

# CSN Library Services

## Information Literacy Exam

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. 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 source for finding 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 through the CSN Library Services website.
  - D. Use a search engine to locate websites that mention “greenhouse gases”
  
3. When evaluating the credibility of information found on a website it is important to consider:
  - A. Accuracy of information
  - B. Currency of information
  - C. Authority – expertise of the author
  - D. Objectivity – unbiased information
  - E. All of the above
  
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. Ask your friend
  - B. Search for websites using Google
  - C. Use a library research database
  - D. Search the library catalog for books on stem cell research
  
5. Paraphrasing, or summarizing the words and ideas of someone else, without giving credit in your research paper is not considered plagiarism:
  - A. True
  - B. False

6. Psychology class debate topic: "Should Asperger's Syndrome be considered a separate disorder from autism?" What are the **two most important keywords or phrases** would you use to look up information on this topic?

- A. Asperger's Syndrome and autism
- B. Autism and disorder
- C. Asperger's Syndrome and separate
- D. Autism and vaccination

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

- A. Tells where the book is shelved 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. The following MLA citation is an example of what type of information source?

Bryson, Robert. *Evolution: A Historical Perspective*. New York: Greenwood Press, 2008. Print.

- A. Magazine article
- B. Book
- C. Website
- D. Newspaper article

9. Books in the library are organized by:

- A. Year of publication
- B. Subject
- C. Alphabetically by title
- D. Alphabetically by author

10. You are looking for United States population statistics to support an argument in a research paper you are writing. Which website below would provide the most reliable numbers?

- A. [www.census.com](http://www.census.com)
- B. [www.census.org](http://www.census.org)
- C. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)
- D. [www.census.net](http://www.census.net)

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. Below is an APA citation for a scholarly journal article. What is the title of the journal?

Harrison, M. A. (2011). College students' prevalence and perceptions of text messaging while driving. *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, 43(4), 1516-1520.

doi:10.1016/j.aap.2011.03.003

- A. College students' prevalence and perceptions of text messaging while driving
- B. Accident Analysis & Prevention
- C. doi:10.1016/j.aap.2011.03.003
- D. Harrison, M. A.

13. Research databases available from the CSN Library Services website can be accessed 24/7 from any location by:

- A. Anyone with internet access, since they are free
- B. Anyone who has ever attended CSN
- C. Students currently enrolled in any CSN class
- D. All Nevada residents with a valid library card

14. Information you find on the Internet:

- A. Comes from a variety of sources, such as business, the government, or private citizens
- B. Is much more reliable than books, magazines, and journals
- C. Is required by international law to be accurate, current, and unbiased
- D. Is factual since Internet content is monitored by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

15. For a psychology class you are asked to write a four-page paper on some aspect of: "**Renewable Energy.**" Which of the following is **NOT** a narrower topic of this broad topic?

- A. Solar energy
- B. Wind power
- C. Geothermal energy
- D. Offshore drilling

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