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Fifth Semester

English — Core

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What is a key component of academic integrity?
 - (a) Presenting improper documentation
 - (b) Giving false data
 - (c) Learning good documentation
 - (d) Document the sources in the improper way

2. What is Plagiarism according to *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*?
 - (a) Committing 'literary theft'
 - (b) Presenting another person's data
 - (c) Not having any moral response
 - (d) Not having any ethical response
3. Where will you get the publication facts of a book?
 - (a) In the foreword page
 - (b) After the preface
 - (c) In the last chapter of the book
 - (d) On a title page
4. What is a Web Source?
 - (a) Sources found in articles
 - (b) Sources found in Electronic media
 - (c) Sources found from critical books
 - (d) Sources found in journals

5. What should be done by the researcher if a quotation extends to more than four lines when run into your text?
- (a) Indented half an inch from the left margin
 - (b) Indented one inch from the left margin
 - (c) Indented one inch from all the four sides
 - (d) Indented one and a half inch from the left margin
6. What is the correct line spacing for the text of a scholarly paper in MLA 8th edition?
- (a) Single spaced
 - (b) 1.5 line spacing
 - (c) Double spaced
 - (d) 2.0 line spacing
7. Do not include _____ before the name of any organization in the works cited list?
- (a) An
 - (b) A
 - (c) The
 - (d) Some

8. How should the author's name be listed in an MLA 8th edition citation for a book with a single author?
- (a) First name, Last name
 - (b) Last name, First name
 - (c) Last name only
 - (d) First initial, Last name
9. What is the proper order of elements in an MLA 8th edition for a website?
- (a) Author's last name, title of the website, publication date, URI
 - (b) Title of the website, author's last name, publication date, URL
 - (c) Title of the website, URL, publication date, author's last name
 - (d) URL author's last name, title of the website, publication date
10. When a title is needed in a parenthetical citation, _____ the title if it is longer than a noun phrase.
- (a) Full name
 - (b) Second name
 - (c) Abbreviate
 - (d) Short form

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Why does the researcher document his sources?

Or

- (b) What is Plagiarism?

12. (a) Explain the importance of gathering information about your sources.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the importance of creating documentation.

13. (a) How do you mention the titles of authors in documentation?

Or

- (b) How quotations are helpful in a research paper?

14. (a) Explain the way to cite web publications

Or

- (b) How do you mention the titles and suffixes in documentation?

15. (a) Explain the text citation with example.

Or

- (b) When will you abbreviate titles of sources?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) What are the importance of plagiarism in research writings?

Or

- (b) Explain the various methods of documentation.

17. (a) How do you create your documentation?

Or

- (b) Comment on the steps involved in documentation.

18. (a) Write an essay on the mechanics of writings.

Or

- (b) Briefly discuss the importance of quotations and capitalization in a research writing.
19. (a) How do you compile a working bibliography?

Or

- (b) How do you document the web sources in your research writing?
20. (a) How do you document co-authors, corporate authors and abbreviating title sources in your research writings?

Or

- (b) Why do you say that MLA handbook 8th edition is useful to your research writings?
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