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March 1, 2019: Library Instruction Summary

GLY 6739 - History of Geology 2019 - Summary of Questions and Multiple-Choice Responses

Q2 - Which of the following type of database provides access to a wide range of publishers, and/or content types:

OUTCOME: Topic related to an identified objective, only 66% got this correct.

NEXT STEPS: I will need to focus more on this language and concept, or change to focus on other elements of databases and their content.

Q3 - Which of these resources includes information on bibliographic citations in a number of subject areas based on the SCI, SSCI, and ACHI indexes (and it includes the JCR):

OUTCOME: This relates to an objective from one of the 5 lectures I was permitted to provide for this semester long class. Only 33% got this correct (the answer should have been Web of Science).

NEXT STEPS: This may be putting the focus on the wrong element in doing the assessment, but I was surprised by the low number of correct answers.

Q4 - Of these major databases that may be used to track citations, h-indexes, and scholars, which is the largest, but least controlled "sea of information"?

OUTCOME: Part of one of the library-led session objectives, 83% got this correct (the answer is Google Scholar).

Q5 - In order to find information on the academic status, indexing resources, and publication regularity of a particular journal, a good resource to use would be:

OUTCOME: Question was problematic for the respondents, despite my focus on the resource that should have been selected as the answer (Ulrich's). Only 33% got this correct, with the other choices (Scopus and SciMago) providing (in my opinion) much different functions.

NEXT STEPS: This may again be a nomenclature issue, or I will have to refocus in future opportunities.