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## Information Competency Proficiency Exam

**Directions:** This exam tests your abilities to determine your information needs, plan for research, and find, evaluate and cite information. There are two parts to this exam:

1. Part A which is **paper-copy** composed of:  
multiple choice items, some short answers and some matching items; and
2. Part B which is **online** at <Web address>. It involves your preparing for and conducting library and Web research.

Please give this exam your serious attention and do your best. You can take a break between Part A and Part B. It doesn't matter which part you do first, as long as you complete both parts.

Read the items **carefully** and if you think that more than one answer might be correct, **always select the BEST answer. Do not guess**

The following four questions will help us know more about your experience doing research. Circle your answers:

1. How long have you been at this community college?  
a. 1 - 2 semesters/terms   b. 3 - 4 semesters/terms   c. 5 - 6 semesters/terms   d. 7+ semesters/terms
2. What is your educational goal?  
a. get an AA/AS degree   b. get a job-related certificate   c. transfer to a 4-year institution  
d. continuing education for a job or possible job   e. personal interest/enrichment
3. Have you had any training or instruction in doing library or Web research?   YES   NO  
If you answered "Yes," what have you had? (Circle as many as apply to you)  
a. library orientation/workshop(s)   b. credit course   c. non-credit course  
d. librarian/instructor presentation to my class   e. librarian/teacher presentation in high school  
f. something else   Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
4. On a scale of **0 to 10**, with **zero being bad and ten being excellent**, how would you rate your library research skills in terms of being able to locate and evaluate information? Circle your response:  
0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10