Library Orientation Instructions: Complete the items below using information provided by the librarian and after your own explorations of the specified databases or Internet sites. Please write your answers to the questions posed in the spaces provided. This assignment is due on __________ and is worth 20 points.

PART 1: Journals versus Magazines


2. Name and briefly describe criteria used to identify a publication as a professional journal. Write your answer below.

3. Are the criteria that identify a publication as a magazine the same or different as the criteria for a journal? If different, briefly describe how the criteria for magazines are different. Write your answer below.

4. Explain what it means when a publication is refereed. How can you tell if a journal is refereed? Write your answer below.

PART 2: EVC Library Databases. Search for topics in the library’s databases to find relevant magazine, newspaper and journal articles.

1. To access the library’s databases:
   a. Go to the library’s website: http://www.evc.edu/library
   b. Select “Find Articles & Media” from the menu on the left.
   c. Select the database you would like to search. If you are off campus, login with your first and last name and your student ID #.
   d. Go to the “Find Articles & Media” page and locate the section titled “View Databases by Subject” and
click on the link for “Nursing and Allied Health.”

3. List the “Best Bets” included under “Nursing and Allied Health”. These are recommended databases for researching Human Anatomy and Medical topics.
   
   a. 
   
   b. 
   
   c. 

PART 3: Choose CINAHL Plus with Full Text

1. Briefly describe this database in the space below—for example, who would use this database and what kinds of articles would be included.

2. In the search box, type in the words “hip replacement case study”.
   
   a. How many results did you get? 
   
   b. Select one of the articles shown among the first 10 search results list and write the citation for the article in the space below using APA format (hint: use the Cite tool in the Tools menu). Briefly describe what the article is about.

3. Under the search box, click on “Advanced Search” and answer the following questions.
   
   a. Go to the “Limit your results” area. Name at least three ways to limit or narrow a search in the CINAHL Plus database.
      
      1) 
      
      2) 
      
      3) 

   b. Practice limiting your search of “hip replacement case study” by using one of the ways named above to limit searches in the CINAHL Plus database. Write down the way you limited your search in the space below and how many results you got.
c. Briefly describe how the results were affected by the way you limited your search for articles about “hip replacement case study”. For example, did you get the same number of results as in 2a above? Were the article titles or the journals included in the new search the same or different from 2b above? If different, briefly describe or explain how the list was different. Write your answers in the space below.

PART 4: Evaluating Internet Resources

1. Refer back to the Biology 071 Library Research Guide in Part 1. Review the information under the “Web Resources” tab. List and briefly describe criteria used to assess information posted on the Internet for creditability, reliability, and accuracy.

2. Open a browser and type in the phrase “hip replacement case study”.

3. Among the first 10 results,___________references meet all the criteria named in #1 above

4. Explain, in detail, why it is important to evaluate information posted on the Internet for credibility, reliability, and accuracy. Write your answer in the space below.
PART 5: Current Topic Assignment

1. To refresh your memory about the requirements of the Current Topics assignment, answer the following questions.
   a. The article must be published within the last ________________________ (time period)
   b. Suitable or appropriate topics include ________________________________
      ________________________________
   c. Type of publication in which the article is published __________________________
   d. The article must have at least __________________________ full pages of text (page size is 8.5 x 11 inches)
   e. The required citation format is ________________________________

PART 6: Find an Article

1. Find an article that fulfils the criteria listed above.
2. Print a hardcopy of the full article. Print from a pdf file only.
3. Staple it to this worksheet.
4. In the space below, write the citation of your chosen article in APA format.


