

INFORMATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT

The College at Brockport, Drake Memorial Library

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1.

Clicking on the "I Agree" button bellow indicates that:
you have read and agree with the linked [consent form](#).
you voluntarily agree to participate.

you are at least 18 years of age.

If you do not wish to participate in the research study, please decline participation by clicking
on the "I Disagree" button and close the survey window.

- I Agree
 I Disagree

Correct answer(s): A

2.

Which of the following services and amenities are available at the Drake Memorial Library?
(Check all that apply)

- A) Quiet study areas
 B) Writing Help
 C) Reference and research help
 D) Tech Tools lending (iPads, cameras, laptops, etc.)
 E) IT Help Desk

Correct answer(s): B, C, A, E, D

3.

In which ways can you receive help from a librarian at the Drake Library? (check all that apply)

- A) Stopping by information desk at the library
 B) By making an appointment
 C) By email
 D) By text messaging
 E) By instant messaging

- F) Scheduling an on site visit to your room/home
- G) By calling in

Correct answer(s): G, B, A, E, D, C

4.

What is the name of the place to go for help from a librarian in the library?

- A) Student Learning Center
- B) Circulation Desk
- C) Educational Technology Center
- D) Information Desk

Correct answer(s): D

5.

Which floor contains the majority of the library's circulating collection?

- A) The Top Floor
- B) An off-site location
- C) The Main Floor
- D) The Ground Floor

Correct answer(s): A

6.

On which floor of the library can you find DVDs and CDs to check out?

- A) The Ground Floor
- B) The Top Floor
- C) An off-site location
- D) The Main Floor

Correct answer(s): D

7.

On which floor of the library can you find the Juvenile Collection, the College Archives and the Quiet Study area?

- A) The Ground Floor
- B) An off-site location

- C) The Main Floor
- D) The Top Floor

Correct answer(s): A

8.

DeCoursy, Nicole. "Your Family." *Good Housekeeping* Dec. 2000: 79. EBSCO Host Academic Search Premier. Borough of Manhattan Community College Library, New York, NY. 10 May 2013
The above reference is a bibliographic citation for a/an:

- A) e-mail discussion list posting
- B) professional web page
- C) subscription database article
- D) online newspaper article

Correct answer(s): C

9.

Steinbeck, John. "How, under the most adverse circumstances, love came to Big Joe Portagee." *Tortilla Flat*. New York: Viking Press, 1962. 104-109.
The above reference is a bibliographic citation for a:

- A) book chapter
- B) personal interview
- C) World Wide Web site
- D) journal article

Correct answer(s): A

10.

Which of the following is a characteristic of a scholarly journal?

- A) The presence of glossy photos and advertisements
- B) Footnotes and bibliographies are regularly used to cite sources
- C) Topics covered are not confined to one major field of study
- D) Articles are written by people from a variety of fields

Correct answer(s): B

11.

Where would you start looking for a book in Drake Library?

- A) Google Books
- B) Library Catalog
- C) Research Guides
- D) Academic Search Complete

Correct answer(s): B

12.

You have been given a research assignment and begin by looking for information on the library's webpage. However, you find that another institution has a database that may have more precise information concerning your topic. When you try to access the database at the other institution, the computer displays a screen that prompts you for an ID number and password and you are unable to log in. Which of the following best describes your inability to utilize this database?

- A) You should have been successful using your college ID and password, but obviously there is a problem. See the IT Help Desk for assistance
- B) You have not contacted that particular institution which could have provided you with the proper password information free of charge
- C) Your computer does not have the right "connection" for you to access the database
- D) Most electronic databases are available on a subscription basis and accessible only to the students and faculty associated with the institution that pays for its use

Correct answer(s): D

13.

Where would you look to find peer-reviewed articles in the library? (Check all that apply)

- A) In print on the Main Floor of the library
- B) In the Reference Collection
- C) In the ILL Collection
- D) In online subscription databases through the library webpage
- E) In bound journals on the Ground Floor of the library

Correct answer(s): D, A, E

14.

Using one of the library's subscription databases you find an article that you want to read, but a full text copy is unavailable. Which of the following is an available option to get the article from the library?

- A) Purchase the article from the journal's website and bill the library
- B) There is no way to get the article if it is not available in the database.
- C) Request the article through Interlibrary Loan

Correct answer(s): C

15.

If you are writing a paper on "educational technologies," which of the following sources is likely to be the most objective?

- A) A commercial website with customer reviews of educational technology products
- B) An article from an online education journal that uses peer review
- C) A local newspaper editorial about distance education
- D) A blog post from a university professor about the value of teaching technologies

Correct answer(s): B

16.

You are asked to find databases, websites and other resources on a topic, but you are unsure of where to start. Which resource would be the most appropriate place to begin your research?

- A) Library Research Guides
- B) Digital Commons
- C) Google
- D) EBSCO Host

Correct answer(s): A

17.

You are required to locate peer-reviewed articles on a topic that was assigned to you in class. Where would you find this information?

- A) Magazines
- B) Compendiums
- C) Journals
- D) Newspapers

Correct answer(s): C

18.

Statement: "Describe the effects of automobile emissions on air quality."

Which source would most likely provide you with objective information for the main concepts in the statement?

- A) A web site that advocates clean air
- B) The latest annual report from a major automobile manufacturer
- C) A study featured in a peer-reviewed periodical
- D) A personal interview with an influential lobbyist

Correct answer(s): C

19.

For a psychology class, your professor asks you to find an article published within the last year about adolescent development. Which database would be the most appropriate for your search?

- A) Communication & Mass Media Complete
- B) JSTOR
- C) Library catalog
- D) PsycINFO

Correct answer(s): D

20.

Which of the following would likely be the least helpful approach to narrowing a research topic?

- A) Read scholarly articles related to the topic in detail
- B) Read background information on the general topic
- C) Conduct a Google search on the topic and analyze the search results
- D) Search the library catalog for books on the topic

Correct answer(s): C

21.

The topic you selected for your research paper is “diet and health,” and you decide to utilize a periodical database to locate related articles. First you try using “diet and health” as your keywords, but you find that this search yields far too many articles than you can use. Which of the following suggestions would be your next best course of action for retrieving a more manageable list of articles?

- A) Use “diet” or “health” as separate keywords and perform a search for each.
- B) Perform a search using “food and well-being” as keywords.
- C) Use the same keywords “diet and health” and perform a search on the Internet.
- D) Choose narrower keywords that are more specific to your topic.

Correct answer(s): D

22.

Statement: “Describe the effects of automobile emissions on air quality.”

Which of the following keyword examples may yield the best results for the statement above in an electronic database search?

- A) automobile* and emission* and air quality
- B) automobile* and effects
- C) emission* and air quality
- D) effects and emission* and quality

Correct answer(s): A

23.

Choose the Boolean Logic search strategy that would provide the most results in a database search.

- A) cars near truck
- B) cars or trucks
- C) cars and trucks
- D) cars not trucks

Correct answer(s): B

24.

Read the following quotation and choose the one answer that is not an example of plagiarism.

“The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything.” - Walter Bagehot

- A) “The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything.”
- B) A reason why so few top quality books are written is that not many folks who write know anything. (Bagehot)
- C) According to Walter Bagehot, one possibility for the number of poorly written books is that “few people who can write know anything.”
- D) Few good books are written because many who write don’t know anything.

Correct answer(s): C

25.

Which of the following is a correct example of truncation?

- A) puppies not (kittens)
- B) cat* and kitten*
- C) *kitt and dogs
- D) dogs (or) cats

Correct answer(s): B

26.

Which of the following is NOT protected by copyright?

- A) a public U.S. government document, such as the United States Constitution
- B) an image found on the Internet
- C) an unpublished manuscript by a known author
- D) a scholarly article published in an online journal

Correct answer(s): A

27.

Which of the following is not a secondary source?

- A) A literary text such as *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger
- B) Journal articles written by J. D. Salinger about *The Catcher in the Rye*
- C) Books about *The Catcher in the Rye*
- D) Dissertations about *The Catcher in the Rye*

Correct answer(s): A

The following questions are about your feelings and opinions. Please answer completely and honestly.

28.

How much do you agree with the following statement: "Everything is on the web."

- A) Strongly Agree
- B) Agree
- C) Disagree
- D) Strongly Disagree
- E) Don't Know

Correct answer(s): A

29.

How much do you agree with the following statement: "I can usually find what I need at the library."

- A) Strongly Agree
- B) Agree
- C) Neutral
- D) Disagree
- E) Strongly Disagree

Correct answer(s): A

30.

How much do you agree with the following statement: "I have learned a lot about research from libraries."

- A) Strongly Agree
- B) Agree
- C) Neutral
- D) Disagree
- E) Strongly Disagree

Correct answer(s): A

31.

How much do you agree with the following statement: "I feel comfortable in libraries."

- A) Strongly agree
- B) Agree
- C) Neutral
- D) Disagree
- E) Strongly Disagree

Correct answer(s): A

32.

Do you have any comments or questions?

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