



## General Assessment 1

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

1. All of the following concepts are related to transportation. Which word represents the narrowest (most specific) topic?

- (A) Airplanes
- (B) Hybrid cars
- (C) Freight trains
- (D) Bicycle helmets

2. When students are assigned a topic, it is often quite broad. Thus, it is a student's responsibility to focus the topic into a more manageable one.

Which of the following does not follow the pattern of a broad topic (on the far left) reduced to a narrower topic (on the far right)?

- (A) Dust storms – drought – water restrictions
- (B) Fashion – designers – runway
- (C) Wireless network – smart phone – weather app
- (D) Team sports – soccer – goalie

3. Consider the topic below as possible for a three-page research paper. Indicate whether the statement would be a Good Topic for this paper, a Topic Too Broad for this paper, or a Topic Too Narrow for this paper.

Explain the impact of the Internet on education.

- (A) Good Topic
- (B) Topic Too Broad
- (C) Topic Too Narrow

4. You have just been assigned hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” for a five-page research paper. Which of the following research questions will lead to the most relevant and focused information for your paper?

- (A) What are the possible environmental dangers with fracking?
- (B) How much water is used in fracking to get the natural gas?
- (C) What fracking cases have come before the Supreme Court?
- (D) Who invented fracking?

5. Read the original topic and the revised topic. Is the revised topic broader or narrower than the original topic?

Initial Topic: What were the effects of the 1929 stock market crash on the economy?

Revised Topic: What were the effects of the bank failures in the Great Depression?

- (A) Broader
  - (B) Narrower
6. Which one of these resources would most likely have current information on recalls of processed food from local grocery stores?
- (A) A school library catalog
  - (B) A science database
  - (C) The Foodsafety.gov website
  - (D) A book on food safety
7. You have chosen a project in science class that will require you to locate up-to-date facts about hurricanes. Which of the following choices would be the most useful?
- (A) Encyclopedia and world atlas
  - (B) Science textbook and National Hurricane Center website
  - (C) Bibliography and encyclopedia
  - (D) National Hurricane Center website and newspaper database
8. If you were researching the topic of “stem cells,” which group of tools would be the most useful?
- (A) Newspaper database and e-book on ethics of stem cell research
  - (B) Online thesaurus and online encyclopedia
  - (C) Science database and an Internet search engine such as *Google*
9. Your teacher has told you he wants at least one primary source for your research paper on Albert Einstein. Which of the following is a primary source?
- (A) A biography of Albert Einstein
  - (B) The chapter on Albert Einstein in the book *Great Mathematicians*
  - (C) *The World Book Encyclopedia* entry on Albert Einstein
  - (D) A speech by Albert Einstein

10. You want to write a paper for History Day on the differences between medicine as practiced during the Civil War and the War in Iraq. Which of the following resources would be a good place to start?
- Ⓐ Encyclopedia and website
  - Ⓑ Bibliography and encyclopedia
  - Ⓒ Website and dictionary
  - Ⓓ History textbook and bibliography
11. You're writing a paper on Theodore Roosevelt, and your teacher told you that he is mentioned in a book that you have. What part of the book will direct you to the pages on Theodore Roosevelt?
- Ⓐ Bibliography
  - Ⓑ Footnotes
  - Ⓒ Index
  - Ⓓ Table of contents
12. Using a symbol such as \*, #, or \$ in the middle or at the end of a search term (example: racis\$) so that variations of the term (examples: racism and racist) will be retrieved in your search is known as:
- Ⓐ Annotation
  - Ⓑ Indexing
  - Ⓒ Paraphrasing
  - Ⓓ Truncation
13. You want to know if your library has the book *A Wrinkle in Time*. What is the best type of search to do in the library's catalog to find out?
- Ⓐ Author
  - Ⓑ Subject
  - Ⓒ Title
  - Ⓓ All fields

14. In English class your group is creating a pamphlet about drug abuse. This pamphlet will be distributed in your school and community. Select the correct order of steps your group needs to take.
1. Select 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.
- Ⓐ 6,3,1,2,4,5  
Ⓑ 3,6,1,2,5,4  
Ⓒ 6,2,1,3,5,4  
Ⓓ 3,6,2,1,4,5
15. Your local zoo has just gotten a pair of llamas. You want to know what they eat. What would be the best search terms to use?
- Ⓐ Llamas and zoo  
Ⓑ Zoo and diet  
Ⓒ Llamas and diet  
Ⓓ Llamas and habitat
16. “Authority” is one of the criteria to use when evaluating a website. Which of the following is a definition of “authority?”
- Ⓐ Power to settle disputes  
Ⓑ Expert on a particular subject  
Ⓒ Government agency  
Ⓓ Forceful individual
17. You read that 47% of Americans owed no money on their Federal income tax returns. Which of the following would be the best source to verify this statement?
- Ⓐ “The White House Blog” on America’s tax burden  
Ⓑ “Occupy Wall Street” website highlighting economic inequality  
Ⓒ “Freedom from Taxes” website on how to protect your income from taxation  
Ⓓ “Tax Foundation” website for research on tax policies

18. When evaluating a website, which of the following would indicate the website's authority?

- Ⓐ Clear and attractive website design
- Ⓑ The name and reputation of the website sponsor
- Ⓒ The amount of information provided
- Ⓓ Links to related sites

19. You are interested in Curiosity, NASA's rover that is exploring the surface of Mars. You know it sends back information each day. What would be the best place to look for the most current information from Curiosity?

- Ⓐ An encyclopedia article about Curiosity
- Ⓑ A scientific article about Curiosity
- Ⓒ NASA's daily Twitter posts @MarsCuriosity
- Ⓓ A book about Mars

20. When using a website, what do you need to check first to determine if a source is accurate?

- Ⓐ Does this information fit with what I already know?
- Ⓑ Is this site used by a lot of people?
- Ⓒ Does the page load quickly?
- Ⓓ How many paragraphs are on the page?

21. You are preparing to create a bibliography or a Works Cited page for your book report. Using information from the first page of a book as given below, which of the following is the book's publisher?



- Ⓐ George Orwell
- Ⓑ Animal Farm
- Ⓒ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Ⓓ Animal Farm: A Fairy Story

22. When your original creation (poem, video, song, etc.) takes physical form, what best describes when it is copyrighted?
- (A) Immediately
  - (B) After you apply for copyright through the U.S. Copyright Office
  - (C) After you hire a lawyer to help you apply for copyright
  - (D) After you submit a fee and a copy of your original creation to the U.S. Copyright Office
23. Is it legal for you to use images created by another person on your own Web page?
- (A) Yes, if I get permission from the creator
  - (B) Yes, if I edit the image
  - (C) Yes, if I make the image publicly available on my website
  - (D) Yes, if I give the creator credit
24. You are part of a team researching the changing habitat of the polar bear. You have found a good article highlighting all the issues. The article is protected by copyright. Under copyright law you are not allowed to do which of the following:
- (A) Make 4 copies for your other team members.
  - (B) Make 30 copies to distribute to every member of the class.
  - (C) Make 4 copies to sell to other students working on the same topic.

25. Which of the following options below demonstrates the correct use of paraphrasing of an article on honeybees?

“Honey bees are under constant pressure from a whole host of stresses – diseases, poor nutrition, sublethal effects of pesticides, and many others. While researchers have been aware for a number of years of a community of bacteria in adult bees that may aid with some of these stresses, Agricultural Research Service researchers have identified the first bacteria that offer a benefit to bee larvae.”

Citation: Kaplan, Kim. “Bacteria Help Honey Bee Larvae Thrive.” *AgResearch Magazine*, May 2015, <https://agresearchmag.ars.usda.gov/2015/may/honeybee/>. Accessed 18 May 2018.

- (A) A community of bacteria in adult honey bees may help the bees survive.
- (B) Honey bee stresses include diseases, poor nutrition, sub-lethal effects of pesticides, and many others.
- (C) Agricultural researchers “have been aware for a number of years of a community of bacteria in adult bees that may aid with some of these stresses.”
- (D) Agricultural researchers have found bacteria that can help honey bee larvae survive the many stresses that they face.

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## ANSWER KEY

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