Web Research Guide: Internet Expert Quiz
Choose the best answer for each question in this quiz.

1. Which one of the following is NOT an example of an extension in a URL?
   A) .gov
   B) .edu
   C) .npr
   D) .com

2. You can optimize your search results by
   A) using several different search engines.
   B) sticking to your topic and resisting distractions.
   C) using reliable Web sites like National Geographic or the Library of Congress.
   D) all of the above

3. Which of the following is the best indicator that a Web site is reliable?
   A) The author of the site tells you so.
   B) The author of the site provides contact information and his or her credentials.
   C) The author links to her favorite sites.
   D) The author states in bold letters that the site was proofread by a librarian.

4. What does this URL tell you about the source? http://vos.ucsb.edu
   A) It is associated with an educational institution.
   B) It is an English teacher’s home page.
   C) It is an article from a magazine.
   D) It is from a directory.

5. Which item shows a Boolean search?
   A) Shakespeare sonnets
   B) Shakespeare AND sonnets
   C) "Shakespeare" with "SONNETS"
   D) Shakespeare (sonnets)

6. Which statement is TRUE?
   A) A search engine does not discriminate between good and bad sites.
   B) A search engine may list thousands of unordered search results.
   C) A directory is someone’s attempt to list the best sites for a given topic.
   D) all of the above

7. Which of the following statements about meta-search engines is NOT true?
   A) Meta-search engines scan multiple search engines simultaneously.
   B) Meta-search engines are a waste of time; they provide very few results.
   C) Meta-search engines provide results based on the keyword(s) submitted.
   D) Meta-search engines can save time, but shouldn't be used exclusively.

8. Critically evaluating content on the Web is important because
   A) Web authors are less professional.
   B) Web authors are always biased.
   C) anyone can publish on the Web. There’s no guarantee that what you’re reading is objective or accurate.
   D) printed information is always more accurate than Web information.

9. Which of the following is an example of effective online searching?
   A) Do a keyword search on one search engine. Browse through all the results.
   B) Formulate research questions, list possible sources, identify keywords, and begin your search.
   C) Visit chat rooms and find out what others are saying about your topic.
   D) Post a question on a message board.

10. Which citation is composed according to the MLA-citation manual and guide for an article in an online magazine?