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Reference – Directories, Almanacs, Yearbooks, and

Handbooks Assignment

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1. What are the principal religions of Japan?

ANSWER

Shintoist and Buddhist 84%, Other 16% (including Christian 0.7%).

SOURCE

Pearson Education. (2005). Japan. Retrieved March 30, 2005, from InfoPlease Almanacs Web site: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107666.html>

PROCESS: The textbook identified this online resource for this type of search. I searched for the term Japan Religion under General Almanacs which yielded the desired result.

2. What were the seven wonders of the ancient world? Are any of them still standing?

ANSWER

The Seven Wonders of the World in ancient classification are:

1. Pyramids of Egypt
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon
3. Status of Zeus at Olympia
4. Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
5. Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
6. Colossus at Rhodes
7. Pharos of Alexandria

Of all the ancient wonders only the pyramids are still standing. All others have been destroyed or lost.

SOURCE

Pearson Education. (2005). The Seven Wonders of the World. Retrieved March 30, 2005, from InfoPlease Almanacs Web site: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001327.html>

PROCESS: The textbook identified this online resource for this type of search. A search for the term Seven Wonders of the World in General Almanacs, yielded several results in almanacs, encyclopedia, and dictionary. I selected the almanac entry as it was the most comprehensive.

3. Who won the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting in 1989? For which newspaper?

ANSWER

Bill Dedman of Atlanta Journal and Constitution for his investigation of the racial discrimination practiced by lending institutions in Atlanta. His reporting led to significant reforms in lending policies.

SOURCE

The Pulitzer Prizes. (2005). The Pulitzer Prize Winners 1989 Journalism. Retrieved March 31, 2005, from Web site: <http://www.pulitzer.org/cyear/1989w.html>

PROCESS: I logged in to the Library Catalog of SJPL/King Library. In there I searched for the yearbook Britannica Book of the Year as the textbook identified this resource as helpful for this type of search and the access is free for library users.

Once logged in, I searched for the term Pulitzer Journalism 1989. I then selected the heading The Web's Best Sites identified by the search, and selected The Pulitzer Prizes which took me to the Pulitzer organization's website, where a click on the year in question, listed all the winners for 1989.

4. Who publishes the Journal of College Student Development (specifically, what press publishes the journal, and under the auspices of which professional association)? What was its former name, and when did it change titles?

ANSWER

It is published by The Johns Hopkins University Press, Journals Publishing Division under the auspices of the American College Personnel Association. The journal was previously published as *Journal of College Student Personnel*. The publication name was changed in 1987.

SOURCE

R. R. Bowker. (2003, November). *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory 2004*. New Providence: R. R. Bowker.

PROCESS:

The textbook identified Publishers Directory as a useful resource. Since none of my three local libraries carry it and it is not available freely online, I inquired at the reference desk of the Burlingame Public Library for a directory where I could locate scholarly journals and their publishers.

I was directed towards Ulrich's Periodicals Directory which is a wonderful source. A quick search in the index volume by the journal name directed me to volume 4 of the directory where a wealth of data regarding this journal awaited.

5. A patron comes to the desk and tells you that she has been suffering from nausea. She's afraid that she may have a bezoar. What is a bezoar? What can you tell her about how a doctor might diagnose this condition? What are the common treatments?

ANSWER

A bezoar is a tightly packed collection or concretion of partially digested or undigested material that remains in the stomach indefinitely. It can contain, hair, food matter or medication. Bezoars are usually detected via x-rays, abdominal ultrasound, and catscan. A definitive diagnosis is done by endoscopic biopsy.

Treatments range from adopting measurements to try and dissolve the collections (liquid diet, gastric suction and lavage, chemical regimen) to surgery or endoscopic fragmentation in order to remove them.

SOURCE

Merck & Co. (2005). Bezoars. Retrieved 31 March, 2005 from The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy Web site:

http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/CVMHighLight?file=/mrkshared/mmanual/section3/chapter24/24b.jsp%3Fregion%3Dmerckcom&word=bezoar&domain=www.merck.com#hl_anchor

PROCESS: The textbook identified The Merck Manual as a good resource on sickness, health, and medicine. The manual is available freely on the Web. A search for the term Bezoar yielded information on condition description, etiology, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.

6. What is the melting point of silver (in degrees Celsius)?

ANSWER

961.78°C

SOURCES

Pearson Education. (2005). Chemical Elements Table. Retrieved March 30, 2005, from InfoPlease Almanacs Web site: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001826.html>

PROCESS: The textbook identified this as a good resource for this type of search. At Infoplease, I searched for Silver under Almanacs which yielded several results. I selected the Chemical Elements Table listed and looked for the data next to the element's name.

7. Who won the 2001 presidential election in Chad? With what percentage of the vote? What party did the winner represent?

ANSWER

President Idriss Deby, representing the Patriotic Salvation Movement (MPS) party, won the presidential election of 2001 by 63% of the vote.

SOURCE

The World Factbook. (2005). Chad. Retrieved 4 April, 2005 from
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/cd.html#Govt>

PROCESS: The textbook identified The CIA World Factbook as a resource when quick facts on countries, governments, and politics are needed. I accessed it for free on the web. From the pull down menu of countries, I selected Chad and then Government.

8. Is there a national organization for people interested in the preservation of lighthouses? Can you give me a contact address or e-mail so that I can join?

ANSWER

Here are 2 of such organizations:

Cameron Preservation Alliance – Sabine Pass Lighthouse

Primary contact: Carolyn Thibodeaux

PO Box 590

Cameron, LA 70631-0590

P 337.775.5046

Seashore_ct@yahoo.com

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society

Primary contact: Jeri Baron Feltner

PO Box 519

De Tour Village, MI 49725-0519

P 906.493.6079

jeribaron@aol.com

www.drtps.com

SOURCE

Thomson Gale. (2005). Retrieved April 4, 2005, from Associations Unlimited Web site:

<http://mill1.sjlibrary.org/search/X%22encyclopedia+of+associations%22&searchscope=1&SORT=A/X%22encyclopedia+of+associations%22&searchscope=1&SORT=A&extended=0/1%2C6%2C6%2CB/1856&FF=X%22encyclopedia+of+associations%22&1%2C1%2C%2C1%2C0>

PROCESS:

At the SJSU/King Library website I searched the Library Catalog for the Encyclopedia of Associations as identified by the text book. However, it was not available online.

The first entry Associations Unlimited from Thomson Gale, although not for this searched directory, is available online and it is free to library users so I clicked on it and searched for the term Lighthouse Preservation.

9. Which property on a standard Monopoly board is most often landed on?

ANSWER

Illinois Avenue.

SOURCE

Arneson, E. (n.d.). How to Win at Monopoly. Retrieved April 5, 2005 from About.com Web site:
http://boardgames.about.com/cs/monopoly/ht/win_monopoly.htm

PROCESS:

None of my 3 local libraries carry updated copies of the World Almanac and Book of Facts so a search for this theme was not fruitful.

The textbook also identified the Internet Public Library as an alternative resource which is also free to access. I searched for the term Monopoly under the Games section of the Entertainment Subject Collection. The search yielded 2 results one of which About.com: Board Games was the one I selected.

Once in About.com, I selected the article How to Win at Monopoly which gives the answer to this question in paragraph #3.

10. Where can I get a Master's of Science degree in Creative Studies?

ANSWER

An MSCS can be pursued at Buffalo State University of New York, NY.

SOURCE

Peterson's Guides. (2004, November). *Graduate & Professional Programs: An Overview*.
Lawrenceville: Thomson Peterson's.

PROCESS

At the Burlingame Public Library I looked for *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook* and *The College Blue Book* as these are resources identified in the textbook. The library does not have a physical copy so I located this alternate resource. Looking for the major I was able to locate the school that offers it.