MASSACHUSETTS ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 2 · 10 QUESTIONS

Informational Reading and Research — Practice Test

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1 **A footnote in a research source is most often used for what?**

- **A** To print the book cover
- **B** To show the price of a book
- **C** To give extra information or a citation at the bottom of a page
- **D** To list the chapters of a book, in order, so a reader can see the whole contents at a glance

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2 **A glossary in a book is most useful for what?**

- A Finding the page numbers of pictures, so a reader can turn straight to every illustration
- B Finding definitions of key terms used in the book
- C Finding the author's biography
- D Finding a list of other books to buy

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3 **A caption under a photograph or chart most often does what?**

- A Repeats the book title
- B Gives the author's opinion of the image
- C Lists unrelated facts
- D Explains what the image shows

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4 **Headings in an informational text most help a reader to do what?**

- A Skip the entire text
- B Memorize every word
- C Ignore the main ideas and skip straight to the end of the text
- D Find and preview sections of the text quickly

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5 **Which of the following is the strongest evidence for a claim?**

- A A statement from an unknown source, with no author named and no evidence shown to back it up
- B A fact about an unrelated topic
- C Relevant data from a reliable source that directly supports the claim
- D A personal feeling with no support

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6 **If two reliable sources disagree, a careful researcher should do what?**

- A Quote both without comment
- B Compare their evidence and methods before deciding which is stronger
- C Pick the source with the longer title, since a longer title shows the author did more research
- D Ignore both sources completely

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7 **Which search strategy would most narrow a search for information about river cleanup in Massachusetts?**

- A Using specific keywords such as Massachusetts river cleanup volunteers
- B Searching for the single word water, which returns results about water everywhere instead of narrowing to river cleanup
- C Searching for every topic at once
- D Searching without any keywords

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8 **An index in a nonfiction book is used for what?**

- A Finding the pages where a topic appears
- B Reading the story in order, from the first page to the last without skipping ahead
- C Listing the author's awards
- D Showing the book price

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9 **Why does the date of a source matter in research?**

- A Older sources are always wrong.
- B Older information may be outdated, especially on fast changing topics.
- C Newer sources are always longer, so a recent source can be trusted on length alone
- D Dates are only decoration.

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10 **A secondary source is best defined as what?**

A. A source that analyzes or interprets evidence gathered by others

B. A source written by an eyewitness who was there and saw everything happen firsthand

C. A source with no author

D. A source that contains only pictures

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. A

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