The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you test sources you find on the web for your assignments. Answer the questions and rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 3 (0= Not there, 1=not good, 2= OK, 3=excellent) Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether or not you should use the website for your assignments at CNA-Qatar.

Currency: when was the page put on the web? _______________________________ Score:
  • When was the information published or posted?
  • Has the information been edited, corrected or updated recently?

Relevance: how can this information be used? _______________________________ Score:
  • Is the information important for your topic?
  • Does the information connect to your topic or answer your questions?
  • Have you looked at more than 2 or 3 sources before choosing this one?

Authority: who wrote this page? _______________________________ Score:
  • Who is the author or writer of the page? If you can’t find the author, you can’t use the website!
  • Is the person qualified to write the article? Remember, that anyone can put anything on the web, truthful or not!
  • Is there an email address or contact information available? If not, why does the writer not want to be contacted about their work?

Accuracy: is the information reliable, truthful and correct? _______________________________ Score:
  • Where did the information come from? Are there citations?
  • Is the information supported by evidence that you can check? If you can’t, don’t use the page!
  • Are there spelling, grammar or formatting errors? That’s not good.

Purpose: why is the page on the web? _______________________________ Score:
  • What is the purpose of the information? To sell, to persuade, to entertain or to inform? If it’s not informational, then you shouldn’t be using it.
  • Is the information fact? Opinion? Only half of the truth?

Total: _____

Did the website you chose score 13 points or more? If it did, congratulations! You can use it for a CNA-Qatar assignment.