



McDermott Library

The University of Texas at Dallas

Warm-up Exercise

1. Which of the following would be the reason to use the library's catalog:
(check all that apply)

- ☐ find the description of a UTD course
- ☐ find if the Library has a DVD on dinosaurs
- ☐ find if the Library has a book or journal
- ☐ find newspaper articles
- ☐ find the title of the driver's test booklet from the Texas Department of Public Safety
- ☐ find a list of maps owned by UT Austin Libraries
- ☐ find a link to the full-text of a book

2. You would use a database to: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ find if the library owns the journal *Wired*
- ☐ find a periodical article on a particular subject
- ☐ find the title of a doctoral dissertation
- ☐ find if a journal is scholarly or peer reviewed
- ☐ none of the above

3. Which of the following are helpful features of a database: (check all that apply)

- ☐ restrict your search to materials from a particular time period
- ☐ ability to export citations to a file
- ☐ restrict your search to a specific journal
- ☐ restrict your search to a particular language
- ☐ restrict your search to a particular author
- ☐ none of the above

4. Which of the following can you download to your computer from McDermott Library:
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ an article from Course Reserves
- ☐ an electronic article
- ☐ different sound recordings of Beethoven's 9th Symphony
- ☐ all of the above

5. Which of the following would require you to visit McDermott Library and pick up the item: (check all that apply)

- ☐ a book you requested from Interlibrary Loan
- ☐ a book on reserve
- ☐ any book
- ☐ a movie
- ☐ any book older than 1970
- ☐ the New York Times from December 15, 1900
- ☐ all of the above

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6. Which are the following reasons to avoid beginning your research on Google or Yahoo:

- ☐ need a list of scholarly articles
- ☐ need authoritative materials
- ☐ need to search all articles from a set of journals
- ☐ need up-to-date information about an organization

7. Which of the following are characteristics of scholarly literature:

- ☐ any book written by a faculty member
- ☐ any article written by a faculty member
- ☐ an article written by a faculty member and reviewed by another scholar
- ☐ any article with a bibliography
- ☐ an article from any journal in the library

8. What are the places you are most likely to find scholarly literature:

- ☐ on an association website
- ☐ the local bookstore
- ☐ in a journal database
- ☐ in the Dallas Morning News

9. Which of the following reasons explain why databases are considered helpful for research:

- ☐ Search for articles on a particular topic in a number of journals all at one time
- ☐ find the full-text of some articles online
- ☐ limit your search to scholarly materials
- ☐ all of the above

Best describes you:

I have had a tour of McDermott Library ☐ yes ☐ no

I have had instruction (something more than a tour) in the use of a library: (check all that apply)

☐ in high school ☐ at another college ☐ at UT Dallas Libraries

If at UTD, approximately how many times have you attended a library session: _____

My library instruction consisted of:

- ☐ A session I attended as part of a class
- ☐ A question I asked at the reference desk and the librarian helped me
- ☐ A special session I scheduled with a librarian

I am a ☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior ☐ master's student ☐ doctoral student ☐ other _____

I am enrolled in the School of:

- ☐ Arts and Humanities
- ☐ Behavioral and Brain Sciences
- ☐ Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
- ☐ Engineering and Computer Science
- ☐ General Studies
- ☐ Management
- ☐ Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- ☐ Other