

LIS-3353 - Assignment A1 - Info Searching
Searching and Evaluating Info Sources

TEAM NAME : _____ (each team must submit one copy)

TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT: _____

1) Each of the following search sites is not Google. For each, explain in a sentence or two exactly how they differ from Google. (10 pts)

www.bing.com

www.yahoo.com

www.ixquick.com

www.startpage.com

www.duckduckgo.com

2) View and consider the following websites. After careful consideration, precisely but concisely explain what each of them designed to do. (10 pts)

<http://www.americaspower.org/>

<http://www.carbonmonoxide.ie/>

<http://www.dhmo.org/>

<http://coalcares.org/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/coal>

<http://content.sierraclub.org/coal/>

<http://worldtoilet.org/wto/>

3) For each of the following questions; first, briefly describe your search and selection strategy in 2 or 3 sentences and THEN give your answer (2 or 3 sentences if necessary) (10 pts)

a. You have music on an old computer in your house. You want that music to play on a different computer in your house. How would you make this happen? Provide an article that describes your preferred strategy and explain why it is superior to others for you.

b. Someone patented a thing that spins a scoop of ice cream around in a circle so that you can lick it easier. What is the patent number?

4) Explain the difference between Boolean and Natural Language Search. For each, give a situation in which it is probably a better strategy than the other. (10 pts)

5) If you were to design a course for freshmen to teach Technology Literacy, what would you include as topics? Include at least 5 (5 pts)

6) Which is better, Wikipedia or traditional print encyclopedias? Why? (5 pts)