

**Government Information & Statistics
Quiz
Answers**

Each question is worth 10 points.

1. The web address extension (domain) for government information is:
 - a. .go
 - b. .gvt
 - c. .gv
 - d. can use all of the above
 - e. none of the above

Answer: e

Comment for incorrect answer a, b, or c: Close, but actually, it's .gov, so the correct answer here is e--none of the above.

Comment for incorrect answer d: Nice try, but addressing protocol isn't that flexible. The correct domain is .gov, so the answer here is e--none of the above.

Comment for correct answer e: Right! The correct domain is .gov, used mostly for federal government and also for a few state governments (including California).

2. The Environmental Protection Agency is part of the:
 - a. Judicial Branch
 - b. Executive Branch
 - c. Legislative Branch

Answer: b

Comment for incorrect answer a or c: A quick check of the US Government manual reveals that the EPA was established in 1970 in the executive branch.

Comment for correct answer b: Right! (Did you look in the US Government Manual for this, or did you know it already?)

3. FirstGov is a commercial website.

True False

Answer: False

Comment for incorrect answer true: Actually, it's not. You can tell because the address is firstgov.gov -- a domain only given to governmental agencies.

Comment for correct answer false: That's right, it's an official government site. Because the federal government has bought the domains firstgov.com, firstgov.net, and firstgov.org – all those addresses go to firstgov.gov. They neglected to do this with the domains for the Whitehouse site.

4. From a link on the California state home page, you can make an appointment with your local office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

True False

Answer: True

Comment for correct answer true: Right, you can, except that there are some offices that do not accept appointments for certain things. The website will tell you whether you can make an appointment for something when you choose an office.

Comment for incorrect answer false: You can, most of the time. There are some offices that do not accept appointments for certain things. The website will tell you whether you can make an appointment for something when you choose an office.

5. The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* gives information about:
- federal loans to corporations
 - federal grants to individuals and organizations
 - federal programs for states and other government entities, like libraries
 - federal aid to persons in other countries wishing to hire housemaids from the US
 - a, b, & c, but not d

Answer: e

Comment for incorrect answer a, b, or c: Yes, this information is there, but all other forms of assistance given by the federal government to anyone or anything inside the United States is also listed. So the answer is e.

Comment for incorrect answer d: The "domestic assistance" might sound like that, but it really refers to the fact that the money is for persons, organizations and businesses inside the US. The answer is e.

Comment for correct answer e: Right!

6. In what section of the *US Statistical Abstract* can you find information on the cost of living index?
- a. Prices
 - b. Labor force, employment, and earnings
 - c. Natural resources

Answer: a

Comment for correct answer a: Right! It's closely tied to the Consumer Price Index, so it is found near that.

Comment for incorrect answer b: It might seem to be related to this, but a check of the index shows that it is in the section on prices.

Comment for incorrect answer c: The cost of living index is closely tied to the Consumer Price Index, so it is found near that, in the section on prices.

7. The index of the *U.S. Statistical Abstract* provides you with the page number where you will find the information you are seeking.
- True False

Answer: False

Comment for incorrect answer true: No, the index shows table numbers.

Comment for correct answer false: Right, the index shows table numbers.

8. The *California Statistical Abstract* provides lots of data by city.
- True False

Answer: False

Comment for incorrect answer true: Unfortunately, most of the data is by county. You can get population figures for cities and towns, but they are largely taken from the Department of Finance, so you might as well go directly to that source and get the latest numbers.

Comment for correct answer false: That's correct, it's mostly by county. Statistics on the city level are hard to come by, other than just population. That's one of the things that makes census information so valuable.

9. The California Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit provides projections for California population by county.
- True False

Answer: True

Comment for correct answer true: Yes, they do. As of October 2004, projections are made through 2050.

Comment for incorrect answer false: Yes, they do. As of October 2004, projections are made through 2050.

10. The *World Fact Book* is published by:
- a. The United Nations
 - b. The Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - c. The Central Intelligence Agency
 - d. Microsoft

Answer: c

Comment for incorrect answer a: The UN does publish a wealth of information on countries of the world, but this one is from the US' Central Intelligence Agency.

Comment for incorrect answer b: The FBI generally concerns itself with domestic security, though lines are being blurred somewhat since the birth of the Department of Homeland Security. This work is published by the CIA.

Comment for correct answer c: That's correct.

Comment for incorrect answer d: We put this one in to see if you were sleeping ;-). It's the CIA.