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Answer Key: Unmasking the Ghostwriter: College Citation & Research Integrity Quiz

Can you distinguish between synthesis and patchwriting? Move beyond the basics to master ethical attribution and lateral reading strategies in academic discourse.

1. When engaging in 'lateral reading' to evaluate the credibility of a digital archive, what is the researcher's primary action?

Answer: C) Opening new tabs to see what external, reputable sources say about the archive.

Lateral reading involves leaving the site to verify its reputation through third-party sources, which is more effective than relying on the site's own self-description.

2. A student incorporates a unique theory from Dr. Aris's lecture into their paper without a citation because it was not in a published book. This is considered _____.

Answer: C) Plagiarism

Intellectual property includes spoken ideas and lectures; failing to credit an instructor's unique theory constitutes plagiarism.

3. True or False: In APA 7th edition, you must include the town or city of publication for all works in the reference list.

Answer: B) False

The APA 7th edition removed the requirement to include the publisher's location (city/state) to streamline references.

4. Which of the following scenarios describes 'patchwriting,' a common struggle for developing researchers?

Answer: A) Using a thesaurus to replace every third word of a source while keeping the original sentence structure.

Patchwriting occurs when a writer leans too heavily on the original source's structure, merely swapping synonyms rather than re-conceptualizing the idea.

5. In Chicago Manual of Style (Notes and Bibliography), the superscript number in the text refers to a _____ at the bottom of the page.

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Answer: C) Footnote

Chicago style typically uses footnotes (at the bottom of the page) or endnotes (at the end of the chapter/paper) linked to superscript numbers.

6. You find a perfect quote in a 2022 article by Dr. Chen, but Chen is actually quoting an earlier 1998 study by Dr. Lopez. How should you cite this in MLA?

Answer: C) Cite as (Lopez qtd. in Chen 45) and list Chen in the Works Cited.

MLA requires the 'qtd. in' (quoted in) format when citing a source that you found within another source (indirect source).

7. True or False: Information that is considered 'common knowledge' within a specific professional field (e.g., the Law of Gravity in physics) does not require a citation in a paper written for that audience.

Answer: A) True

Common knowledge is audience-dependent. If an entire discipline accepts a fact as foundational, it generally does not require a citation.

8. When a researcher looks for the 'DOI' to include in a citation, they are looking for a _____.

Answer: B) Digital Object Identifier

A DOI (Digital Object Identifier) is a permanent link to a journal article or digital resource, providing more stability than a URL.

9. Which of the following is the most effective way to use a 'seed' article found via Google Scholar to expand your research?

Answer: B) Using the 'Cited by' feature to find newer research that has referenced that article.

Forward citation searching (using 'Cited by') allows researchers to see how a conversation has evolved since the original work was published.

10. True or False: Using an AI tool to generate a summary of a text and then submitting that summary as your own original analysis is considered a violation of academic integrity.

Answer: A) True

Presenting AI-generated content as your own original thought or analysis is widely considered a form of plagiarism or unauthorized assistance in higher education.

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