12. You do an Internet search for Martin Luther, but keep getting results for Martin Luther King. Which of the following operators would you use to exclude results for Martin Luther King?

- Ⓐ Logical operator OR
- Ⓑ Logical operator AND
- Ⓒ Logical operator +
- Ⓓ Logical operator NOT

13. You are writing a paper on the effect of fast food on health. Which website is most likely to have the **most objective** information?

- Ⓐ U.S. National Institutes of Health
- Ⓑ McDonald's
- Ⓒ National Restaurant Association
- Ⓓ Burger King

14. You are looking for current books and websites about Pluto and why it is no longer a planet. Which source below offers the most **current** information to meet your need?

- Ⓐ "Moon or Planet" – an article in the July 2008 issue of *Scientific American* magazine

- Ⓐ *Our Stars and Planets* – a book written by A.J. Wright with a copyright date of 1996
 - Ⓑ “*Pluto*” – an entry in *World Book Encyclopedia* dated 2000
 - Ⓒ www.nasa.gov – a website created by the National Air and Space Administration that is updated daily.
 - Ⓓ *The Planets* – a book published by Planet Science about each of the nine planets, copyright date 1998
15. You are doing a paper on the safety of tanning beds. Which website would have the most authority on the topic?
- Ⓐ www.surgeongeneral.gov – Information from the U.S. Surgeon General on tanning beds
 - Ⓑ www.tanningtruth.org – A site sponsored by a tanning salon organization
 - Ⓒ www.celebritytan.com – A site with celebrity endorsements for tanning beds
 - Ⓓ Totallytan.net – A tanning salon site with tips for your tanning session
16. You are researching teen’s use of social media and need to answer this research question: *Are teens concerned with their privacy on social media?* Which fact below answers your research question?
- Ⓐ Teen use of social media sites has grown significantly over the past three years
 - Ⓑ Data show that teens are sharing more personal information on social media sites.
 - Ⓒ A survey reported 74% of teen social media users have deleted people from their “friends” list.
17. Johnson, Terry. “Working Dogs Save Lives” *Dog Fancy* 24 June 2007: 75-77. Print.
What is *Dog Fancy* in the example above?
- Ⓐ Chapter of a book
 - Ⓑ Publishing company
 - Ⓒ Title of a magazine
 - Ⓓ Title of an article
18. You are doing a report on how to care for your pet. You plan to use a photo that you took of your own dog. What do you need to do to use it in your paper?
- Ⓐ Cite the photo and include in your list of sources.
 - Ⓑ Cut and past it into your report.
 - Ⓒ Ask your teacher for permission to use it.

19. Some people believe that certain books are dangerous to read. They say that these books should not be in the public library. The librarian says that library users have the right to read materials with many viewpoints. Which of the following refers to this right?

- Ⓐ Fail use
- Ⓑ Intellectual freedom
- Ⓒ Intellectual property
- Ⓓ Freedom of information

20. You find a sentence in a book that you would like to include in your report using the author's own words. Which of the following is the correct way to include this sentence?

- Ⓐ Rewrite the sentence and include the author's name and the title of the book.
- Ⓑ Rewrite the sentence.
- Ⓒ Place the exact words in quotation marks.
- Ⓓ Place the exact words in quotation marks and include the author's name and page number.

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Answer Key

1. C
2. B
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4. B
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. D
15. A
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. B
20. D