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Plagiarism Test

1. I found some great writing on a web site. I will just copy and paste it into my essay or homework. That is OK.

TRUE FALSE

2. I found some great writing on a web site. I will just copy and paste it into my essay or homework. I will put quotation marks around all the copied text. That is all I need.

TRUE FALSE

3. It is OK to copy text from a book or web site, so long as I paraphrase. If I change any of the words, it is not plagiarism.

TRUE FALSE

4. I found a new term on a web site I visited: "cognitive dissonance." It means having two or more ideas in your head which cannot all be true. It is a commonly used term, but I have never heard it before. I will use that in an essay, but I will not mention where I found it. This is OK.

TRUE FALSE

5. I read an article by a psychologist named Howard Gardner. In it, he described a theory he created called "Multiple Intelligences." The theory says that intelligence is not just one ability, but is divided into many different talents, such as "language intelligence," "musical intelligence," and so on. I will explain this theory in my essay, but I do not have to say who created it or where I found it. This is OK.

TRUE FALSE

6. My five-paragraph paper is due tomorrow, and I cannot finish it in time. I only can write two paragraphs. I have a better chance at a higher score if I just copy three paragraphs off the web and hand it in like that.

TRUE FALSE

7. I was asked to write an essay in my class this semester. It is very similar to an essay I wrote last year. I will just change the class and dates at the top and hand in my old essay. It is OK, because it is my own writing.

TRUE FALSE

8. I am writing an essay on the United States government. I did not know that the Vice President's name is Joe Biden. I had to look that up. However, that is common knowledge, so I do not need to add a citation to show where I got the information.
- TRUE FALSE
9. My friend came up with a great idea about how we could change the LCJ registration system to make it better. She explained the idea in detail. My friend is not a researcher or famous in any way, so I can use her idea without citing the source.
- TRUE FALSE
10. I learned a fact from a TV show last year. I want to use that fact in an essay I am writing. However, I can't remember the name of the TV show, or when it was broadcast. Because a citation is impossible, I don't have to write anything. I will just state the fact without a citation. That is OK.
- TRUE FALSE
11. I copied and pasted text from a web site into my essay. However, I did not think it was plagiarism when I did it. I can explain this to my teacher, and they will accept it.
- TRUE FALSE
12. I quoted someone, but I did not use quotation marks or give a citation. However, it was a mistake: I intended to make those changes, but I just forgot. Because it was a mistake, it is not plagiarism and I will not get a penalty.
- TRUE FALSE
13. It is OK if someone else writes my essay, so long as I pay them for it.
- TRUE FALSE
14. I want to use an image of the planet Jupiter. The image was taken by NASA. Photographs by NASA are in the "public domain" (they have no owner), therefore I do not need to give a citation for it.
- TRUE FALSE

15. I want to use material written by a professional writer. I contacted the writer and asked for permission to use it. The writer said it was OK. Therefore, I do not need to use quotation marks or give a citation.
- TRUE FALSE
16. I have information which I want to use in my essay. I am not sure if it is necessary to cite it or not. Therefore, to avoid trouble, I will not make a citation. That is the best way.
- TRUE FALSE
17. I wrote an essay with an idea I thought of. After I wrote my essay, I found that another person had the same idea. However, since I thought of the idea without help, I do not have to cite them.
- TRUE FALSE
18. I want to use two paragraphs of information from a book. I was able to summarize the information in two sentences. It now looks completely different. I do not need a citation.
- TRUE FALSE
19. I found some information on a web site. It was just a personal blog, not a professional or academic web site. However, I still must make a citation.
- TRUE FALSE
20. I want to use several paragraphs from another student's essay. The other student gave me permission. Therefore, no citation is necessary.
- TRUE FALSE
21. I want to use several paragraphs from another student's essay. The essay is more than 7 years old. Therefore, no citation is necessary.
- TRUE FALSE

22. My Persuasive Writing teacher asked me to write an essay. By coincidence, my Philosophy professor asked me to write a very similar essay this semester also. I will write one essay, and hand it in to both teachers. This is OK.

TRUE FALSE

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25. I was doing my homework with my friend. She had the better answers, so we mostly used her answers for both our homework assignments. I did not just copy them, we discussed them. Also, it was just 6 out of 10 answers. Therefore, it is OK.

TRUE FALSE

26. I was doing grammar correction homework with my friend. I made a mistake on two of the problems. My friend noticed them, and told me where I made mistakes. Now, our answers are exactly the same. However, my friend was just helping me, and I did not see her work. Therefore, it is OK.

TRUE FALSE

27. Any information, ideas, summaries, paraphrases, or quotations taken from someone else must be given a clear citation to show its source.

TRUE FALSE

I understand all of the information in this test, and in the materials I have received explaining plagiarism. I also understand the penalties for plagiarizing. I agree that I will not use any plagiarism in any of my work.

Signed: _____