



Research Skills Assessment

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1. Where can you get topic ideas?
 - a. Library databases, such as *CQ Researcher* and *Issues & Controversies*.
 - b. Your textbook
 - c. Some specialized encyclopedias
 - d. All of the above

2. To look for books available at JSRCC Libraries, you would search:
 - a. JSTOR
 - b. VCCSLinc – Online library catalog
 - c. EBSCOhost
 - d. Google

3. When searching VCCSLinc, the online library catalog, which of the following would retrieve the **most records** for a search on the word *cancer*?
 - a. Subject search
 - b. Keyword search
 - c. Author search
 - d. Title search

4. You did a **Subject** search using the terms *internet and censorship* in VCCSLinc – the online library catalog. You didn't find any right matches. What would you do?
 - a. Give up because the library does not have any books on internet and censorship.
 - b. Report the problem to a librarian.
 - c. Change your topic.
 - d. Switch your search to **Keyword** search mode.

5. You retrieved the following bibliographic record of a book from VCCSLinc, the online library catalog. Which piece of information do you need to locate the book on the shelf?

Author	Parson, Ann B.
Title	The Proteus effect : stem cells and their promise for medicine / by Ann B. Parson.
Published	Washington, D.C. : Joseph Henry Press, c2004.
Description	vii, 301 p. ; 24 cm.
Bibliogr.	Includes bibliographical references (p. 249-275) and index.
Contents	Introduction -- 1. Plant or animal? -- 2. Mouse strain 129 -- 3. The purple cell -- 4. Mystery in a dish -- 5. The embryo experiments -- 6. The canary's song -- 7. After the birth of Louise Brown -- 8. Monkeys to humans -- 9. Epic upon epic -- 10. Marrow to brain? -- 11. The art of cell replacement -- 12. After tomorrow -- Notes -- Glossary -- Acknowledgments -- Index.
ISBN	0309089883 (cloth with jacket)
Subject - Lib. Cong.	Stem cells -- Research -- History. Stem cells -- Popular works.
Record Number	001284883
Holdings	All items
Location	J Sargeant Reynolds - Downtown Circulating Collection : QH588.S83 P37 2004 
Location	J Sargeant Reynolds - Parham Circulating Collection : QH588.S83 P37 2004 

- Parson, Ann B
- The Proteus effect
- 001284883
- QH588 .S83 P37 2004

6. What should be the right order for the following call numbers?

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7. The best way to find references to scholarly journal articles is to:
- Search Google or Yahoo
 - Search a library database, such as *Academic Search Complete*
 - Search VCCSLinc, the online library catalog
 - All of the above
8. What key terms would you search in a library database to answer the research question: *What is the Influence of Advertising on Incidents of Anorexia?*
- Influence, advertising, incidents, anorexia
 - Influence, advertising, anorexia
 - Advertising, incidents, anorexia
 - Advertising, anorexia
9. When searching an online database, which of the following search statements should you use to find information on whether *television watching is related to aggression in children?*
- television OR aggression OR children
 - television AND aggression OR children
 - television OR aggression AND children
 - television AND aggression AND children
10. When using a library database, which of the following search strategies should you use to find information on *employment of college students?*
- college students AND employment AND jobs AND work
 - college students OR employment OR jobs OR work
 - college students AND (employment OR jobs OR work)
 - college students employment jobs work
11. When searching an online database, which of the following search strategies would retrieve the **most** citations for the *role of alcoholism on automobile accidents?*
- alcoholism OR automobile Or accidents
 - alcoholism OR automobile
 - alcoholism AND automobile AND accidents
 - alcoholism AND automobile
12. When searching an online database, which of the following search strategies would retrieve the **least** citations for the *role of alcoholism on automobile accidents?*
- alcoholism OR automobile Or accidents
 - alcoholism OR automobile
 - alcoholism AND automobile AND accidents
 - alcoholism AND automobile

13. When performing a search with an online database, you can find all forms of a root word by using truncation. Which of the following is the best search strategy for research topic: *Should libraries censor Internet use?*
- Inter* AND censor AND library
 - Internet AND censor* AND library
 - Internet AND censor AND librar*
 - Internet AND censor* AND librar*
14. When searching an online database, which of the following will search the exact phrase?
- Computer-programming
 - computer AND programming
 - "computer programming"
 - computer/programming
15. How do you access licensed JSRCC Library databases from off-campus?
- Use your EmplID
 - Use My JSRCC Login (the same username and password for Blackboard).
 - Use your library card number
 - Use your social security number
16. If you have the citation of an article, and you would like to obtain the full text, the best starting point for you to check is:
- EBSCOhost
 - Google
 - Electronic & Print Journals at JSRCC (via Serial Solutions)
 - VCU Library Catalog
17. When you search the *Electronic & Print Journals* (via Serial Solutions) at JSRCC, you should search:
- Title of the article
 - Title of the magazine, journal or newspaper
 - Author
 - Publisher
18. My instructor told me not to use any Internet sources. Therefore, I am not allowed to use any online library databases, such as *Academic Search Complete*.
- True - or - False
19. *Google* and *Wikipedia* carry the same authority as licensed library databases because articles go through a review process before they are published through *Google* and *Wikipedia*.
- True - or - False
20. Under no circumstance should I use any of the information found through *Google* for my research because it is not considered as reliable.
- True - or - False