

**Research Skills Assessment – Answer Key**

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1. Where can you get topic ideas?
  - d. All of the above
2. To look for books available at JSRCC Libraries, you would search:
  - b. VCCSLinc – Online library catalog
3. When searching VCCSLinc, the online library catalog, which of the following would retrieve the **most** records for a search on the word *cancer*?
  - b. Keyword 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?
  - 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?
  - d. QH588 .S83 P37 2004
6. What should be the right order for the following call numbers?  
ML3534 .R714 1995 / QA76.73 .P258 L84 199 / HQ770.4 .S77 1994 / QA76.76 .S64 L83 1998
  - b. HQ770.4 .S77 1994  
ML3534 .R714 1995  
QA76.73 .P258 L84 1997  
QA76.76 .S64 L83 1998
7. The best way to find references to scholarly journal articles is to:
  - b. Search a library database, such as *Academic Search Complete*
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*?
  - d. 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*?
  - d. 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*?
  - c. college students AND (employment OR jobs OR 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*?
  - a. alcoholism OR automobile Or accidents
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*?
  - c. alcoholism AND automobile AND accidents
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*?
  - d. Internet AND censor\* AND librar\*
14. When searching an online database, which of the following will search the exact phrase?
  - c. "computer programming"
15. How do you access licensed JSRCC Library databases from off-campus?
  - b. Use My JSRCC Login (the same username and password for Blackboard).
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:
  - c. Electronic & Print Journals at JSRCC (via Serial Solutions)
17. When you search the *Electronic & Print Journals* (via Serial Solutions) at JSRCC, you should search:
  - b. Title of the magazine, journal or newspaper
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*.

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*.

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.

False