

## Avoiding Plagiarism

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. "Plagiarism" is defined as
  - a. Using material from only one source.
  - b. Citing an article that is biased.
  - c. Using the words or ideas of another without credit.
  - d. Using inappropriate research for your topic.
2. What is a consequence, at the university level, of committing plagiarism?
  - a. Suspension from school
  - b. Holds placed on your records
  - c. Inability to register for classes
  - d. Failing grade for plagiarized assignment and/or course
3. What type of information is considered common knowledge?
  - a. Information found on the Internet
  - b. Information that can be verified on the phone
  - c. Information from personal interviews
  - d. Information that can be found in a number of different sources
4. What is the term for giving credit to someone's words or ideas?
  - a. Citing your source
  - b. Protecting your source
  - c. Verifying your source
  - d. Giving credibility to your source
5. What are the two primary ways to cite sources in an essay?
  - a. In the bibliography and on the title page
  - b. On the title page and in the introduction
  - c. Within the text of the paper and in a list of sources at the end of the paper
  - d. In the body and in the conclusion of the paper
6. What is the best way to avoid plagiarism?
  - a. To run spell and grammar check on your paper
  - b. To have your teacher proofread your paper
  - c. To take careful notes and include in your notes the name of your source
  - d. To write several drafts of your paper
7. Which of the following is an example of a direct quote?
  - a. I heard that the teacher told us to finish our papers on Friday.
  - b. Mary told us the papers are due Friday.
  - c. The teacher said that the papers were due Friday.
  - d. "Your papers are due Friday," said Ms. Johnson.

8. What does it mean to paraphrase something?
- a. To use the exact words of someone
  - b. To put someone's ideas into your own words
  - c. To summarize the words of someone else
  - d. To check on the accuracy of information received from other sources
9. For a book, all of the following information needs to be on the "Works Cited" or "References" page except
- a. book title
  - b. author
  - c. number of chapters
  - d. year of publication
10. For an article, you must include which of the following information:
- a. Name of the publisher
  - b. City of publication
  - c. Title of the article
  - d. A review of the article

Answers: 1.c, 2.d, 3.d, 4.a, 5.c, 6.c, 7.d, 8.b, 9.c, 10. c

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