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The following paragraph was written on August 25, 2017. Some of the questions in this quiz illustrate correct and incorrect use of words and ideas from “Stealing from Themselves.”

Stealing from Themselves

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Thieves hurt other people, as well as themselves. If a thief steals a tomato from a neighbor’s yard, the thief will only be eating someone else’s food, rather than creatively choosing seeds, growing new plants, caring for tomatoes as they grow, and enjoying the sight and taste of a product made through one’s own hard work. When a thief steals and eats a neighbor’s tomato, the thief’s mouth will not be smiling, but will instead be frowning with guilt. The tomato will not taste as good as the one eaten by the honest gardener, who will be smiling joyfully over the beauty and taste of his/her completed product. Because thieves do not have honesty and skills, they will think of themselves in very negative ways. Thief Smith, for example, said: “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person. I also can’t grow plants. I’m not creative. I’m not hard working.” Even brand-new gardeners who do not yet have a lot of skills will think of themselves in a much more positive way. New gardeners will also quickly become skillful through research, practice, and experience. The creation of even one great tomato will make a new gardener very happy and proud of him/herself. More honesty and less theft will result in increased positive experiences for everyone.

1. Which of the following quotation(s) from “Stealing from Themselves” is/are correctly done?
 - a. “New gardeners will also quickly become skillful through research, practice, and experience” (Petit 1).
 - b. “New gardeners will also quickly become skillful through research, practice, and experience.” (Petit, p. 1).
 - c. “Gardeners like me will become skillful through research, practice, and experience” (Petit 1).
 - d. “New gardeners [like myself] will . . . become skillful through research, practice, and experience” (Petit 1).
 - e. Both a and d are correct.
2. The following quotations use lead-in phrases. Which example(s) is/are correctly done?
 - a. Petit says, “More honesty and less theft will result in increased positive experiences for everyone” (1).
 - b. Petit says, “More honesty and less theft will result in increased positive experiences for everyone” (p. 1).
 - c. In “Stealing from Themselves,” Dr. Karen Petit says, “More honesty and less theft will result in increased positive experiences for everyone” (1).
 - d. In “Stealing from Themselves,” Dr. Karen Petit says that more honesty and less theft will result in increased positive experiences for everyone (p. 1).
 - e. Both a and c are correct.

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3. A student wants to use an indirect quote from “Stealing from Themselves” in his/her research paper. Which one of these is correctly done?
- “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person” (Smith, qtd. in Petit 1).
 - “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person” (Petit, 1).
 - “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person” (Petit, p. 1).
 - “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person” (Smith, qtd. in Petit, p. 1).
 - “I’m stealing food from my hungry neighbors, so I’m a really bad person” (Smith and Petit 1).
4. Here is a quote from the paragraph about thieves by Petit: “Thieves hurt other people, as well as themselves.” A correctly done paraphrase of this quote would be:
- Thieves hurt many people, as well as themselves.
 - Many people, in addition to the thieves, are injured by theft.
 - Thieves hurt many people, as well as themselves (Petit 1).
 - Many people, in addition to the thieves, are injured by theft (Petit 1).
 - Both a and b are correct.
5. Here is a quote from the paragraph about thieves by Petit: “When a thief steals and eats a neighbor’s tomato, the thief’s mouth will not be smiling, but will instead be frowning with guilt. The tomato will not taste as good as the one eaten by the honest gardener, who will be smiling joyfully over the beauty and taste of his/her completed product.” A correctly done summary of this quote would be:
- Theft will make people cry and dislike tomatoes (Petit 1).
 - Theft of a tomato will result in the thief frowning, rather than smiling like the gardener (Petit 1).
 - A thief’s mouth will not be smiling, but will instead be frowning.
 - A thief’s mouth will not be smiling, but will instead be frowning (Petit 1).
 - Both a and b are correct.
6. For in-text citations, what should be done if multiple authors have written an article or a book together?
- Alphabetical order should be used to arrange the names inside the parenthesis. After the names, a page number is needed.
 - The first author’s name should be listed first, and the second author’s name should be listed second. All the other names should then be included, as well as a page number.
 - If three or more authors have written an article or a book together, the first author’s name is needed, followed by “et al.” and the page number.
 - None of the authors’ names should be listed; the title and the page number should instead be put into the parenthesis.
 - Only commas should be used to separate the names from each other. The word “and” should not be used in the parenthesis.

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7. In addition to a page number, what should be included in a citation if the original source does not list an author's name?
 - a. The words "no author" should be in the parenthesis or the lead-in phrase.
 - b. The source will be common knowledge, so no source information is needed.
 - c. An organization's name or a title should be included in the parenthesis or the lead-in phrase.
 - d. A make-believe name, such as "Smith," should be used.
 - e. A website's URL should be included in the parenthesis or the lead-in phrase.
8. What happens if a source on the internet is used? Should a page number be included in the citation?
 - a. No, a page number should never be included for internet sources. Only the author's name is needed.
 - b. Page number "1" should be put in the parenthesis after the author's last name.
 - c. If the source is a PDF file that is an exact copy of an original paper version, then the page number should be included after the author's last name.
 - d. A fictional page number can be used, such as number "20" for a long webpage.
 - e. The abbreviation for "no page"—"np."—should be put into the parenthesis.
9. Which one of the following examples has the correct order and punctuation needed for the core elements in Works Cited entries?
 - a. Author. Title of source. Title of container(s), information about each container (such as other contributors, version, number, publisher, date, and web address). Date of access.
 - b. Author, title of source, title of container(s), information about each container (such as other contributors, version, number, publisher, date, and web address), date of access.
 - c. Author, date of access, web address, title of source, title of container(s), information about each container (such as other contributors, version, number, publisher, and date).
 - d. Title of container(s), information about each container (such as other contributors, version, number, publisher, date, and web address), author, title of source, date of access.
 - e. Title of container(s). Information about each container (such as other contributors, version, number, publisher, and date). Author. Title of source. Date of access. Web address.
10. Which of the following Works Cited entries is correctly done for MLA documentation?
 - a. Petit, Karen. "Stealing from Themselves." Community College of Rhode Island. 25 August 2017. <http://www.ccri.edu/writingcenter/pdfs/mlaquiz.pdf>. Accessed 28 August 2017.
 - b. Petit, Karen. "Stealing from Themselves." Community College of Rhode Island, 25 August 2017, www.ccri.edu/writingcenter/pdfs/mlaquiz.pdf. Accessed 28 August 2017.
 - c. Karen Petit. "Stealing from Themselves." Community College of Rhode Island. August 25, 2017. www.ccri.edu/writingcenter/pdfs/mlaquiz.pdf. Accessed August 28, 2017.
 - d. Dr. Karen Petit. "Stealing from Themselves". Community College of Rhode Island. 25 August 2017. www.ccri.edu/writingcenter/pdfs/mlaquiz.pdf. Accessed 28 August 2017.
 - e. Petit, Karen. "*Stealing from Themselves*." Community College of Rhode Island. Google. August 25, 2017. www.ccri.edu/writingcenter/pdfs/mlaquiz.pdf. Accessed August 28, 2017.