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Biomed Refresher 2 – SBR Methodologies in Biomedical Research

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Affiliates - Data or Specimens
Only Research

Quiz

Instructions: Please provide an answer for all questions. Each question is one point. Click on the Submit button to register your answers. After submitting your answers, the correct answer to each question and an explanation will be displayed. Navigational links to the next module will also be provided.

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

Question 1

A medical researcher is comparing the results of two surgical techniques to correct a skeletal deformity. There are many obvious risks of participating in this treatment trial, and participants are carefully informed about the likelihood of infection, poor treatment outcome, further damage, etc. The research design includes a questionnaire given to patients about their quality of life before and after the surgery. Because this is just a simple paper and pencil questionnaire, it does not add any risks to the overall study design. Is this true or false?

- ☐ True
- ☒ False

Question 2

Which of the following research scenarios would present no likelihood of harm to the participants?

- ☐ A survey about sexual attitudes, beliefs, and practices, distributed by an HIV/AIDS prevention study to people randomly selected from a commercial mailing list.
- ☐ An anonymous telephone interview, conducted over a toll-free number, of women who have experienced domestic violence.
- ☐

A published report on problematic behavior and poor school performance among children of different ethnic groups in a known city. The results are published in aggregate, so that there is no way to identify children from a specific school or neighborhood.

☒ **None of the above**

Question 3

A researcher proposes to conduct a survey about sexual attitudes, beliefs, and practices. The survey will be mailed out by an HIV/AIDS prevention group to people randomly selected from a commercial mailing list. All of the following are potential harms to participants except:

- ☐ Others may assume that the person receiving the mailing has HIV/AIDS.
- ☒ **That researcher might receive incomplete data from participants who do not complete the survey.**
- ☐ Alarm or concern about being approached for a study about HIV/AIDS.
- ☐ The possible loss of confidentiality if the questionnaires are handled inappropriately.

Question 4

Which of the following research scenarios would present no likelihood of harm to the participants?

- ☒ **An interview of elementary school children about their preferred literary genres.**
- ☐ A survey about sexual attitudes, beliefs, and practices, mailed by an HIV/AIDS prevention study to people randomly selected from a commercial mailing list.
- ☐ A study on problematic behavior and poor school performance among children of different ethnic groups in a known city.
- ☐ An anonymous telephone interview, conducted over a toll-free number, of women who have experienced domestic violence.
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