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M.A. ENGLISH

Research Methodology

(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : 3Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART – A ($10 \times 1 = 10$ Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer:

1. MLA Handbook is designed to help the_____ to think about the sources they are documenting.
(a) Writer (b) Editor
(c) Publisher (d) Reader
2. The _____ are not used in page and line numbers, in street addresses, or in four-digit years.
(a) Periods (b) Commas

(c) Slashes (d) Quotations

3. Plagiarists are not only dishonest but also incapable of doing _____.

(a) Research (b) Degree course

(c) Practical task (d) Higher studies

4. How should you format a block quote (longer than four lines) in MLA style?

(a) Indent the entire block 0.5 inches from the left margin (b) Enclose the entire block in quotation marks

(c) Indent the entire block 1 inch from the left margin (d) Place the block in Italics.

5. When should a DOI be used instead of a URL in MLA style?

(a) When the source is a book (b) When the source is a journal article with a DOI

(c) When the source is a website (d) When the source is a newspaper article

6. The title of container is normally _____ and is followed by a comma.

(a) Bold (b) Italicized

(c) Highlight (d) Justified

7. Which citation is correctly formatted when citing page of 5 of the novel *The Great Gatsby* by Scott Fitzgerald?
- (a) (The Great Gatsby pg. 5) (b) (Fitzgerald, 5).
(c) .(Fitzgerald, 5) (d) (Fitzgerald 5).
8. Citation of original source, available within the text of the writing is called_____.
- (a) Paragraph referencing (b) In-text referencing
(c) Parenthetical (d) Title referencing
referencing
9. What is the correct way to indicate an omission in a quotation using an ellipsis in MLA style?
- (a) Using three spaced (b) Using four spaced periods
periods (...) (...)
- (c) Using brackets (d) Using parentheses
10. In MLA style, how should commas and periods be placed in relation to quotation marks?
- (a) Inside the quotation (b) Outside the quotation
marks marks
(c) Before the quotation (d) After the citation
marks

PART – B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Identify the role of MLA style in academic writing.

(OR)

(b) Identify the requirements for capitalization and punctuation in the title of the source.

12. (a) Identify the importance of paraphrasing in research.

(OR)

(b) Apply a proper strategy to avoid plagiarism in Research.

13. (a) Analyze the significance of a source's documentation in the research fields.

(OR)

(b) Examine the use of cross-references in research.

14. (a) Examine the rules for citing a single, two and more than two authors with examples.

(OR)

(b) Analyze the format for parenthetical citations in the Research.

15. (a) Categorize the other alterations of quotations.

(OR)

(b) Discover the role of punctuation in the In-text citation.

PART – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Identify the importance of formatting guidelines in academic writing using MLA style.

(OR)

- (b) Can you explain the role of mechanics of prose in effective research writing?

17. (a) “Plagiarism is a serious offence and academic dishonesty”. Justify

(OR)

- (b) Explain the role of paraphrasing in academic writing, using MLA 9th edition guidelines.

18. (a) Distinguish the difference between the Works Cited and the Bibliography.

(OR)

- (b) Examine the various core elements in the Research.

19. (a) Explain the steps that followed in entering an author, co-authors and corporate authors.

(OR)

- (b) Criticize the basic format for the in-text citation.

20. (a) Discuss the usage of quotation in research.

(OR)

(b) Elaborate on the following elements with appropriate examples:

i) Ellipsis

ii) Quotation omission

