

APA Quiz Answers

1. According to APA format, the list of references which appear at the end of your paper is called

c) is correct; all others are incorrect.

2. The references at the end of your paper should appear

a) is correct; all others are incorrect.

3. Identify the correct parenthetical citation for this book:

Tannen, D. (1998). *The argument culture*. Toronto: Random House.

a) Correct.

b) Incorrect. The author has not been identified.

c) Incorrect. The author has not been identified, and the book needs to be identified only if the writer is referring to more than work by Tannen in this paper.

d) Incorrect. The date is missing and "p."

4. Identify the correct parenthetical citation for this source:

Keaveney, S. (2004). When MTV goes CEO. In D. Brundage & M. Lahey (Eds.), *Acting on words* (pp. 99-103). Toronto: Pearson.

a) Incorrect. This citation follows MLA format.

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- b) Incorrect. The author does not need to be named again, and the year should appear after the mention of the author in the text.
- c) Incorrect. The editors' names should not appear, and the year is in the wrong place.
- d) Correct.
- e) Incorrect. The author's full name and the title should not be given.

5. Identify the correct parenthetical citation for this source the **first time** it appears in your paper:

Ashcroft, B., Griffiths, G. & Tiffin, H. (1989). *The empire writes back: theory and practice in post-colonial literatures*. London: Routledge.

- a) Incorrect. Only use "et al" when all the authors have been referred to in a previous citation.
- b) Correct.
- c) Incorrect. The year is missing.
- d) Incorrect. The book rather than the authors has been identified.
- e) Incorrect. This follows MLA format.

6. On Feb. 20, 2006, you interviewed Shaun White, who won an Olympic gold medal in snowboarding at Turin on Feb. 20, 2006. Which citation is correct?

- a) Correct.

b) Incorrect. It is not clear that this is an interview, and the author has already been identified.

c) Incorrect. This is not the format used for a personal, unpublished interview.

d) Incorrect. Personal interviews are referred to by the surname of the person interviewed.

e) Incorrect. This follows MLA format.

7. In which sentence has the quotation been integrated the most successfully?

a) Incorrect. The quotation has not been integrated at all.

b) Incorrect. There is not enough information in the sentence to integrate the quotation successfully

c) Incorrect. The quotation does not fully explain or support the sentence.

d) Correct. The quotation has been prepared for and fits smoothly into the text.

8. The original quotation about machinists reads “The machinists use various tools, such as hammers and tongs, on a daily basis” (Brown, 2003, p. 311). Which sentence has used the quotation correctly and fit it into the sentence grammatically and logically?

a) Correct. The verb in the quotation has been made to fit into the sentence grammatically, and the words left out do not change the sentence’s meaning.

b) Incorrect. The original verb tense does not agree with the writer’s sentence.

c) Incorrect. When words are left out of a sentence, they are should be replaced by ellipses.

d) Incorrect. There is no reason to capitalize “machinists.” Ellipses are not enclosed in square (editorial) brackets.

9. Which example of a block quotation is correct? Four periods were used in the ellipses because what follows the ellipses comes from a different sentence later in the paragraph. (Use three periods when removing one or more words from a single sentence.)

a) Incorrect. The quotation is not indented by ½ an inch.

b) Correct.

c) Incorrect. Block quotations are not enclosed in quotation marks.

d) Incorrect. There are three errors here: the lack of indentation, the quotation marks, and the placement of the period after the parenthetical citation.

10. The original quotation follows statistics on the increase in eighteen to thirty-four year olds owning their own businesses: “The trend may dilute corporate pools of promotable junior managers but provide a needed infrastructure for corporate outsourcing” (Keaveney, 2004, p.102-103). Which paraphrase is acceptable?

a) Incorrect. The syntax follows the original too closely.

b) Incorrect. Parts of the paraphrase are direct quotations (which are not identified).

c) Correct.

d) Incorrect. This paraphrase is not identical in meaning to the original.

11. The original quotation discussing melanoma treatment talks about “Thirty-one patients with histologically confirmed unresectable measurable metastatic melanoma were enrolled [in this] study” (“Melanoma,” 2006, p. 372). Which paraphrase is done correctly and best for a lay audience (one unfamiliar with the medical terminology)?

a) Incorrect. Although this paraphrase uses lay language, it follows the syntax of the original too closely.

b) Correct. This is a useful, simple paraphrase.

c) Incorrect. The paraphrase is misleading because there are no conditions attached to the melanoma participants have.

d) Incorrect. This is not directed to a lay audience who may be unfamiliar with some terms.

12. Which is the correct format for an article called “The biological, social and clinical bases of drug addiction: commentary and debate,” by J. Altman, B. J. Everitt, T. W. Robbins, S. Glautier, A. Markou, D. Nutt., R. Oretti , C. Philbin and G. D. Phillips. It was published in 1996 in Psychopharmacology, an online journal; ISSN 0033-3158, and Volume 125, Issue Number 4, pages 285 – 345.

a) Incorrect. There are many errors here, including the lack of a hanging indent.

b) Correct. When there are more than seven authors, an ellipsis is used after the sixth author and the last author’s name is listed. (When a reference has up to seven authors, spell out all of the names in the reference.)

c) Incorrect. The first six authors should be identified, and there is unnecessary information.

d) Incorrect. The eighth author should be represented by an ellipsis and the last author listed. Et al. is used only in the in-text citations for six or more authors. There is also extra unnecessary information given.

e) Incorrect. This follows MLA format.

13. The book is called *The Empire Writes Back: Theory and Practice in Post-Colonial Literatures* by Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths and Helen Tiffin. It was published in 1989 by Routledge in London, England. How should it appear as a reference at the end of your paper?

a) Incorrect. All the authors should be named, since there are fewer than seven.

b) Incorrect. The authors' names should be reversed. The year is in the wrong place. The title contains unnecessary capitals.

c) Correct.

d) Incorrect. Here "and" is used instead of an ampersand, and the words in the title are capitalized unnecessarily.

e) Incorrect. This follows MLA format.

14. The website is called William Faulkner on the Web, and the page you cited is called Faulkner Filmography. The site's author, John B. Padgett, last modified the page on Monday, October 09, 2000 at 11:56 AM. The URL is <http://www.mcsr.olemiss.edu/~egjbp/faulkner/films.html>. Let's say you accessed it March 5, 2006. Which is the correct entry as it should appear on the references list?

a) Incorrect. The information is not all in the correct order, and there is some unnecessary information.

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b) Incorrect. Some important information is missing, and some unnecessary information has been included.

c) Incorrect. This entry follows MLA format.

d) Incorrect. The page that the writer is citing is not named.

e) Correct.

15. You interviewed Pat Sweeney, a cardiologist, for your paper, on Jan. 10, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the doctor's home. What is the correct entry for the list of references?

a) Incorrect. The first two parts follow MLA format, and January would not be abbreviated in any reference according to APA format.

b) Incorrect. Interviews are not included on the list of references. This is close to the correct format for an in-text citation.

c) Incorrect. Interviews are not included on the list of references. An author's degree or title is not used in citations.

d) Correct.

e) Incorrect. Interviews are not included on the list of references.