

APA Comprehension Test

Part 1.

(/ 4 marks)

In-text Citations

Directions: Look at the examples of in-text citations. Which of them are written correctly?

1. Adams, T. (2009). *Advantages of small loans*. NY, NY: St. Martin's Press.

- A. (Adams 2009)
- B. (Advantages of Small Loans, 2009)
- C. (Adams T., 2009)
- D. (Adams, 2009)

2. Benefits of Grameen Loans. (2011, October 17). Retrieved from <http://www.microfinancing.com>

- A. (Benefits of Grameen Loans, n.d.)
- B. (Microfinancing.com, 2011)
- C. (Benefits of Grameen Loans, 2011)
- D. (Benefits of Grameen Loans, (October 17)

3. Rowell, M. (2016, April 26). What it's like to live in the world's most polluted city. *National Geographic*. Retrieved from <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/04/160425-new-delhi-most-polluted-city-matthieu-paley/>

- A. [Rowell, (2016)]
- B. (Rowell, 2016)
- C. (National Geographic,2016)
- D. (Rowell M. 2016)

4. Klein, C. Hanging gardens existed, but not in Babylon. *History*. Retrieved from <http://www.history.com/news/hanging-gardens-existed-but-not-in-babylon>

- A. (Klein, n.d)
- B. (Klein, N.D.)
- C. (Klein, nd)
- D. (Klein, n.d.)

Part 2. (/ 5 marks)
True & False Sentences

Directions: Read the sentences and write **T** for true and **F** for false in the column.

| | T or F |
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| 1. It is important to use citations and references because it shows you did the reading and lets others know where your information came from. | T |
| 2. A reference is short information given in parenthesis in the body of a text and a citation is a list of sources that is found in the last page of the research paper. | |
| 3. There are many types of citation styles besides APA to document sources like books, newspapers, and websites. | |
| 4. When writing a citation, it is important to use the first name of the writer. | |
| 5. Citations are not needed when writing about specific data and statistics. | |
| 6. Citations need to be used when writing about opinions from experts or researchers. | |

Part 3. (/ 7 marks)
Use of Citations

Directions: Read these sentences about the Mosque of Cordoba. Which ones need a citation? Underline **Yes** if the information needs an in-text citation. **No** if it does not.

| | Yes or No |
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| 1. Andalusia is a region in southern Spain, which borders Morocco. | Yes or <u>No</u> |
| 2. Within Andalusia, there is a historic mosque that is known as the Grand Mosque of Cordoba. | Yes or No |
| 3. Research shows that Cordoba was the capital of the Spanish Muslim Dynasty of the Ummayyads from 756 until 1031. | Yes or No |
| 4. Many tourists like to visit the Mosque of Cordoba because it is a beautiful and creative example of Islamic art. | Yes or No |
| 5. Experts state that the area of the mosque is over 24,000 square meters with 856 columns. | Yes or No |
| 6. The Grand Mosque of Cordoba is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. | Yes or No |
| 7. Al Jazeera News reported that 1.5 million people visit the Mosque of Cordoba each year. | Yes or No |
| 8. Professors of Islamic studies state that the Mosque of Cordoba is important because it is now a symbol of harmony and peace. | Yes or No |

Part 4. (/ 4 marks)
Use of Citations

Directions: Read the short paragraph below. Which 2 sentences need an in-text citation? Choose the numbers of the sentences that need in-text citations. Then, explain why a citation is necessary.

Southern Spain is a popular place for tourists to visit because it has a long, rich history.^(1.) There are many famous places to see such as the Mosque of Cordoba, the Plaza of Seville, and the Alhambra Palace.^(2.) The Alhambra Palace takes its name from Arabic *al-qala'a al-hamra*.^(3.) It is located in Granada and was built during the 11th century.^(4.) Dr. Rafael Coronado at the University of Seville claims that Alhambra is one of the most significant sites of Spain's Moorish heritage.^(5.) Most people like to visit Alhambra to see the Lion's Fountain or the famous gardens.^(6.) Other tourists like to view the central palace or the Chamber of the Ambassadors.^(7.) Alhambra is an important palace because it is beautiful example of Islamic architecture.^(8.) Studies done by the local government found that there are an estimated 6000 visitors per day at Alhambra in summer.^(9.)

1. Which 2 sentences need to include a citation? _____
2. Why? _____

Part 5. (/ 7 marks)

Directions: Look at the APA reference list below. Write the in-text citation for the reference in the table. One has been done for you as an example.

| | In-text Citation |
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| 1. | (Ancient Babylonians, 2016) |
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