Post Questionnaire with Survey Questions
Spring 2010

1. You need to write an 8-10 page paper on a topic. For each topic, rate it on a scale of 1 to 5.

1 – too broad for 8-10 pages; 2 – somewhat broad for 8-10 pages; 3 – just about right for 8-10 pages; 4 – somewhat narrow for 8-10 pages; 5 – too narrow for 8-10 pages

Q1.a
a. How is Honda responding to demands for fuel efficient cars? 1 2 3 4 5

Q1.b
b. Examine how Earthbound Farms produces its organic dried fruit snacks. 1 2 3 4 5

Q1.c
c. To what extent did Napoleon Boneparte’s mother influence his political ambitions? 1 2 3 4 5

Q1.d
d. How have the Napoleonic Wars shaped the course of modern history in Europe? 1 2 3 4 5

Q1.e
e. What marketing techniques have contributed to a thriving bottled water industry? 1 2 3 4 5

2. Identify the three key concepts or terms for the following topic: To what extent are banks offering credit to college students?

Q2.a First Key Term or Concept ____________________________
Q2.b Second Key Term or Concept _________________________
Q2.c Third Key Term or Concept __________________________

3. Identify the three key concepts or terms for the following topic. Should public employees have the right to strike?

Q3.a First Key Term or Concept ____________________________
Q3.b Second Key Term or Concept _________________________
Q3.c Third Key Term or Concept __________________________

4. You have just been assigned the following research topic: “Address the ethical arguments for and against human cloning research”. Identify the best search strategy for your first search.

A. cloning AND human embryos
B. human cloning AND ethics
C. genetic engineering
D. argument AND human cloning
E. medical ethics AND cloning  
F. human reproductive technology AND issues

Q5
5. You have just been assigned the following research topic: “Analyze China’s current position on its use of Internet-filtering software to censor information.” Identify the best search strategy for your first search.
A. China AND “Internet-filtering software”  
B. China AND firewall AND censorship  
C. China AND freedom AND “human rights”  
D. China AND web AND “human rights”  
E. China AND Internet AND censorship  
F. “Chinese government” AND censorship AND “free speech”

Q6
6. Identify two synonyms or closely related terms for the following word. Vehicle
   a. ________________________  b. ________________________________

Q7
You have just completed a search for “medicinal marijuana”. You want to expand your search by using other relevant terms. What other subject term is most closely related to your original search?
A. Marijuana – Therapeutic Use  
B. Marijuana  
C. Cannabis  
D. Government Policy  
E. Medicinal Plants
Q8
5. If you had to write a paper examining how the television has changed presidential candidate campaigns, what resource from the library's database listing would be most appropriate to search?

A. **ABELL: Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature**  
   **Description:** 1920-present. Lists monographs, periodical articles, critical editions of literary works, book reviews, collections of essays and doctoral dissertations published anywhere in the world.

B. **Philosopher's Index**  
   **Description:** 1940-present. Indexing and abstracts from books and over 550 journals on philosophy and related interdisciplinary fields.

C. **MEDLINE via PubMed**  
   **Description:** MEDLINE and genetics databases from the National Library of Medicine.

D. **JSTOR**  
   **Description:** Search by subject or browse full text of more than 500 scholarly journals in social sciences, humanities, and sciences, to their earliest issues. Many titles extend as far back as late 19th or early 20th centuries.

Q9
9. If you had to write a paper examining recent policy decisions in the United States regarding climate changes, what resource from the library’s database listing would be most appropriate to search?

A. **LexisNexis Congressional**  
   **Description:** Access to U.S. legislative information, including bills and pending legislation, legislative history, hearings, testimony, reports, documents, Congressional Record, public laws, etc.

B. **Business Source Complete**  
   **Description:** Articles from important scholarly business journals dating back to 1886. Includes industry & market research reports, SWOT analyses, over 600 books and more than 1,200 journals in the areas of business, marketing, management, finance and economics.

C. **America: History and Life**  
   **Description:** 1964-present. International database for research on all periods of U.S. and Canadian history, including very recent years. Includes abstracts of journal articles and listings of books and dissertations.

D. **Sociological Abstracts**  
   **Description:** 1963-present. Abstracts journal articles, monographs, dissertations, conference proceedings, other research covering sociology, social work, and related social sciences. Also includes selected web resources.

Q10
10. If you had to write a paper discussing how depression is treated, which database subject area would you select?

A. Environmental Studies  
B. Anthropology  
C. Biological Sciences  
D. Philosophy

Q11
11. If you had to write a paper discussing the topic of the legality of capital punishment in the United States, which database subject area would you select?

A. American Studies  
B. Anthropology  
C. Sociology  
D. Political Science

Q12
12. If you wanted to search for a topic with several synonyms (e.g. phone, cell phone, telephone, flip phone), what word would you use to join the terms or phrases together?

A. OR  
B. AND  
C. NOT  
D. NEAR

Q13
13. If you wanted to search for information on ecotourism in Brazil, what term would you use to join together these search terms: ecotourism; Brazil?

A. OR  
B. AND  
C. NOT  
D. NEAR

Q14
14. If you wanted to expand the number of search results, what Boolean operator would you use to join together search terms?

A. OR  
B. AND  
C. NOT  
D. NEAR

Q15
15. Which search will yield the largest set of results?

A. California AND (Travel OR Tourism)  
B. California AND (Travel OR Tourism) AND gold rush  
C. California AND Travel  
D. California OR Tourism
Q16
16. Which search will yield the smallest set of results?
   A. obesity AND (United States OR Canada)
   B. obesity AND (United States OR Canada) AND diabetes
   C. obesity AND diabetes
   D. diabetes OR obesity

Q17
17. You want to find information on the topic of athletics and drug use. Which search is the best to start with?
   A. A title search for: Athletes AND Drugs
   B. A keyword search for: Athletes AND Drugs
   C. A journal title search for: Athletes AND Drugs
   D. A subject search for: Athletes AND Drugs

Q18
18. If you use the truncation symbol at the end of economi *, which term(s) will be included in your search. Select each correct answer.
   A. economy
   B. economics
   C. economical
   D. macroeconomics

Q19
19. You have recently been assigned a research topic. You need to find information on how employees are coached in organizations.

This is your initial search which gives you over 1,500 results. How might you change your search, by selecting different fields in which to search, to obtain more relevant results? Select all search strategies that apply.

Initial Search:

A.
Q20
20. You are researching the topic of recent treatments for cerebral malaria in Africa and have over 1000 results. What would be an appropriate limiter to use?

A. Limit to core clinical journals  
B. Limit to articles by female gender  
C. Limit by date to the last 2 years  
D. Limit to a specific group, Adolescents 13-18 years

Q21a
21. Which of the following citations looks like it would be most useful for your topic on how popular television programs can benefit society? Type the number of the citation.
Q22

22. Examine this citation and summary. Is this article highly relevant for your topic on electric cars?

A. Yes
B. No
Q23
23. Examine this citation and summary. Is this article highly relevant for your topic on using ocean tides to generate energy?

A. Yes
B. No

TUNA POWER.

The article discusses the development of an alternate energy source through the use of fin- and kelp-shaped devices to harness the power of ocean tides. Detailed in the article is Tim Finnigan, founder of BioPower Systems, the company that developed the technology. The article discusses the amount of power the generators will produce.

Q24
24. You are searching for information on the following topic: *Investigate the current status of large wages for professional athletes*. Examine the list of newspaper articles generated from a search. Do a minimum of four of these five articles look relevant for your topic?

A. Yes
B. No
Q25
25. Examine the citation below. What type of information source is it?


A. Poem
B. Newspaper article
C. Book chapter
D. Journal Article

Q26
26. Examine the citation below. What type of information source is it?


A. Poem
B. Newspaper article
C. Book chapter
D. Journal Article
27. Examine the citation below. What type of information source is it?

Memory and suggestibility in the forensic interview.
Eisen, Mitchell L. (Ed); Quas, Jodi A. (Ed); Goodman, Gail S. (Ed)

A. Poem  
B. Newspaper article  
C. Book chapter  
D. Journal Article

Q28

28. Examine the citation below. What type of information source is it?

External source monitoring in a real-life event: Developmental changes in ability to identify source persons.
Sugimura, Tomoko

A. Poem  
B. Newspaper article  
C. Book chapter  
D. Journal Article

Q29

29. Once you have found an article of interest in a database, what would you click to see if UC Merced has the article available in full-text?

A. the Print button  
B. the Add to Marked List button  
C. the UC-eLinks button  
D. the Analyze Results link
Q30
30. While searching in a database available from the UC Merced Library, you find a reference to an academic journal article, but the full text of the article is not available online at UC Merced. What service can you use to obtain a copy free of charge usually within a week?

A. the Library’s Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service  
B. a publisher’s in-house production service  
C. Google Book’s Advanced Book Search service  
D. the Internet Public Library’s online help service

Q31
31. Blood is published by the American Society of Hematology. It is published twice a month and started in 1945. It covers the topics of medical science, hematology, biology, biochemistry, cytology and histology and publishes original articles. Articles average around 12 pages and the authors tend to work at hospitals and universities.

What type of publication is Blood?

A. Newspaper  
B. Scholarly journal  
C. Trade journal  
D. Popular magazine

Q32
32. The Arizona Republic is published daily and is owned by The Gannett Company, Inc. It includes brief articles, editorials and pictures. It is available in print and online. Some of the subject matter includes information on business, sports, real estate, movies, travel and fashion.

What type of publication is The Arizona Republic?

A. Newspaper  
B. Scholarly journal  
C. Trade journal  
D. Popular magazine
Q33
33. Identify which of the following are typical characteristics of a scholarly publication. Select all that apply.

A. ____ Articles have an extensive bibliography
B. ____ Articles are short in length, averaging 3 to 7 pages
C. ____ Articles include many advertisements
D. ____ Articles present original research
E. ____ Articles are written by the publication’s staff
F. ____ Articles include inflammatory language
G. ____ Articles use technical or specialized language

34. Please identify your school affiliation.
   A. Social Sciences and Humanities (SSHA)
   B. Natural Sciences
   C. Engineering
   D. College 1 (Undeclared)

35. Please indicate your housing status.
   A. Live in student housing
   B. Live off campus

36. Please identify your gender.
   A. Female
   B. Male
   C. Decline to State

37. Please indicate your mother’s education level:
   A. no high school
   B. some high school
   C. high school
   D. some college
   E. 2 year diploma
   F. 4 year degree
   G. grad level work
   H. unknown
   I. decline to state

38. Please indicate your father’s education level:
   A. no high school
   B. some high school
   C. high school
   D. some college
   E. 2 year diploma
   F. 4 year degree
   G. grad level work
   H. unknown
I. decline to state

39. Did you attend Summer Bridge in 2009?
   A. Yes
   B. No

40. Please indicate your ethnicity.
   A. African-American
   B. Asian Pacific Islander
   C. Hispanic
   D. White
   E. Other
   F. Decline to State

Survey Questions

41. Y or N or Unsure
I found full-text articles through the UC Merced Library’s online databases for my Writing 10 paper(s).

42. Y or N or Unsure
I ordered one or more articles through the Interlibrary Loan Services for my Writing 10 paper(s).

43. Y or N or Unsure
I ordered one or more books through the Interlibrary Loan Services for my Writing 10 paper(s).

44. Y or N or Unsure
I viewed a minimum of one online book available through the UC Merced Library for my Writing 10 paper(s).

45. Y or N or Unsure
I checked out a minimum of one book from the UC Merced Library for my Writing 10 paper(s).

46. Y or N or Unsure
I searched Academic Search Complete (EBSCO) for my Writing 10 paper(s).

47. Y or N or Unsure
I searched Google Scholar for my Writing 10 paper(s).

48. Y or N or Unsure
I searched Next Generation Melvyl Pilot (UC catalog) for my Writing 10 paper(s).

49. Y or N or Unsure
I did not search any library databases or catalogs for my Writing 10 paper(s).

50. Y or N or Unsure
I used a web search engine e.g. Google, Yahoo etc. for my Writing 10 paper(s).
51. Y or N or N/A (I was not required to distinguish between scholarly or popular articles.) 
   I was able to determine if an article was either scholarly or popular.

52. Y or N or N/A (I was not required to distinguish between scholarly or popular articles.) 
   I used *Ulrich’s International Periodicals Directory* to determine if an article was either scholarly or popular.

53. Y or N or N/A (I was not required to distinguish between scholarly or popular articles.) 
   I referred to the library’s handout on “Distinguishing Between Various Periodicals” to determine whether articles were popular or scholarly?

54. Y or N or Unsure 
   I viewed the library’s online tutorial on “Distinguish Between Popular and Scholarly Articles” to determine whether articles were popular or scholarly?

55. Y or N or Unsure 
   I used *limits* in databases (e.g. the limit to peer-reviewed articles) to find scholarly information.

56. Y or N or Unsure 
   During the semester, I examined the bibliography or footnotes of an article or book to find references to other information that would be useful to me.

57. Y or N or Unsure 
   I visited a librarian for research help before my final research paper was due?

58. Y or N or Unsure 
   I asked for assistance from one of the Roving Reference Students Assistants in the library (students wearing red shirts) for my Writing 10 paper(s).

59. Y or N or Unsure 
   I contacted the Library staff for research help? E.g. text message, phone, email, chat etc.

60. Y or N or Unsure 
   In high school, I received some instruction to help me learn how to use the library’s resources.

61. Y or N or N/A (I did not take Writing 1.) 
   I received in-person library instruction in Writing 1 from Library staff.

62. Y or N 
   I took the iPod Touch Tour and completed the follow-up assignment.

63. Y or N 
   I used RefWorks to create a bibliography for my Writing 10 paper.
64. Y or N  
I have attended a RefWorks workshop or class in the library.

65. Y or N  
I emailed myself references from catalogs or databases in the format I needed e.g. MLA, APA for my Writing 10 paper(s).

66. Y or N  
I used a tool, other than RefWorks, to create the bibliography for my Writing 10 paper(s). (e.g. EndNote, Zotero, EasyBib, iCite etc.)

67. Y or N or Unsure  
I have received additional library instruction from a librarian in at least one other class at UC Merced that was not a Writing class.

68. Y or N  
This is my first time taking Writing 10.

69.  
Which type of library instruction did you receive?
A.- I attended an in-person class on library research for Writing 10. (skip logic; please proceed to question X)
B.- I used the online library research tutorials for Writing 10. (skip logic; please proceed to question X)
C.- I did not receive library instruction. (skip logic, go to the final message; please proceed to question X)

70. 1 very satisfied; 2 satisfied; 3 somewhat satisfied; 4 unsatisfied; 5 very unsatisfied  
On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied were you with the face-to-face library instruction you received in Writing 10?

71. 1 very satisfied; 2 satisfied; 3 somewhat satisfied; 4 unsatisfied; 5 very unsatisfied  
On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied were you with the online library instruction tutorials you used for Writing 10?

72. Y or N  
I learned some search strategies either through in-class instruction or through online tutorials and I used at least one of these search strategies when finding information for my Writing 10 paper(s).

73. 1 very comfortable; 2 comfortable; 3 somewhat uncomfortable; 4 uncomfortable; 5 very uncomfortable  
On a scale of 1 to 5, how comfortable did you feel using library resources before receiving library instruction in Writing 10?
74. 1 very comfortable; 2 comfortable; 3 somewhat uncomfortable; 4 uncomfortable; 5 very uncomfortable
On a scale of 1 to 5, how comfortable do you feel using library resources after receiving library instruction in Writing 10?

75. 1 excellent; 2 very good; 3 good; 4 satisfactory; 5 poor
On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your research skills before receiving library instruction in Writing 10?

76. 1 excellent; 2 very good; 3 good; 4 satisfactory; 5 poor
On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your research skills after receiving library instruction in Writing 10?

77. 1 very satisfied; 2 satisfied; 3 somewhat satisfied; 4 unsatisfied; 5 very unsatisfied
Were you satisfied with the amount of library instruction you received through an in-class session OR through online tutorials for your Writing 10 paper(s)?

78. Please comment on why the amount of library instruction was or was not the correct amount for you.

79. Please comment on what aspect of library research instruction was most valuable to you.

80. Please comment on how library research instruction could be improved to support your research needs.