The 20 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. For your history class you are asked to find a book that details the causes of U.S. Civil War. To locate a book you would use:
   A. A research database
   B. The library catalog
   C. The college bookstore
   D. A search engine

2. The broadest type of search, which looks for your terms anywhere, is:
   A. Subject search
   B. Title search
   C. Author search
   D. Keyword search

3. You’re 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 a reference source like the “Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change”
   D. Use a search engine to locate web sites that mention “greenhouse gases”
4. The Congressional Record, produced daily by the U.S. Government, is a verbatim account of what takes place on the floor of the House and Senate – it reads like a transcript. The Congressional Record would be an example of:

A. A primary source document
B. A secondary source document

5. Which item CANNOT be found in the library catalog?

A. Journal Title
B. Journal Article
C. Book
D. DVD

6. When evaluating the credibility of information found on a web site 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

7. 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 web sites using Google
C. Use a library research database
D. Search the library catalog for books on stem cell research

8. 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
9. Geology class debate topic: “Yucca Mountain is not a safe location to store nuclear waste, since geologic faults may cause earthquakes.” What are the **two most important keywords** would you use to look up information in the library catalog and research databases?

1. ________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________

10. 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

11. The following MLA citation is an example of what type of information source?


    A. Magazine article
    B. Book
    C. Web Site
    D. Newspaper article

12. Books in the library are organized by:

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

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

    A. www.census.com
    B. www.census.org
    C. www.census.gov
    D. www.census.net
14. You’re using a research database to locate articles for a short paper on: “the possible health effects of consuming genetically modified food.” What search strategy below would give you the best results?

A. “health effects of consuming genetically modified food”
B. Health effects OR genetically modified food
C. Possible health effects AND consuming genetically modified food
D. Health AND genetically modified food

15. Where in the library would you go to get personal help locating books and articles for a persuasive speech?

A. Circulation
B. Interlibrary loan
C. Reference
D. Reserves

16. 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

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


18. Research databases available from the CSN library web site 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
19. 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)

20. For a psychology class you are asked to write a brief four page paper on some aspect of: “eating disorders.” Full length books have been written on this topic. So, how might you narrow this broad topic for a four page paper?

Your narrow topic_______________________________________________________________________