

Example Quiz Questions for General Library Instruction Sessions

Types of Information

1. Your instructor has asked you to write a paper based on current scholarly information. What would be the most appropriate source to use?

- A. Journals
- B. Newspapers
- C. Email
- D. Magazines
- E. Books

Library Web vs. Public Web

2. Choose the best starting point for finding the requested information on the following topic:

Scholarly articles about computer programs designed to personalize your Internet searches:

- A. Public Web
- B. Library Web

Current information about this morning's legislative vote about same-sex marriage:

- A. Public Web
- B. Library Web

3. Does this statement best describe information in the Library Web or information in the Public Web?

Information is not organized:

- A. Public Web
- B. Library Web

Information is selected through a review process:

- A. Public Web
- B. Library Web

Search Strategies

4. Which of the following are effective strategies for choosing search terms?

- A. Write out your topic in a few sentences
- B. Highlight the main terms and phrases
- C. Brainstorm synonyms and different term
- D. Check a subject encyclopedia for words and concepts
- E. All of the above

UCD Library Website

5. Which of the following links of the UC Davis Library homepage offers the best help when you need to select appropriate article databases for your topic?

- A. Library services
- B. Electronic databases
- C. Subject guides

D. Melvyl UC Catalog

6. Which of the following links of the UC Davis Library homepage offers the best information about how long you may “check out” books and journals?

- A. About the libraries
- B. Borrowing and circulation
- C. Ask us
- D. Harvest Portal

Harvest

7. Which of the following options is the best way to begin searching a topic in Harvest?

- A. Keyword Searching
- B. Browse Searching

8. Harvest is not a good place to search for journal articles because:

- A. Articles can be found in Melvyl but not Harvest
- B. Searching by author is not possible
- C. Journal titles are found in Harvest, not individual articles
- D. Harvest only has books by UC Davis authors

9. What piece of information from the citation below will you use to search Harvest to find this item?

Kelly, W. E., Kelly, K. E., & Clanton, R. C. (2001). The relationship between sleep length and grade-point average among college students. *College Student Journal*, 35, 84-86.

- A. The article title
- B. The publisher
- C. The journal title
- D. The call number

Article Databases

10. Which of the following best defines a database?

- A. Individual elements of information
- B. A collection of records
- C. A collection of words

11. Which of the following is NOT a database?

- A. World Wide Web
- B. Telephone directory
- C. Harvest Catalog
- D. Expanded Academic ASAP

12. What disciplines does this database cover?

Expanded Academic ASAP

Multidisciplinary coverage of periodicals from arts humanities, to social sciences to science and technology. Covers both popular magazines and scholarly journals.

- A. Sociology, Psychology
- B. Music, Art
- C. Agricultural and related sciences
- D. All disciplines

13. The term "coverage" refers to:

- A. The time period represented in a database
- B. The languages represented in a database
- C. The types of documents described in a database
- D. The disciplines represented in a database
- E. All of the above

UC-eLinks

14. UC-eLinks is:

- A. An electronic database
- B. The library catalog for the UC system
- C. A way to move from database content to library holdings
- D. A listing of all the online journals available at UC Davis

15. In an electronic database, the UC-eLinks feature indicates:

- A. If the library owns an article in print or electronic format
- B. If an article is refereed
- C. What books are available in the UC Davis libraries
- D. None of the above

Citations

16. Refereed publications are defined as those that:

- A. Compete before a panel of judges for cash prizes
- B. Hold competitions for authors and artists
- C. Are considered scholarly or academic in nature
- D. Have black and white striped covers

17. Citations that include volume and issue numbers are for:

- A. Essays in edited books
- B. Articles in journals
- C. Documentary film series
- D. Different versions of the same Web site

18. What is NOT a reason for including citations and cited references in your scholarly writing?

- A. To ensure that you avoid plagiarizing the work of other authors
- B. To allow the reader to locate the sources you used in your research
- C. To provide royalty payments to the authors of cited works
- D. To properly acknowledge those authors whose ideas you've used

19. There's no need to provide a citation when you've used another author's ideas as long as you haven't used direct quotations.

- A. True
- B. False

*** Hands-on Activity Questions**

20. Do a keyword search using Expanded Academic ASAP using the words "biodiesel" and limit to refereed articles. Look for the article titled ... *Used cooking oil turned into diesel fuel* ...and answer the following question:

Is full-text access available for this article in this database or any other database?

- A. Yes
- B. No

21. Do a keyword search using Expanded Academic ASAP using the words "mass media and body image" and limit to refereed articles. Look for the article titled ... *Female thin ideal media images and boys' attitudes toward girls*. ...and answer the following question:

What is the volume number of the journal that published this article?

- A. 49
- B. 10
- C. 6
- D. 9

22. Which of the following keyword searches in Expanded Academic ASAP using Boolean logic is most effective at narrowing a broad topic :

- A. ozone AND depletion
- B. ozone depletion NOT carbon dioxide
- C. ozone depletion AND climate change
- D. carbon dioxide OR greenhouse gas