PRINT RESOURCES ASSIGNMENT 1: REFERENCE RESOURCES, DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION, & PERIODICALS

Why, why, why???
People often ask why print resources are needed. They ask “can’t you just find everything online?”

In many cases, that is possible but… there are a number of unique reference items that have not been placed on the web.

Also, there may be a time when you do not have access to the web (for example, during a power outage) or just need a quick answer to a question. In these cases and more, print materials can be very useful resources.

Reference resources are meant to be used to look up a fact or get an overview of a topic. They are usually not meant to be read “cover to cover.”

Part 1: Reference Resources

You will need to visit the reference area of the library to complete Part 1 of this assignment.

To answer the questions, you will need to: 1) provide a definition to the identified reference resource, 2) find an example of this resource, 3) list the Dewey call number, and 4) answer a question using the resource.

The Dewey Decimal call number will be found on the spine of the book. The call numbers are used to organize the books on the library shelves. Dewey call numbers organize the books by subject. An “R” is placed in front of the call number for resources found in the reference area. Here is an example: R 641.234 L123I

There is also a listing of selected reference resources (along with Dewey Decimal call numbers) in the handouts booklet that can help you locate these resources in the library.

1. What is an almanac?

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: _________________________________

What is the Dewey call number of this resource? _________________________________

2. What is a dictionary?

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: _________________________________

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? ____________________________
Look up a word you are unfamiliar with. What is the word? ___________________________________

What is the definition of the word you chose? ______________________________________________

3. **What is a thesaurus?** _______________________________________________________________

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Name a book that is this type of reference resource: ________________________________________

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? _________________________________

Look up the word you chose above for the dictionary question. What is one synonym?

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**Part 2: Dewey Decimal Call Number Classification**

For this part of the assignment, you will need to visit the library. Go to the library book shelves for a particular Dewey Decimal call number to find what subjects are found in that section.

Circle the correct answer to the following questions (the first question is answered for you):

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<th>1. In which library section would you find a cookbook? (i.e., go to the section where the 900s, 700s, 600s, and 300s are found to find the correct answer).</th>
<th>900s</th>
<th>700s</th>
<th><strong>600s</strong></th>
<th>300s</th>
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<td>2. Where would you find a book about psychology?</td>
<td>700s</td>
<td>400s</td>
<td>900s</td>
<td>100s</td>
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<td>3. In which library section would you find a book about mathematics?</td>
<td>500s</td>
<td>800s</td>
<td>900s</td>
<td>700s</td>
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<td>4. In which library section would you find a book about what to do while vacationing in New York City?</td>
<td>900s</td>
<td>700s</td>
<td>000s</td>
<td>500s</td>
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<td>5. In which library section would you find a book on business management?</td>
<td>000s</td>
<td>600s</td>
<td>800s</td>
<td>200s</td>
</tr>
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<td>6. In which library section would you find books about legal studies?</td>
<td>100s</td>
<td>900s</td>
<td>300s</td>
<td>800s</td>
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Part 3: Print Periodicals

For this part of the assignment, you will need to visit the periodicals section of the library.

1. What is the definition of “peer-reviewed?”

2. What type of periodical often contains “peer-reviewed” articles? (Circle one):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

3. What type of periodical is written for practitioners in a field of study? (Circle one):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

4. What types of periodicals are often illustrated and contain advertisements? (Circle two):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

5. Find a print copy of *Restaurant Start-Up and Growth* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical?
   - Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements?
   - Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies?
   - Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices?
   - Is the periodical published by a professional organization?
   - What type of periodical is *Restaurant Start-Up and Growth*? (Circle one):
     - Scholarly Journal
     - Popular Magazine
     - Trade Publication

6. Find a print copy of *Time* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical?
   - Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements?
   - Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies?
   - Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices?
   - Is the periodical published by a professional organization?
   - What type of periodical is *Time*? (Circle one):
     - Scholarly Journal
     - Popular Magazine
     - Trade Publication

7. Find a print copy of the *American Economic Review* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical?
   - Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements?
   - Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies?
   - Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices?
   - Is the periodical published by a professional organization?
   - What type of periodical is *American Economic Review*? (Circle one):
     - Scholarly Journal
     - Popular Magazine
     - Trade Publication