

Exam: 500441RR - Writing a Paper Using Sources

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Questions 1 to 30: Select the best answer to each question. Note that a question and its answers may be split across a page break, so be sure that you have seen the *entire* question and *all* the answers before choosing an answer.

1. Which of the following MLA citations is *correct*?

- A. Roach, Mary. "Almost Human." *National Geographic* Apr. 2008: 213. 4: 124–145. 649
- B. Roach, Mary. "Almost Human," *National Geographic* Apr. 2008: 213. 4: 124–145.
- C. Roach, Mary. "Almost Human," *National Geographic*, Apr. 2008: 213. 4: 124–145.
- D. Roach, Mary. "Almost Human." *National Geographic*: Apr. 2008: 213. 4: 124–145.

2. While thinking about her essay topic, Mary recalls a veteran she met, the haunted look of his eyes and the bright red scarf draped around his neck, contrasting with an ancient, tattered leather jacket. Mary is

- A. visualizing.
- B. brainstorming.
- C. imagining.
- D. stylizing.

3. What does the date following "Pari Center for New Learning" stand for in the following citation of an online work?

Pribram, Karl H. "Brain and Mathematics." From *Brain and Being: At the Boundary between Science, Philosophy, Language and Art*. John Benhamins, 2004. Pari Center for New Learning. 21 Apr. 2008

- A. The date the site was accessed
- B. The date the original book was published
- C. The date the Web document was published
- D. The date the article was posted to the site server

4. Visualization is a good way to discover ideas for your topic, especially if you're a _____ learner.

- A. abstract
- B. spatial
- C. verbal
- D. social

5. This question is based on the following paragraph. The sentences are numbered to assist your analysis.

(1) In addition to the risks, there are benefits to using phones on the road. (2) Matt Sundeen, a senior policy specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures, reports that drivers with cell phones place an estimated 98,000 emergency calls each day and that the phones "often reduce emergency response times and actually save lives" (1). (3) The phones have business benefits too. (4) According to

transportation engineer Richard Retting, "Commuter time is no longer just for driving. (5) As the comforts of home and the efficiency of the office creep into the automobile, it is becoming increasingly attractive as a work space" (qtd. in Kilgannon A23). (6) Car phones also have personal benefits. (7) A mother coming home late from work can check in with her children, a partygoer lost in a strange neighborhood can call for directions, or a teenager whose car breaks down can phone home.

In sentences 2 and 4, phrases introducing the sentences are used for the purpose of _____ sources into the composition.

- A. dropping
- B. integrating
- C. generating
- D. drafting

6. You're creating a list of sources you cited for your MLA paper. What heading should you use?

- A. References
- B. Bibliography
- C. Works Cited
- D. Annotated Bibliography

7. Use the MLA citation to answer the question that follows.

American Red Cross. *First Aid and Safety for Babies and Children*.

Yardley: StayWell, 2009. Print.

In this citation, American Red Cross is the

- A. author.
- B. title.
- C. publisher.
- D. volume.

8. An implied thesis would more likely be found in which type of professional writing?

- A. Academic
- B. Journalistic
- C. Narrative
- D. Instructional

9. You're creating a list of works cited for your MLA-formatted paper. Which of the following would you list first for each book?

- A. Publisher
- B. Title
- C. Author's first name
- D. Author's last name

10. You're working on the first draft of your research paper. Which of the following points of view should you write in?

- A. Whichever works best for your topic
- B. Third person

- C. First person
- D. Second person

11. Regarding in-text citations where no introduction is used, which statement is *true*?

- A. Within the parentheses for a citation you can use the word *page* or you can use the abbreviations *p.* or *pp.*
- B. Use parentheses for the attribution and place the page number after the period.
- C. Following the information, include the author's last name and the page number in parentheses, followed by a period.
- D. When a quotation ends a sentence, place the last quotation mark after the parenthesis containing the author's name and the page number.

12. You're evaluating your research and working thesis. Which stage are you most likely in for writing a paper?

- A. Planning and writing your first draft
- B. Documenting your sources
- C. Revising your research paper
- D. Researching your topics

13. You're writing a paper that requires MLA formatting. Which of the following is the phrase you use to introduce the author?

- A. Paraphrase
- B. Reference
- C. Attribution
- D. Citation

14. A serious error that occurs when you present the ideas of others as your own is called

- A. attribution.
- B. signaling.
- C. quoting.
- D. plagiarism.

15. Which one of the following quotes *correctly* reflects MLA style?

- A. Redfield notes that in Aztec society "The Pochteca [merchant class] had adopted a unique trader argot" (55).
- B. "The highest of achievements," Sir Isaac argued, "are those that produce unexpected results."
- C. Since "deep thought and curiosity feed the active mind," the addicted software designer, then, is increasing the number of neural synapses in his or her brain (Cranwell 12).
- D. "Under the Whigs, the pound sterling became the base currency of global trade (Calamara and Stein 86) ".

16. As you compare ideas, pull together information from sources, and revise your thesis, you're engaging in the process of

- A. rationalization.
- B. synthesis.
- C. generalizing.
- D. brainstorming.

17. When writing an academic paper, which types of evidence are *least* preferred?

- A. Statistics
- B. Facts
- C. Personal opinions
- D. Historical background

18. Which of the following set of words represents the guidelines that help you select the types of evidence that will best support your thesis?

- A. Summary, accessible, varied, reliable, sufficient, and readable
- B. Sufficient, abstract, valuable, rational, simple, and attractive
- C. Sufficient, applicable, variable, reasonable, and specific
- D. Relevant, specific, variety, sufficient, representative, and accurate

19. You're including a long quotation in a paper for a psychology course. If the quote is more than _____, you should indent the quotation.

- A. forty words
- B. three lines of poetry
- C. twenty words
- D. four lines of prose

20. While deciding which evidence to include to support your findings, you should make sure to

- A. include diverse and representative evidence.
- B. include rare and unusual evidence.
- C. offer a slim number of compelling sources.
- D. include general statements to make a convincing case.

21. Which one of the following examples of quotations is presented *correctly*?

- A. How am I to make sense of it when even Albert Einstein said: As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.
- B. John Adams advocated "a government of laws and not of men:" in other words, justice for all.
- C. While Turner initially sounds pessimistic, he later suggests, "Perhaps . . . our local star will rise like cosmic laughter to illuminate the green tendrils of a new world" (3).
- D. Shakespeare's most famous sonnet begins by comparing his love to a summer's day and ends with this couplet:
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

22. If you're using a pattern of development to explore the issues surrounding a topic, what pattern of development would you be using?

- A. Definition

- B. Process
- C. Illustration
- D. Argument

23. If you're a/an _____ learner, you should pay particular attention to which evidence you include as these types of learners tend to include too many details.

- A. verbal
- B. social
- C. concrete
- D. abstract

24. In developing a research paper, students and academic writers generally include

- A. broad background and statistical information.
- B. an indirect or implied thesis.
- C. an announcement describing the purpose of the essay.
- D. a clear thesis statement.

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The parenthetical citation at the end of sentence 5 indicates that

- A. Kilgannon is the editor of an article written by Retting.
- B. Page 23 is located in the A section of the encyclopedia.
- C. Richard Retting was interviewed by Kilgannon.
- D. Retting's statement is from an indirect source.

26. Which of the following does *not* require documentation?

- A. Quotations from an interview you conducted
- B. Facts found in numerous sources
- C. Statistics from a Web source
- D. Obscure or recently discovered facts

27. Use the MLA citation for citing Internet sources to answer the question that follows.
Hogan, Marc. "Live Transmission." Pitch fork. Pitchfork Media Inc., 7

Feb. 2001. Web. 3 Mar. 2001.

On what date was this source published in print?

- A. March 3, 2001
- B. March 7, 2001
- C. February 7, 2001
- D. February 3, 2001

28. Definitions, historical background, statistics, and quotations are all examples of

- A. perspectives.
- B. conjecture.
- C. evidence.
- D. assertions.

29. You're formatting a paper with MLA guidelines. What size margins should you include?

- A. 1.5 inch left, 1 inch elsewhere
- B. 1 inch top and bottom, 0.75 inch left and right
- C. 1 inch all around
- D. 1 inch top and bottom, 0.5 inch left and right

30. Source material in a research paper should have a specific purpose that

- A. provides background.
- B. reflects the source.
- C. leads to a conclusion.
- D. supports your thesis.

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