

**These questions were adapted from questions created by the library faculty at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Franklin & Marshall College and Maryville College.**

1. You are writing a research paper on the role of nutrition in reducing stress. If your search strategy were to start by looking at general works before more specific works, in which order would you look at the sources below?
  - A. encyclopedias, books, research articles
  - B. books, research articles, encyclopedias
  - C. research articles, books, encyclopedias
  - D. research articles, encyclopedias, books
  
2. Which of the following citations describes a journal article?
  - A. Doctor Zhivago. New York : MGM/UA Home Video, c1988
  - B. Mitchell, T.R.(1987). *People in organizations: an introduction to organizational behavior* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). New York ; McGraw-Hill.
  - C. Coltheart, M., & Curtis, B. (1993). Models of reading aloud. *Psychological Review*, 100(2), 589-599.
  - D. American Library Association, Presidential Committee on Information Literacy. (1989). *Final report*. Retrieved on April 15, 2000 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/ilit1st.html>
  
3. Which of the following is a characteristic of scholarly journals?
  - A. contains glossy pictures and advertisements
  - B. reports news events in a timely manner
  - C. contains a literature review within the articles
  - D. provides an author's opinion about a controversial event
  
4. A summary of the contents of an article, book, web page or other item is:
  - A. an abstract
  - B. an index
  - C. a pamphlet
  - D. a periodical
  
5. What would be the best search statement to use in periodical databases if you were interested in why companies who use employee drug testing have seen a decrease in worker accidents?
  - A. accidents and employees
  - B. companies and drug testing and decrease
  - C. drug testing and accidents and employees
  - D. drug testing and employees

6. If you heard a brief radio news report yesterday about a United States Supreme Court ruling that employee drug testing is a violation of an individual's civil rights, where would be the best place to look for more detailed information of this decision?
- A. search the library catalog for a video on how employees can pass drug tests
  - B. search the library catalog for a book about Supreme Court civil rights cases
  - C. search an internet news site like CNN or the Washington Post
  - D. search the current issue of Newsweek magazine
7. An employer says that he will award a \$2000 bonus to the employee who finds the best computer equipment to meet the company's needs for the next five years. You decide that the best strategy to find the needed information (and secure the bonus) is to:
- A. visit computer stores in town and see what brands they sell
  - B. ask your boss what he wants and search for equipment reviews in computer magazines and on Internet sites
  - C. find internet sites for computer companies to see what kinds of equipment they sell
  - D. ask a friend who works as a receptionist at Compaq Computer Corporation
  - E. you know that the computer you use is the best and recommend that one
8. Which of the following is probably the most reliable source for health information?
- A. "Wake up and drink the coffee? It's good for your health," in the National Enquirer, a tabloid newspaper.
  - B. "Coffee and heart health," in the Coffee Science Source, a web site by the National Coffee Association, a trade organization.
  - C. "Coffee consumption and coronary heart disease in women: a ten-year follow-up," an article on the American Medical Association web site.
  - D. B and C are equally reliable.
9. Your city's mayor knows that the local newspaper has interviewed his opponent on a controversial issue. The mayor demands that the newspaper editor not print the story. The mayor is guilty of:
- A. Plagiarism
  - B. Censorship
  - C. Copyright infringement
  - D. Obstruction of justice
10. Which of the following is a primary source?
- A. a literary text, such as The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
  - B. books written about The Scarlet Letter
  - C. journal articles written about The Scarlet Letter
  - D. dissertations written about The Scarlet Letter

11. Which of the following contains a Boolean operator?
- A. cars into trucks
  - B. cars and trucks**
  - C. cars before truck
  - D. cars behind trucks
12. When using a library's online catalog for finding books, a subject search on John Grisham would find?
- A. magazine articles written by the author
  - B. books written about the author and his works**
  - C. newspaper and magazine articles about the author and his works
  - D. books written by the author
13. If you are writing a paper on animal rights and you use information from a web site produced by PETA—the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which web site evaluation criterion should you consider?
- A. location
  - B. bias**
  - C. currency
  - D. links
14. To find peer-reviewed or refereed information on a topic of interest, you would most likely look for:
- A. websites on your topic
  - B. personal interviews with experts on your topic
  - C. journal articles on your topic**
  - D. newspaper articles on your topic
15. If you collect images from the Word Wide Web and then compile these images into a web site, paper, or display for a class project, gained permission from the owner to use these images and have given proper credit to the author, you have:
- A. committed plagiarism
  - B. destroyed intellectual content
  - C. complied with copyright law**
  - D. compromised intellectual property
16. To find the most current information on a topic, it is best to consult:
- A. Books
  - B. Journal articles**
  - C. Encyclopedias

17. What are the main concepts or ideas in the following research question:  
“What are the effects of increasing global warming on oceans?”

- A. global warming, oceans
- B. increasing, global warming, oceans
- C. effects, global warming oceans

18. Information found on the Internet may not be appropriate for scholarly research because:

- A. Scholars do not put information on the Internet
- B. Most information on the Internet is free for anyone to use
- C. Not all information on the Internet is authoritative

19. I do not need to evaluate the information I find in library resources.

- A. true
- B. false

20. Your assignment is to write a paper about the different styles of oil painting used by artists in the 1700's but you've discovered that there is far too much material than could be covered in a five-page paper. Which one of the following lists of search terms below best narrows your topic by being the most specific, thereby reducing your search results?

- A. art, Europe, 1700's, styles
- B. painting, styles, history
- C. oil painting, styles, 1700's, Italy
- D. None of the above will narrow the search