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Are Your Sources Bulletproof? Advanced Senior Research Quiz

Challenge your ability to synthesize nuances in historiography and navigate the ethical complexities of attribution in scholarly discourse.

1. When synthesizing the work of Post-Keynesian economists with modern fiscal policy, which citation method best avoids 'patchwriting' while maintaining academic integrity?

- A. Directly quoting large blocks of text to ensure the original intent is preserved.
- B. Rearranging the author's sentence structure while keeping the majority of their vocabulary.
- C. Substantially paraphrasing the core argument and providing an in-text citation for the original concept.
- D. Summarizing the findings without a citation if the information appears in more than one peer-reviewed source.

2. In a legal or historical analysis, an amicus curiae brief functions as a secondary source rather than a primary source regardless of its origin.

- A. True
- B. False

3. While evaluating a source regarding the environmental impact of lithium mining, a senior researcher detects 'sponsored content' from a mining conglomerate. This constitutes a failure of _____.

- A. Lateral reading
- B. Chronological relevance
- C. Objective neutrality
- D. Bibliographic consistency

4. You are critiquing a 19th-century translation of 'The Epic of Gilgamesh.' Which approach demonstrates the highest level of evaluative research skill?

- A. Comparing the translation against the original cuneiform tablets for linguistic accuracy.
- B. Analyzing how the translator's Victorian cultural biases may have altered the poem's thematic nuances.
- C. Rejecting the source entirely because it was published over 100 years ago.
- D. Using the text but adding a citation footnote explaining it is an older version.

5. A meta-analysis of clinical trials is considered a higher level of evidence in the hierarchy of research than a single randomized controlled trial.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When citing a work by three or more authors in APA format, the researcher must use the abbreviation _____ after the first author's name in every in-text citation.

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- A. et al.
- B. etc.
- C. ibid.
- D. op. cit.

7. You are researching the architectural legacy of Zaha Hadid. Which of these sources provides the most 'scholarly' value for a formal thesis?

- A. A blog post by a contemporary architecture student at the AA School.
- B. A retrospective article in a peer-reviewed journal of architectural theory.
- C. The transcript of an interview with Hadid by a mainstream news outlet.
- D. The promotional 'About Us' section of Hadid's firm website.

8. Including a citation for 'common knowledge,' such as the date the Declaration of Independence was signed, is an ethical requirement in AP-level research papers.

- A. True
- B. False

9. To verify the findings of a controversial study on neural plasticity, a student practices _____ by searching for what other reputable sources say about the original author's credentials.

- A. Vertical reading
- B. Linear sourcing
- C. Lateral reading
- D. Recursive indexing

10. In a research paper analyzing 'The Waste Land' by T.S. Eliot, how should you treat the author's own footnotes provided within the original poem?

- A. Ignore them, as footnotes are not part of the creative literary work.
- B. Cite them as a secondary source, as they provide commentary.
- C. Treat them as part of the primary text, but distinguish Eliot's notes from your own research.
- D. Only cite the footnotes if they reference other published books.