



Identify Potential Sources

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

1. If you want to find good periodical articles on a specific topic, which of these is the best way to start?
 - (A) Flip through periodicals.
 - (B) Use a research database.
 - (C) Use a Web search engine.
 - (D) Use the library catalog

2. You need to write a paper on an event that took place two days ago. Where are you most likely to find information about the event?
 - (A) Book
 - (B) Encyclopedia
 - (C) Magazine
 - (D) Newspaper

3. Which of the following would be least likely to be found in a public library?
 - (A) Bestsellers for adults, teens, and children
 - (B) Scientific research journals
 - (C) Local historical information
 - (D) Popular magazines
 - (E) Audiobooks

4. Which of the following statements is generally true about a Web search engine? (for example, *Google*)
 - (A) It searches free resources.
 - (B) It searches most research databases.
 - (C) It searches using subject headings.
 - (D) It searches all of the documents on the World Wide Web.

5. When you are conducting research on a topic, you may want to consult a list of books, journal articles, or other materials about that topic. Which of the following terms refers to such a list?
 - (A) Bibliography
 - (B) Library catalog
 - (C) Research database
 - (D) Subject headings

6. Which of the following best identifies a “publication issued periodically, usually daily or weekly, traditionally containing the most recent news?”

- Ⓐ Journal
- Ⓑ Magazine
- Ⓒ Newsletter
- Ⓓ Newspaper

7. You need to locate information on how people danced during the disco era for your dance project. Where could you most likely find this information?

- Ⓐ Hospital library
- Ⓑ Public library
- Ⓒ Academic library
- Ⓓ Government library

8. Which of the following is a characteristic of a secondary source?

- Ⓐ Interpretation of another’s work
- Ⓑ A first-hand account
- Ⓒ An original record
- Ⓓ Report of research results

9. An event just happened in Washington D.C.. There were many witnesses who saw it. Where can you find out what people are saying about this event in real time?

- Ⓐ Twitter
- Ⓑ AP News Service
- Ⓒ CNN
- Ⓓ Local TV station

10. Is this statement true or false?

If an online resource is fee-based, that means it is free.

- Ⓐ True
- Ⓑ False



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1. B
2. D
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. B