OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS in CONTEXT®: ASSIGNMENT

Please go to the Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context® database to complete the assignment below.

(NOTE: See instructions in the handout booklet for logging in to Opposing Viewpoints in Context®. Once you get to the main Gale Databases screen, do not use that search box. Click the link to Opposing Viewpoints in Context®. Otherwise, you will be searching BOTH Opposing Viewpoints in Context® and Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking®. Again, be sure to click the link to Opposing Viewpoints in Context).

PERFORMING A BASIC SEARCH:

1. **In the SEARCH box, type in the word: acupuncture.**
   - Click SEARCH. You will retrieve a search results page. Look to the left of the page under EVERYTHING.
   - You will see a listing of results in a variety of formats. Look at the VIEWPOINTS results (NOTE: This is not the Featured Viewpoints).

   How many VIEWPOINT ESSAYS did you retrieve? ______________
   (HINT: Remember, look to the left of the page under EVERYTHING for Viewpoints).

   Click the VIEWPOINTS link. Find the VIEWPOINTS ESSAY: "Acupuncture is Suitable for Treating a Wide Range of Conditions. (HINT: Scroll down the page until you locate the article. You may have to search more than one page).

   Within the essay there is a section entitled: “Benefits of Acupuncture.”

   USING THE ESSAY, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

   ♦ What organization recommends “acupuncture as an effective treatment for over forty medical problems?” ________________________________

   ♦ Is acupuncture generally more effective when used as a preventive treatment than as a treatment used for an acute health condition? Yes or No? ______________

   ♦ What type of medicine “does not draw a sharp line, as Western medicine does, between mind and body?” ________________________________

2. **Return to the topic page for ACUPUNCTURE (HINT: click the Search Results link near the top left of the page).** Find the total results for other formats. (NOTE: Look under EVERYTHING).

   How many NEWS results did you retrieve? __________________________
Look for results under MAGAZINES. How many magazine articles are listed? ________

Look for results under ACADEMIC JOURNALS. How many articles are listed? ________

Look for results under REFERENCE. How many reference results are listed? ________

Click on the REFERENCE link. Locate the REFERENCE source “Complementary and Alternative Medicine” found in the publication Health and Wellness, 2013.

Using this reference source, look for the section titled “The Growing Popularity of CAM.” Fill in the blanks below:

- “Citing data from the 2002 and 2007 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), the NNCAM reports that in 2002, ______________% of American adults used CAM approaches, and in 2007 about ___________% of adults and ______________% of children used some form of CAM.”

PERFORMING A BROWSE ISSUES SEARCH:

3. Perform a BROWSE ISSUES search on the issue of ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE. (HINT: Click the BROWSE ISSUES tab at the top of the page. A listing of issues will appear. Use the dropdown menu next to Choose a Category to select View All. Then… scroll down and click on ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE).

Look to the lower right of the screen. Scroll down and locate RELATED TOPICS. Name three of the listed related topics.

1. __________________________________________________________

2. _________________________________________________________

3. _________________________________________________________

4. Return to the BROWSE ISSUES list. Use the dropdown menu next to Choose a Category to select View All. Then… scroll down and select HEALTH CARE ISSUES.

Once at the Health Care Issues page, scroll down and click on the INTERACTIVE MAP (HINT: It will be found on the right side of the page).

This map indicates the percentage of the population without health insurance coverage. Look for the percentage of uninsured people in the state of Kentucky for the years 2005-2007. (HINT: Be sure and select Years 2005-2007. Put your mouse cursor over Kentucky).

What is the answer? ________________________________________________
5. Return to the BROWSE ISSUES page. Use the dropdown menu next to Choose a Category to select View All. Scroll down and select the issue of MEDICAL CARE. Once at the Medical Care page, look for the STATISTICS section. At the STATISTICS section, click the “VIEW ALL” link. At the next page, click the link to AMERICAN TEENS’ OPINIONS ON THE MOST URGENT HEALTH PROBLEM FACING THE COUNTRY. According to this chart, what three medical conditions did teens consider were the most urgent health problem facing the country, December 5, 2005 – January 16, 2006?
   1) __________________________
   2) __________________________
   3) __________________________

LOOKING AT THE RESOURCES AREA OF OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS:

6. Click the RESOURCES tab near the top of the page. You will be taken to the RESOURCES AREA. Scroll down and click on TOOLS FOR GETTING STARTED AND WRAPPING UP, found under the Students’ Section.

Click HOW TO JUDGE INFORMATION found under TOOLS FOR GETTING STARTED. Different types of sources are listed. Name three out of the five sources that are discussed:

   o __________________________
   o __________________________
   o __________________________

What are some of the questions to ask yourself when you judge information? Please name three of the questions:

   o __________________________
   o __________________________
   o __________________________