Quiz

The final section of “Plagiarism: The Crime of Intellectual Kidnapping” is a 15 question quiz that will test your ability to detect and avoid plagiarism. Read each question carefully, choose your answer.

1. Which of the following IS considered plagiarism:
   A. Changing a few words in a sentence and using it as your own.
   B. Copying a unique phrase without giving the original author credit.
   C. Piecing together ideas from more than one source without citing the original sources.
   D. All of the above are plagiarism.
   E. None of the above are plagiarism.

2. You do NOT need to cite copied sections of someone else’s work if:
   A. It was on the Internet.
   B. It is a scholarly research article.
   C. Your friend wrote it.
   D. You do not need to cite any of the above.
   E. You need to cite all of the above.

3. It is NOT considered plagiarism to:
   A. Submit a paper you bought online.
   B. Turn in a paper you wrote for a previous course.
   C. Use someone else’s ideas in your paper as long as you cite the source.
   D. All of the above are plagiarism
   E. None of the above are plagiarism.

4. It is acceptable to copy various forms of multimedia, such as charts, graphs, photographs, videos, audio files if:
   A. They are found in your textbook for class.
   B. They are on the Internet.
   C. They are illustrate a point in your paper.
   D. Only if you cite the original source.
5. It is NOT considered plagiarism if you turn the same paper into two different courses?
   A. True, it is not plagiarism.
   B. False, it is plagiarism.

6. Acceptable paraphrasing is:
   A. Synthesizing the original passage and writing it in your own words.
   B. Changing the sentence order of the original passage.
   C. Replacing certain words from the original passage.
   D. Rewriting the original passage.

7. Plagiarism is:
   A. Cheating and academically dishonest.
   B. Unavoidable—everyone does it at some point.
   C. The best way to get an A.

8. The penalties for plagiarism at San José State University include:
   A. Failing an assignment.
   B. Failing a course.
   C. Being expelled from school.
   D. All of the above.

9. You do NOT need to cite:
   A. Information from the Internet.
   B. Your interpretation of a book/article you read.
   C. A talk your friend gave that you used in your paper.

10. Direct quotes and paraphrases are used best:
    A. To support your ideas.
    B. To communicate what you mean better than you think you can.
    C. To explain complicated ideas to your instructor.
    D. All of the above
    E. None of the above
11. Under certain circumstances it is acceptable to buy or borrow a paper and turn it in as your own.

A. True
B. False

12. Which of the following does NOT need to be cited:

A. Common knowledge.
B. A website from which you got an idea for your paper.
C. A quote from your favorite TV show that you used in your paper.

13. Which of the following is NOT part of a citation:

A. Author’s last name.
B. Title of the article or book.
C. Title of the journal.
D. Author’s date of birth.
E. Page numbers.

14. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase:


Superficially, The Godfather was a pulp novel about sex, violence, and crime in America’s gangland underworld. But at its core were solid storytelling and vivid characters.

Paraphrase:

The Godfather seemed to be a pulp novel about sex, violence, and crime in the American mafia. On a deeper level, the novel is a tightly woven epic story of life with dynamic characters (Lebo 5).

A. Did not cite the original source.
B. A portion of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations.
C. Follows the original passage too closely.
D. All of the above
E. Nothing is wrong with this passage.
15. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase:


For the past five hundred years, most of humankind has been informed by print. In the United States, for example, all people in the America’s multicultural and multiclass society have for two centuries used or been influenced by print…

Paraphrase:

People worldwide have been influenced by print for more than five hundred years. For more than two hundred years in the United States, “America’s multicultural and multiclass society” have been informed by print (Wiegand, 1).

A. Did not cite the original source.
B. A portion of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations.
C. Follows the original passage too closely.
D. All of the above
E. Nothing is wrong with this passage.