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Answer Key: When Truth Goes Missing: 10th Grade Ethics in Sourcing Quiz

Sophomores strengthen their academic integrity by evaluating 10 complex scenarios involving digital databases, synthesis, and sophisticated APA/MLA citations.

1. When synthesizing diverse viewpoints on the ethics of neurotechnology, which source would provide the highest level of scholarly authority?

Answer: B) A peer-reviewed study from the Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience

Peer-reviewed journals undergo rigorous evaluation by experts in the field, ensuring the data and methodology are sound and authoritative.

2. If you are paraphrasing an author's unique theory about the decline of the Silk Road using your own words, you do not need an in-text citation.

Answer: B) False

Even if the words are yours, the ideas and theories belong to the original author and must be credited to avoid plagiarism.

3. Complete the logic: A cross-disciplinary researcher investigating the impact of architecture on mental health should use _____ to find established psychological studies.

Answer: B) A curated academic database like PsycINFO

Academic databases allow researchers to access specialized, high-quality, and peer-reviewed literature that general search engines often miss.

4. In an APA style reference list, what is the correct way to format the title of a book like 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks'?

Answer: C) The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks (Italicized, sentence case)

APA style uses sentence case for book titles in the reference list, meaning only the first word, the first word after a colon, and proper nouns are capitalized.

5. When examining a primary source from the Harlem Renaissance, evaluating the author's _____ is critical to understanding potential bias or perspective.

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Answer: C) Historical context and intent

Evaluating the historical context and the creator's intent helps researchers determine if a source is informative, persuasive, or biased.

6. A URL alone is a sufficient citation for a digital source in a formal high school research paper.

Answer: B) False

Formal citations (MLA/APA) require specific metadata, such as the author, publication date, and site title, to provide a complete trail for the reader.

7. Which of the following is an example of 'Common Knowledge' that generally does not require a citation in a paper about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill?

Answer: C) The fact that the spill occurred in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010

Basic facts like dates and locations of major historical events are considered common knowledge and do not require citation, unlike specific data or private communications.

8. To avoid 'Patchwork Plagiarism,' a writer must do more than just swap a few words for synonyms; they must significantly _____ the original passage.

Answer: B) Restructure and reinterpret

Effective paraphrasing requires changing the sentence structure and expressing the idea through your own unique lens, while still providing credit.

9. If a source is found on a '.gov' or '.edu' website, it is guaranteed to be 100% free of any subjective perspective or bias.

Answer: B) False

While these domains are generally more reliable, they can still present information with a specific agenda or focus. Critical evaluation is always necessary.

10. In MLA format, how should an in-text citation appear for a book written by Zora Neale Hurston on page 42?

Answer: B) (Hurston 42)

MLA style uses the author's last name and the page number without a comma (Author Page) for parenthetical citations.

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