Test Questions for Library Instruction Pre and Post-tests in the UCCS Writing Program  
(Spring 2011)

1. Your instructor has asked you to write a paper based on current scholarly information. What would be the most appropriate source to use?  
a. Books  
b. Journals  
c. Magazine  
d. Newspapers

2. The three pieces of information that one needs to find a book in Kraemer Family Library are:  
a. Author, title, subject  
b. Call number, subject, and publication date  
c. Location, call number, and status  
d. Title, call number, and copyright

3. The most efficient way to determine if the Library has access to the periodical, *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*, is to:  
a. search in the Kraemer Library Catalog  
b. search in a periodical database  
c. search the periodical shelves in the Library  
d. use the Journal Search tool on the Library home page

4. Which is the best source for finding a short, authoritative introduction to the topic of genocide?  
a. Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity  
b. Wikipedia  
c. Journal of Genocide Research  

5. Which set of attributes best describes peer-reviewed or scholarly journal articles?  
a. written and reviewed by subject experts  
b. contains a works cited list, written in non-technical language,, and lists the authors’ credentials  
c. often begin with an abstract or summary, written and reviewed by subject experts, and include a works cited list.  
d. written by subject experts, contain glossy photos and advertisements.
6. When searching for a phrase such as “just war doctrine” in the Kraemer Library Catalog or a periodical database, why is it advantageous to set the phrase off in double quotations?
   a. only the phrase will be searched
   b. each word in the phrase will be searched separately
   c. the phrase as well as each word in the phrase will be searched

7. What set of criteria is best suited for evaluating information on a web site?
   a. currency, relevance, authority, purpose, credentials of webmaster
   b. authority, relevance, and accuracy.
   c. currency, relevance, authority, accuracy, credentials of webmaster
   d. currency, relevance, authority, accuracy, purpose

8. Which web site would be the most authoritative resource for finding the latest information on the spread of the H1N1 (swine flu) virus?
   a. MSN Health & Fitness (health.msn.com)
   b. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
   c. Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org)
   d. WebMD (www.webmd.com)

9. The purpose of the Library of Congress Classification System is to arrange books and other materials in the library collection by:
   a. Subject
   b. Title
   c. Author
   d. Publication date

10. When searching in a periodical database for information about the effects of television advertising on children, which Boolean operator would you choose to set up the search?
    a. OR
    b. AND
    c. NEAR
    d. NOT

11. If you were searching for information on the impact of the Endangered Species Act in El Paso County, which of the following search strategies would yield the most concise results?
    a. El Paso County AND Endangered Species Act
    b. Endangered Species Act AND (Colorado Springs OR El Paso County)
    c. wildlife conservation AND El Paso County AND impact
    d. Endangered Species Act AND impact AND El Paso County

12. Which statement is NOT true?
a. Subject search in the Kraemer Library Catalog uses controlled vocabulary (Library of Congress Subject Headings).
b. Keyword search in the Kraemer Library Catalog lets you search for any word or phrase in the catalog.
c. A Keyword search in the Kraemer Library Catalog will always provide the most concise search results.
d. A Subject search in the Kraemer Library Catalog will yield all the items in the catalog that are listed under that subject heading.

13. What is the main benefit of using the periodical databases to which the Library subscribes?
   a. Periodical databases contain only citations to articles that have been published in scholarly journals
   b. Periodical databases provide the full-text of the articles cited within them
   c. Periodical databases are subject to a reviewing process, contain reputable information, and allow you to manage your search results
   d. The use of periodical databases will assure a higher grade on term papers and written reports

14. Which item is NOT a primary resource?
   b. "Martin Luther King is Slain in Memphis; a White is Suspected; Johnson Urges Calm". *New York Times*. Apr 5, 1968. p. 1
   c. *I have a Dream*, by Martin Luther King

15. Which of the following is a citation for a journal article?

16. What is the proper order for the call numbers below?
   a. QL60.4 F35 QL60.5 E359 QL60.5 E39
   b. QL60.4 F35 QL60.5 E39 QL60.5 E359
   c. QL60.5 E39 QL60.5 E359 QL60.4 F35
17. For a paper on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), your professor requires you to use only research-based studies published in scholarly journals. If you found an article written by a journalist who interviewed an expert on this PTSD, should you use it in your paper?
   a. Yes
   b. No

18. Which of the following statements is true?
   a. Information on the Web is in the public domain, so you do not need to provide credit when using it in a research paper.
   b. If you paraphrase another person's written or spoken words in your research paper, it is not necessary to give them credit.
   c. Plagiarism is a serious offense, but it doesn't really matter in an academic setting unless you intend to publish your paper.
   d. Information that is considered to be common knowledge does not need to be cited in a research paper.

19. What is an abstract?
   a. A short descriptive summary of an article
   b. An excerpt from the full-text of a book or an article
   c. The identifying information about a book, article, web page, or other published material
   d. A definition of a theoretical concept

20. Reference sources such as subject encyclopedias or dictionaries should be consulted when:
   a. you are looking for recent scholarly journal articles on your topic
   b. you are looking for in-depth information on your topic
   c. you are looking for introductory or background information on your topic.