

**Quiz: Reporting and Interviewing**  
**Faculty member: Jamie Greber**

- 1. Which of the following should students consider when seeking out sources for stories?**
  - a. Experts
  - b. Real people
  - c. Diverse viewpoints
  - d. All of the above
  
- 2. If a student is working on a story about pollution from a nearby power plant, which of the following sources might you consider leaving out of the story or calling back for a follow-up interview before running his or her comments?**
  - a. A biology teacher who has given the student research explaining the effects of pollution
  - b. A student who has actively participated in rallies calling for investment in alternative energy sources
  - c. A local college researcher who gave quotes about the plant and pollution, but the reporter also found has done paid work for a large energy company they didn't tell the reporter about
  - d. A student who frequently attends lectures about energy issues and gives the reporter references to scientists who lobby the government on energy issues
  - e. A power plant executive who denies the allegations of pollution and says the concerns are unfounded
  
- 3. Which of the following would be considered an open-ended question?**
  - a. Who scored the game-winning shot in the basketball game?
  - b. When the buzzer-beater ended, describe your reaction.
  - c. In the final moments of the game, were you nervous?
  - d. Where was your family in the final moments of the game?
  - e. What was the score of the game?
  
- 4. A student reporter is going to interview the mother of another student who died recently. What advice could you give that student to help them gather quotes?**
  - a. Ask the same question in the same way, multiple times
  - b. Come with a prepared list of questions and stick to that list exactly
  - c. Write down every word of what the student's mother said
  - d. Quickly move from question to question so that the reporter can get the interview finished quickly and not inconvenience the mother
  - e. Listen and move through awkward moments of silence by letting the mother take her time answering

- 5. True or False: Reporters should think of interviews like interrogations.**
- True
  - False
- 6. A student is writing a story about the school district proposing a bond issue to help build a new elementary school. The student plans to talk about the school board's discussion, possible financial impact to taxpayers, and the current state of the elementary school enrollment within the district. Which of the following sources could be left out of that story?**
- The superintendent
  - The school board president
  - The elementary school principal
  - A superintendent from a neighboring district
  - A homeowner
- 7. True or False: Off-the-record sources are never valuable because you can't report what they say.**
- 8. A student reporter calls the superintendent to ask about a controversy surrounding the school's current mascot, the Indians. The student explains he or she is writing an article for the school newspaper. The superintendent tells the student about the history of the mascot and then gives a personal opinion, stating he does not think people should be so worried about the mascot. The superintendent then says that comment was off-the-record. Which of the following statements is true about what the paper can print?**
- The paper can print the superintendent's comment because the off-the-record demand was made after the comment.
  - The paper cannot print the superintendent's comment because he said it was off-the-record.
  - The paper cannot print the comment because there was an agreement that the conversation was off-the-record.
  - The paper can print the comment because it will make the superintendent look bad.
  - The paper can print the comment because the student identified himself or herself as a reporter.
- 9. How might a student fact-check what a source told him or her?**
- Google the source's name and previous work
  - Call other sources the initial source named in the interview
  - Independently gather documents that support or go against the source's statements
  - All of the above

- 10. True or False: A reporter can and should deviate from their original list of questions during an interview.**
- a. True
  - b. False