Quiz Questions

# Chapter 13: Literature review: Identifying and sourcing the literature

This multiple-choice quiz will help you to consolidate your understanding of the research process. For each of the question select one or more of the answers you believe to be correct.

1. Which of the following do we recommend as ways to build your general knowledge of a topic area?

A. Read a good recent textbook chapter

B. Look for press cuttings and in Wikipedia

C. Find a range of general publications on the topic

D. Answers A and C

**Answer:** D

2. Which of the following are relevant databases for most health topics

A. CINAHL

B. Medline

C. Web of Science

D. All of these

**Answer:** D

3. Which of the following is the sequence in which you should search for literature?

A. Limit dates of papers; print out full text papers; read abstracts; enter search terms

B. Print out papers; read abstracts; limit dates; think of search terms

C. Think of search terms; enter terms into database; limit dates of papers; read abstracts; print out full text papers

D. None of these.

**Answer:** C

4. Which of the following are good ways to help you improve your use of the literature?

A. Keep a research notebook

B. Sort your references and add to a spreadsheet/database/ reference manager

C. Concentrate on collecting papers that are free

D. A and B

**Answer:** D

5. When using internet search engines,

A. Engines such as Yahoo and Google are much more efficient and effective than databases such as CINAHL

B. Web addresses ending in .ac.uk, or .edu are generally bona fide academic sources

C. Wiki entries are more up to date and accurate than journal articles

D. None of these

**Answer:** D

6. Which of the following steps are likely to help you avoid accidental plagiarism?

A. Cutting and pasting accurately from published works

B. Making superficial changes to the words used in published papers

C. Making notes in your own words

D. Answers A and B

**Answer:** C

7. What do you need to be able to provide in order for your research to pass the ‘so what?’ test?

A. Reasons why the research is important

B. Implications of answering the research question

C. Proof that no-one has ever conducted a similar study

D. Answers A and B

**Answer:** D

8. Which of the following may be misplaced criticisms of published work?

A. Criticizing work without considering the date when it was published.

B. Criticizing work on the basis that the sample was not truly random

C. Criticizing studies for their small sample size without considering the difficulty of accessing the population.

D. All of these.

**Answer:** D