The 15 questions below will test your ability to find, evaluate and cite information from a variety of sources. Select the most appropriate answer for each question.

1. The broadest type of search, which looks for your terms anywhere, is a:

   A. Subject search
   B. Title search
   C. Author search
   D. Keyword search

2. You are writing a paper on climate change, but you first need to find a brief explanation of “greenhouse gases” for your introduction. What would be the best way to find some credible, brief background information?

   A. Search for journal articles about “greenhouse gases”
   B. Search for books on climate change in the library catalog
   C. Look up “greenhouse gases” in an online encyclopedia or dictionary
   D. Use a search engine to locate websites that mention “greenhouse gases”

3. Which of the following is NOT a consideration in evaluating the credibility of information found in a source?

   A. Relevance - answers your question
   B. Currency - up-to-date information
   C. Authority - expertise of the author
   D. Objectivity - unbiased information

4. You need to find current journal articles about stem cell research for a biology class. What is the best way to get started?

   A. Search for websites using Google
   B. Use a library research database
   C. Search the library catalog for books
   D. Browse the library shelves

5. For your academic work, which of the following source do you NOT need to cite?

   A. Your idea on how to improve Nevada’s graduation rates
   B. A quote from Bill Gates’ autobiography
   C. Your summary of ideas from blog entries you read on lowering crime
   D. A paraphrase of information you found on a website on Attention Deficit Disorder
6. You are writing a paper answering the research question: “Does fast food contribute to juvenile obesity?” What are the two most important keywords or phrases you would use to look up information on this topic?

A. Children and nutrition  
B. Restaurants and obesity  
C. Juvenile obesity and exercise  
D. Fast food and juvenile obesity

7. The “call number” which you find for any book in the library catalog:

A. Tells where the book is located in the library  
B. Is the number to call the reference desk for help  
C. Tells how many books have been found with your search  
D. Is the date the book was published

8. MLA and APA styles give you rules for which of the following?

A. How to format citations  
B. How to evaluate information  
C. How to write a thesis statement  
D. All of the above

9. Citing your sources helps give credibility to your papers and presentations:

A. True  
B. False

10. You are looking for American high school dropout statistics to support an argument in a research paper you are writing. Which source would be best for locating the most current statistics?

A. A book written by education experts  
B. A federal government education website  
C. A peer reviewed article from an education journal  
D. A current edition of an education encyclopedia

11. An article abstract is:

A. The name of the journal, the author, and publication information  
B. A brief summary of the article’s content  
C. The full text of the article  
D. A list of references at the end of the article
12. The following is a citation for a newspaper article:


Was this newspaper article found in print or online?
A. Print  
B. Online

13. You would like to find information on a political rally held in Las Vegas a couple days ago. Among the options below, which is the best source to find this information?
A. Journal article  
B. Reference article  
C. Newspaper article  
D. Book

14. Which of the following is true regarding information you find through a Google search?
A. It comes from a variety of sources, such as businesses, the government, or private citizens  
B. Most of the results are appropriate for academic level research  
C. Usability guidelines require that it meet minimum standards for accuracy  
D. It is factual, as it is monitored by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

15. You are writing a 4-5 page research paper and are thinking of writing about the following topic: What are the causes of obesity? This topic is:
A. Too narrow  
B. Too broad  
C. Neither- just right

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