



# General Assessment 1

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

1. Your teacher wants you to write a report about a natural disaster. Choose the correct order of the steps from the choices below.
  - A. Make a list of questions about your topic that you would like to learn.
  - B. Decide upon a natural disaster topic.
  - C. Find information about your topic.
  - D. List what you already know about your topic.
  - (A) A, B, C, D
  - (B) B, D, A, C
  - (C) D, A, C, B
  - (D) B, A, C, D
2. You are studying world festivals in class. You are to report on one festival and find out how it started. Which research question will be most useful?
  - (A) What are the main festivals in Asia?
  - (B) What are the origins of the Chinese New Year celebration?
  - (C) What do families do to celebrate Chinese New Year?
  - (D) When is Chinese New Year?
3. You want to find out about atoms and molecules for a science project. Which resource could you use to find general background information?
  - (A) Google Maps
  - (B) Dictionary
  - (C) Encyclopedia
  - (D) Book on atomic scientists
4. You are studying the environment and the effect of climates on different regions of the world. Select the group of topics that is organized from broadest to narrowest topic.
  - (A) Lake > moon > mountain
  - (B) Rainforest > wetlands > desert
  - (C) Ecosystem > forests > rainforest
  - (D) Rainforest > forests > ecosystem
5. You need to make a model of the Egyptian pyramids. Which resource would be the most helpful to learn about the construction of the Egyptian pyramids?
  - (A) An online journal of a tourist who spent a month exploring the pyramids
  - (B) An Egyptian government website that shows photos and videos of the pyramids
  - (C) A poetry database about ancient civilizations

6. You need to find the time difference in hours between Chicago, Illinois, and Sydney, Australia. What is the best source to use?

- Ⓐ My best friend
- Ⓑ Google
- Ⓒ Dictionary
- Ⓓ Encyclopedia

7. You want to know more about the decision to build an airport in your city. Which of the following would be a primary source for this information?

- Ⓐ Television news report
- Ⓑ A newspaper article
- Ⓒ The airport's website
- Ⓓ The mayor's report

8. You are to do a project on inventions. Which library source would be the best place to look for background information?

- Ⓐ Encyclopedia
- Ⓑ Magazine database
- Ⓒ Nonfiction videos
- Ⓓ Fiction books

9. You used a magazine article called "Today's Immigrants" by Karen Fanning for your social studies project. You need to check some facts. Identify the best search strategy to use to locate the article in a periodical database.

- Ⓐ Subject search for Fanning
- Ⓑ Title search for "Today's Immigrants"
- Ⓒ Subject search for "Today's Immigrants"

10. Your school library organizes the fiction section alphabetically by author. Select the correct order in which these books would appear on the shelf.

1. *The Hunger Games* – by Suzanne Collins
2. *Elephant Run* – by Roland Smith
3. *Twilight* – by Stephanie Meyer
4. *The Night Gardener* – by Jonathan Auxier

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

11. You need to find out why dumping plastic bags in landfills is a problem for the environment. In the library, you choose a general science book and locate the index. Plastic bags and landfills are not listed in the index. You need a broader term. Which term below should you try next?
- Ⓐ Dumps
  - Ⓑ Recyclables
  - Ⓒ Solid waste
  - Ⓓ Plastic cups
12. You are doing a paper on the current research on climate change in Antarctica. Your database search on “climate change in Antarctica” returns too many results. Which of the following operators or filters is the best way to revise your search?
- Ⓐ Use the DATE filter
  - Ⓑ Use the NOT operator
  - Ⓒ Use the SOURCE filter
  - Ⓓ Use the OR operator
13. Your group is creating an informational pamphlet on recycling batteries. Select the source below that has the most authority on the topic.
- Ⓐ [Recycleabattery.org](http://Recycleabattery.org) (a site created by battery manufacturers to encourage recycling)
  - Ⓑ [www.batteriesplus.com](http://www.batteriesplus.com) (listing of stores that recycle)
  - Ⓒ [www.duracell.com](http://www.duracell.com) (A battery manufacturer website)
  - Ⓓ [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) (U.S. Environmental Protection Administration with facts on battery recycling)
14. You are researching the effectiveness of speed cameras in your city and need to answer this research question: *Do speed cameras reduce car accidents?* Which fact below answers your research question?
- Ⓐ The police department has requested funding to obtain additional cameras.
  - Ⓑ The police department receives many complaints that cameras are a money-making scheme.
  - Ⓒ The police department reported serious collisions fell by 27% with cameras in place.
15. You are writing a report on the effects of high energy drinks. You found a website listing the benefits. Which of the following would best help you verify the accuracy of the information?
- Ⓐ Advertisements and celebrity endorsements
  - Ⓑ Research articles and advertisements
  - Ⓒ Facts from a government agency and celebrity endorsements
  - Ⓓ Research articles and facts from a government agency
16. You are researching pros and cons of bottled water. Which resource would be most likely to include biased information about your topic?
- Ⓐ Bottling company newsletter
  - Ⓑ Encyclopedia article about bottling
  - Ⓒ Magazine article about bottling
  - Ⓓ Government website

17. What is the best reason for citing your sources?

- Ⓐ Citing shows your teacher that you did your research.
- Ⓑ Citing identifies sources that your classmates may want to use.
- Ⓒ Citing gives the location of the sources that you used.
- Ⓓ Citing gives credit for the original work or the idea to the author.

18. You find a photo on the Internet that you would like to include in your report. What is the proper way to use this photo?

- Ⓐ Copy and paste the photo into your paper.
- Ⓑ Include a title for the photo in your paper.
- Ⓒ Cite the photo and include in your list of sources.
- Ⓓ Edit the photo to make it your own.

19. Which of the following is an act of censorship?

- Ⓐ A teacher correcting a student's grammar
- Ⓑ An employee fired for not following directions
- Ⓒ The newspaper printing unpopular opinions in letters to the editor
- Ⓓ A citizen's group forcing a librarian to remove a book from the library

20. You have the following citation to a book. Identify the publisher.

Shetterly, Margot Lee. *Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition*. William Morrow, 2016.

- Ⓐ William Morrow
- Ⓑ Margot Lee Shetterly
- Ⓒ *Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition*

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## ANSWER KEY

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