Sample Questions

InfoLinks

1. To find materials on the shelf in the library, you need the:
   A. ISBN
   B. Call number
   C. Journal title [knowledge]

2. You can use the library catalog to find which of the following:
   A. Articles from journals, magazines, and newspapers
   B. Books that are in our collection and the Fayetteville Public Library
   C. Many formats of materials, including books, journals, CDs, maps, and microfilm
   D. The catalog contains ONLY records for books [knowledge]

3. Professors sometimes place materials "on reserve" at the library. These materials may be in print or online. They can be located by:
   A. Checking with the bookstore
   B. Asking your professor for a personal copy you can borrow
   C. "Course Reserves" tab in InfoLinks
   D. Searching in the sorting area [knowledge]

4. The broadest type of search, which looks for your terms anywhere in InfoLinks is:
   A. Subject search
   B. Title search
   C. Author search
   D. Keyword search [Comprehension]

5. Which of these is NOT true about searching the library catalog?
   A. You should leave off "The", "A", or "An" if a title begins with these words
   B. You can apply limits ONLY to a keyword or title search
   C. You may NOT use Boolean operators such as AND and OR when searching the catalog
   D. You must put phrases in quotes in a keyword search [knowledge]

6. One thing you cannot do using InfoLinks is:
   A. Check your library record
   B. Find articles published in periodical literature
   C. Renew the loan of your library materials
   D. Locate materials placed on reserve by your professor [knowledge]

7. To find a book on a topic that is in the libraries' collections, you will use:
   A. Online periodical database
   B. Library catalog, InfoLinks
   C. Web Search Engines [comprehension]
8. Using the InfoLinks record below, choose the correct answers (multiple letters may be needed to provide a complete answer) [comprehension]

8a. Where can one click to find more items on the same topic? ________
(Instructor Note: multiple answers possible – any or all of these work – A, C, E, F – do not recommend this questions for the clicker but rather as a discussion point)

8b. What information tells you the location of the physical item? ________

8c. To find the floor and area of the library where this book should be shelved, click on: ________

9. On the following screen [comprehension]

9a. Where can one click to obtain the full (electronic text) of the item? ________

9b. Where do you find out the date of the latest paper issue in the library. ________

9c. Where is a volume from 1930 of this journal located? ________
   A. In the main stacks in Mullins Library
   B. Electronically available
   C. Microfilm copy in the Periodicals Room
   D. In Storage
   E. In Special Collections
   F. We don’t have it

10. If you need to find citations for journal articles on a topic or by an author, what resource would NOT help you? [comprehension]
A. Ebsco Academic Search Premier
B. ProQuest Direct
C. InfoLinks
D. the bibliography at the end of a scholarly article
Search techniques [comprehension]

1. Use a truncation symbol to:
   A. Find records with any form of the word (i.e., alternative endings)
   B. Abbreviate the search
   C. Ensure uniformity in the search
   D. Execute the search

2. To broaden a search, you would use the Boolean operator: [knowledge]
   A. or
   B. and not
   C. not
   D. and

3. True or False Questions [knowledge]
   A. Generally the “OR” operator expands your search and you will find more hits/result. (True)
   B. Generally the “AND” operator limits your search result and you find less hits/result. (True)
   C. Generally the “NOT” or “AND NOT” operator limits your search result. (True)
   D. Generally the truncation symbol will retrieve more than one term. (True)

4. For the following paragraph: [Comprehension]

   One survey found that carbon dioxide emissions went up by 35% between 1990-2006, and evidence suggests that emissions will continue to rise in the future. According to the author, the UBS Greenhouse Index is launching the first index that will allow investors to bet on greenhouse gas emissions and their effect on the weather. The index will track existing markets where emissions futures contracts and weather derivatives are traded. (Abstract taken from EBSCO Academic Search Premier for Maclean's; 1/28/2008, Vol. 121 Issue 3, p39)

   A. Identify the key concepts from the following paragraph

   **INSTRUCTOR:** Some possible answers are:
   - Global warming
   - Greenhouse gases and weather
   - Greenhouse effect
   - Emissions futures and market trading
   - Greenhouse Index

   B. Locate in InfoLinks, the library catalog, an item that addresses one of these issues.

5. You should limit your search to "peer reviewed" articles if you want to: [knowledge]

   A. Eliminate articles from popular magazines and newspapers
   B. Eliminate duplicate records
C. Find a book review

D. Find only articles available in full text online

6. When searching a database, you can place a truncation symbol at the end of a word in order to: [knowledge]

A. Retrieve records with alternative endings (i.e. teen, teens, teenager)

B. Ensure uniformity in the search

C. Execute the search
Citations

1. In order to cite a current textbook, you will need to know the author, title, edition, publisher’s name, year of publication, and ….?  
   A. City of publication  
   B. Price of publication  
   C. Call number  

2. If you have a reference or a citation to an article, which part of the citation do you type into InfoLinks to find out whether we have it?  
   A. the article title  
   B. the journal or magazine title  
   C. the author’s name  
   D. any of the above

3. Review the citations below and complete the following tasks  
   Note to Instructor: You may substitute appropriate citation and formats. Citation styles are not standardized.

3a. Identify the publication type (put the letter in front of the citation on the line provided)  
   A. book chapter  
   B. conference proceedings  
   C. book  
   D. dissertation  
   E. journal article

3b. For each publication available in the University Libraries, write the call number and location next to the citation.


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4. Circle the issue number and underline the volume number in the following citation: [knowledge]

General Library Knowledge

1. Library of Congress Classification is a call number system used to arrange books by: [knowledge]
   A. Author
   B. Subject
   C. ISSN
   D. CODEN

2. Journals in our Libraries may be available in which of the following formats? [knowledge]
   A. printed volumes on the shelves
   B. microfilm or microfiche
   C. electronic text
   D. all of the above

3. What is the name of the University of Arkansas Libraries’ catalog? [knowledge]
   A. WorldCat
   B. Ebsco
   C. ARKLink
   D. JSTOR
   E. InfoLinks

4. Does the Libraries have the following article in print? Online? [knowledge]

Databases

1. Name several differences between general and subject-specific databases. (short essay question) [comprehension]

*Note; Possible answers students may give:*

A. General indexes are broad and interdisciplinary whereas subject specific databases cover a specific discipline.

B. General indexes have fewer publications within a specific discipline whereas subject specific databases index far more publications within that discipline.

C. Subject specific databases often allow more sophisticated searches with more precise indexing terms.
Research Process

1. You have a research assignment for this class. Write a specific research question that pertains to the assignment [application]

For example:

Assignment: Write a term paper on Shakespeare’s plays.

Research Question: How is Shakespeare’s Othello portrayed in movies?

Assignment: Prepare a speech about crime in Europe.

Research Question: Has the formation of the European Union changed the rate of white collar crime in specific countries?

2. If you don't know anything about your topic, the best way to get started is to find background information in [knowledge]

   A. Any current biography
   B. A print or electronic encyclopedia
   C. The fiction book section
Evaluating Resources

1. In which of the following types of journal will you find extensive footnotes or listing of references? [knowledge]
   A. popular
   B. scholarly
   C. trade

2. Which type of journal will typically have the broadest audience? [knowledge]
   A. popular
   B. scholarly
   C. trade

3. What are some clues that an article is from a scholarly periodical? [knowledge]
   A. The article contains technical language and assumes prior knowledge of the topic
   B. The article contains a list of works cited (or references)
   C. The article is meant for a specific, knowledgeable audience and has a narrow focus
   D. all of the above