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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?

- A. Analyzing the 'About Us' page of the host website for mission statements.
- B. Checking for a .org or .edu domain extension to guarantee academic rigor.
- C. Opening new tabs to see what external, reputable sources say about the archive.
- D. Scanning the bibliography of the site to ensuring it contains at least ten sources.

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 _____.

- A. Acceptable use
- B. Common knowledge
- C. Plagiarism
- D. Collaborative synthesis

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Using a thesaurus to replace every third word of a source while keeping the original sentence structure.
- B. Synthesizing three different authors' viewpoints into one cohesive paragraph with citations.
- C. Accidentally forgetting to put quotation marks around a three-word technical term.
- D. Citing a secondary source as if it were a primary source without reading the original work.

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

- A. Parenthetical
- B. Endnote
- C. Footnote
- D. Reference

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?

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- A. Cite it as (Lopez, 1998) and list Lopez in the Works Cited.
- B. Cite it as (Chen 45) and list Chen in the Works Cited.
- C. Cite as (Lopez qtd. in Chen 45) and list Chen in the Works Cited.
- D. Cite as (Chen and Lopez 45) and list both in the Works Cited.

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.

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Database Online Index
- B. Digital Object Identifier
- C. Document Origin Information
- D. Data Organization Interface

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

- A. Paraphrasing only the abstract so you don't have to read the whole paper.
- B. Using the 'Cited by' feature to find newer research that has referenced that article.
- C. Emailing the author to ask for a summary of their findings.
- D. Discarding the article if it was published more than two years ago.

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.

- A. True
- B. False