

Tips for completing your AIRS Resource Log

The tips in this presentation answer some common questions about how to complete your resource log for assessment. You should also refer to the guidance on the resource log as well as the assessment criteria sheet.

The word limit is only a guide. No marks are deducted for being under or over the word limit. Rather, think about answering the question and be succinct. You will receive an email giving you details of when your assessment is due.

Question 1 requires you to write your overarching question. You don't need to write a statement of sub-questions as you would in your thesis. We recognise that your research question is likely to change over time - we want you to demonstrate how to write a good research question using the six properties as a framework. Refer to the resources provided in module one, the article by Foss and Waters will help you.

Question 1 part b asks you to identify your theoretical constructs. Justify why you have used these terms in your research question and not others - for instance, are they known terms used by experts in your field, and are they subject terms in the databases?

For your answer to **question 1 part c**, show your understanding of the remaining 4 properties, and how each is incorporated into your research question.

For question 2 part a, think about how another author might express the same idea. That is, what are the like terms or synonyms that can be used in addition to your terms?

For **question 2 part b** start by selecting two databases highly relevant to your research. The databases you choose should be specialist databases used for comprehensive searching. Not the library catalogue, not QuickFind, and not QUT ePrints. Check the database page under your subject area. You can also contact your liaison librarian for help.

As you continue **question 2 part b**, for each of these databases, you must show two effective search statements and provide the number of results obtained from each search. Each search statement must include at least 2 search techniques. In total, you must show six distinct search techniques.

The specific rules of the database, often called syntax, can help you construct a search statement. Inverted commas, the words OR, AND...and brackets... are all search techniques. See module four for more help on constructing search statements. Also check the help section of the databases you are using for the syntax used as each database will be different. Remember to include the number of results each search statement produced.

Note that **question 3 part c** is a two-part question.

First, we want to know how you make notes. Do you use pen and paper? An online note taking system? Tell us your process.

And second, tell us how you organise your notes. Do you use document folders? Or, perhaps you use bibliographic software or other methods?

In **question 4**, tell us what types of data you will generate. In **question 4 part e**, remember to provide your reasoning for how long your data will need to be retained.

Question 6 part b asks you to justify why you would like to publish in this journal. Your response could discuss the publishing model, the impact measures for the journal, the relevance of the journal content to your research area and/or other factors relating to publication in this journal.

Question 6 part c asks you to list some of the specific guidelines you will need to follow to be accepted for publication in this journal. This does not **only** include the content and type of article accepted by the journal. You can find other information usually on the journal website under instructions or guidelines for authors

Question 6 part d write a proposal or cover letter or abstract that would convince the editor to accept your paper for publication. What kind of article will it be, what are the preliminary findings, what would readers of this journal find interesting about your paper.

Question 7 is worth 20 marks. There are multiple parts to this question.

- i. Firstly, tell us which referencing style you've used. For each of the 4 references you've chosen, please supply the whole reference in your chosen style

- ii. For each reference, provide a brief explanation of how it's relevant to your research. Explain in terms of content or currency of the reference.
- iii. For each reference, provide 3 publication metrics. These may relate to the author, the journal or the article. We're looking for evidence that you have used multiple tools to establish the quality of each reference. This may be qualitative and / or quantitative information.

For further information refer to the assessment criteria sheet. Your liaison librarian can help, or book into an assignment clinic - check your email for assignment clinic dates. And finally, do it early, do it well, and do it your way.