APA Quiz

1. According to APA format, the list of references which appear at the end of your paper is called
   a) Bibliography
   b) Works Cited
   c) References
   d) Sources used
   e) List of references

2. The references at the end of your paper should appear
   a) in alphabetical order by authors’ surname or by title (if there is no author), regardless of type of reference (book, film journal article, website, etc.).
   b) under separate subheadings according to type of source.
   c) first under those with authors, then those without.
   d) numbered in the order in which they appear.

3. Identify the correct parenthetical citation for a quote that comes from page seven in this book:

   a) Every issue we see discussed on television appears to be set up as an argument: “In the argument culture, criticism, attack, or opposition are the predominant if not the only ways of responding to people or ideas” (Tannen, 1998, p. 7).

   b) Every issue we see discussed on television appears to be set up as an argument: “In the argument culture, criticism, attack, or opposition are the predominant if not the only ways of responding to people or ideas” (p. 7).

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c) Every issue we see discussed on television appears to be set up as an argument: “In the argument culture, criticism, attack, or opposition are the predominant if not the only ways of responding to people or ideas” (The argument culture, 1998, p. 7).

d) Every issue we see discussed on television appears to be set up as an argument: “In the argument culture, criticism, attack, or opposition are the predominant if not the only ways of responding to people or ideas” (Tannen 7).

4. Identify the correct parenthetical citation for a quote from page one hundred and three from this source:


a) According to Keaveney, “Before mid-millennium, Gen Xers will be the CEOs of the future” (103).

b) According to Keaveney, “Before mid-millennium, Gen Xers will be the CEOs of the future” (Keaveney, 2004, p. 103).

c) According to Keaveney, “Before mid-millennium, Gen Xers will be the CEOs of the future” (Brundage & Lahey, 2004, p. 103).

d) According to Keaveney (2004), “Before mid-millennium, Gen Xers will be the CEOs of the future” (p. 103).

e) According to Keaveney, “Before mid-millennium, Gen Xers will be the CEOs of the future” (S. Keaveney, “When MTV Goes CEO,” p. 103).

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


a) Therefore, readers need to remember that “the first post-colonial society to develop a ‘national’ literature was the USA” (Ashcroft et al., 1989, p. 15).

b) Therefore, readers need to remember that “the first post-colonial society to develop a ‘national’ literature was the USA” (Ashcroft, Griffiths, & Tiffin, 1989, p. 15).

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c) Therefore, readers need to remember that “the first post-colonial society to develop a ‘national’ literature was the USA” (Ashcroft, Griffiths & Tiffin, p. 15).

d) Therefore, readers need to remember that “the first post-colonial society to develop a ‘national’ literature was the USA” (The empire writes back, 1989, p. 15).

e) Therefore, readers need to remember that “[t]he first post-colonial society to develop a ‘national’ literature was the USA” (Ashcroft, Griffiths, and Tiffin 15).


a) Shaun White says that he is “sick of being called The Flying Tomato” (personal communication, February 20, 2006).

b) Shaun White says that he is “sick of being called The Flying Tomato” (White, February 20, 2006).

c) In an interview, Shaun White (2006) says he is “sick of being called The Flying Tomato.”

d) In an interview, Shaun White says he is “sick of being called The Flying Tomato” (Use your surname here because you interviewed him).

e) Shaun White says that he is “sick of being called The Flying Tomato.”

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

a) One of the ways that Baby Boomers and Gen Xers can get along in the workplace is to “[f]ace” their problems “squarely” by looking at them as “issues” that consider differences in “cultur[es]” (Keaveney, 2004, p. 103).

b) Managers work together by “facing the issue squarely and approaching Gen X workplace issues as issues of cultural diversity” (Keaveney, 2004, p. 103).

c) By “facing the issue squarely and approaching Gen X workplace issues as issues of cultural diversity,” managers from both generations will be able to work together (Keaveney, 2004, p. 103).

d) “Facing the issue squarely and approaching Gen X workplace issues as issues of cultural diversity” will help managers from both generations work together (Keaveney, 2004, p. 103).

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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 to fit into it grammatically and logically?

a) Historians have discovered that “machinists use[d] various tools on a daily basis” (Brown, 2003, p. 311).

b) Historians have discovered that “machinists use various tools...on a daily basis” (Brown, 2003, p. 311).

c) Historians have discovered that “machinists use[d] various tools on a daily basis” (Brown, 2003, p. 311).

d) Historians have discovered that “[M]achinists use various tools [...] on a daily basis” (Brown, 2003, p. 311).

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) In How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci, Michael Gelb (1998) claims that:

A healthy diet and aerobic, strength, and flexibility training are key elements in achieving and maintaining well-being, but your fitness regimen is incomplete without a constructive approach to body awareness, poise, and ambidexterity. These elements form the “missing link” in many fitness programs...Body image and awareness play a tremendous role in determining self-image and self-awareness. (p. 199)

b) In How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci, Michael Gelb (1998) claims that:

A healthy diet and aerobic, strength, and flexibility training are key elements in achieving and maintaining well-being, but your fitness regimen is incomplete without a constructive approach to body awareness, poise, and ambidexterity. These elements form the “missing link” in many fitness programs...Body image and awareness play a tremendous role in determining self-image and self-awareness. (p. 199)

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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) The current fashion of members of the younger generation owning their own businesses might water down the numbers of available potential low-ranking administrators; however, it might also supply a necessary means at a basic level for business to subcontract (Keaveney, 2004).

b) A necessary infrastructure for corporate outsourcing is provided even though the trend of members of the younger generation owning their own businesses is weakening the availability of potential executives (Keaveney, 2004).

c) Increasingly, members of the younger generation are becoming entrepreneurs rather than making themselves available to work their way up the management scale for an individual company; the difficulties this may cause for companies is offset by the services as subcontractors they can provide as outsourcing becomes more necessary and more common (Keaveney, 2004).

d) Companies will not be able to find enough people to hire who are junior management material, so they will have to subcontract the work instead (Keaveney, 2004).
11. The original quotation discussing melanoma treatment talks about “Thirty-one patients with histologically confirmed unresectable measurable metastatic melanoma [who] 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) Thirty-one people getting medical treatment with the confirmation by microscopic tissue study that their quantifiable, spreading skin cancer could not be removed by surgery were registered in the investigation (“Melanoma,” 2006, p. 372).

b) This study used thirty-one patients whose melanoma (a type of skin cancer) could not be removed by surgery and had obviously spread (“Melanoma,” 2006, p. 372).

c) Participants in this study all had melanoma (“Melanoma,” 2006, p. 372).

d) All the participants in the study (31) had microscopically established melanomas that were metastasizing and were not good candidates for surgical intervention (“Melanoma,” 2006, 372).


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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/~egibp/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?


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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?


d) You should not reference this source under References.

e) Home Interview, 2:00 p.m. Dr. Pat Sweeney. 10 Jan. 2006.

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