LASC Information Competency Assessment

SLO #1
1. Imagine you have to write a paper and need scholarly information. Which would be the most appropriate source to use?
   a. Journal
   b. Newspaper
   c. Website
   d. Magazine

2. Which of the following help you to identify a popular magazine?
   a. It usually has glossy, colored photographs
   b. It contains advertisements
   c. It is published weekly or monthly
   d. All of the above

3. A primary source describes an event as observed by a witness without any analysis or interpretation. Which are examples of primary sources?
   a. atlases, biographies, anthologies, articles
   b. diaries, speeches, interviews, photos
   c. newspapers, opinion polls, letters
   d. B and C

SLO #2
   a. A book
   b. A journal
   c. A website
   d. A journal article


2. What is the title of the article?
   b. Basic & Applied Social Psychology

3. What is the following number: 28(3)
   a. The volume and number of pages in the article
   b. The volume and issue number of the article

SLO #3
You are conducting research for a paper on the effect of fast food on obesity in children.
1. What are the keywords that you would type in a search box to retrieve information on this topic?
   a. effect fast food obesity
b. fast food obesity children
c. effect fast food obesity children

2. Which BOOLEAN OPERATOR (i.e. AND, OR, NOT) would you use to combine the two topics to retrieve books or articles on this topic?
   a. fast food OR childhood obesity
   b. fast food AND childhood obesity
   c. fast food NOT childhood obesity
   d. None of the above

3. What is the BEST way to search for books on a given topic?
   a. Author or title
   b. Publisher or call number
   c. Keyword or subject
   d. All of the above

SLO #4
1. Which is the best place to find research published by scholars, experts, or professionals?
   a. In newspapers
   b. In books and scholarly/academic journals
   c. In general interest magazines
   d. On YouTube

2. You have completed a search for books about The popularity of video games. You have located some books in the library. What elements in the book will help you decide whether this book is useful for your research?
   a. The title and table of contents
   b. The author and date
   c. The preface and introduction
   d. All of the above

3. You have completed a search in the Academic Search Premier database and have a list of 50 academic article results. What information in the online record would help you decide whether this book is useful for your research?
   a. The title of the article
   b. The abstract or summary of the article
   c. The subject terms in the online record for the article
   d. All of the above

SLO #5
1. APA and MLA style both refer to:
   a. The library classification system
   b. Online databases
   c. Formats for documenting/citing the sources used for a paper, project, etc.
   d. Websites

2. Copying text from a website without identifying the source is an example of
   a. Fair use
b. Plagiarism  
c. A copyright violation  
d. None of the above

3. Why is it necessary to cite sources you use in a paper, project, etc.?  
a. To avoid committing plagiarism  
b. To give credit to the work of the original authors or creators  
c. To allow others to locate and read the sources themselves  
d. All of the above