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SBE Refresher 1 – Defining Research with Human Subjects

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Affiliates - Data or Specimens Only Research

Quiz

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All quiz questions count towards your score. You should answer all questions.

Question 1

Which of the following proposed studies would constitute human subjects research as defined under the federal regulations?

- ☒ **A researcher from a school of social work obtains access to students' academic records (including identifiable information) to assess the effect of drug awareness programs on student academic achievement.**
- ☐ A researcher uses ships' manifest records of people who entered America between 1875 and 1880 to track the restrictions immigration laws imposed on certain ethnic immigrant groups.
- ☐ A researcher conducts a comparison of the comments made in a publicly available blog and the blogger's comments on a similar topic in a weekly magazine.
- ☐ An organization for women academics in engineering asks a federal agency to provide the number of women investigators funded by that agency to include in a report for its membership.

Question 2

Which of the following activities meets the federal definitions of research?

- ☐ Evaluations of time cards by factory managers to see if a newly instituted safety program reduces time lost to injury
- ☒ **Collection of elementary school test scores to evaluate the effectiveness of an experimental program to teach reading**
- ☐ Surveys of hospital patients about food prepared in the hospital's kitchen to improve meal service in the hospital
- ☐

Public Health Department review of records to determine if it should continue a well-child vaccination program

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