Appendix. Student Survey: Internet Access and Online Use

Please check (√) as many questions that apply to you. If a question does not apply to you, please leave it blank.

SECTION I

1. Do you have access to one or more computers in your home? Yes ___  No ___

   IF YES: Is it (are they) connected to the Internet? Yes ___  No ___

   IF YES: Which operating system do you use MOST OFTEN when at home?
   Windows: (specify version if you know it) ______
   Mac (specify version if you know it) ______
   Other __________

2. Do you use computers anywhere other than home or Adult Ed.? Yes ___  No ___

   IF YES: Where? ______________
   Is it connected to the Internet? Yes ___  No ___
   Where else? ______________
   Is it connected to the Internet? Yes ___  No ___

   (write additional information on back)

3. How many years have you been using the Internet?

   Check ONE (√)

   0 ___
   1–2 ___
   3–4 ___
   5–6 ___
   7–8 ___
   9–10 ___
   11+ ___

4. Who taught you how to use the Internet?

   Check all that apply (√)

   Classroom teacher
   Technology teacher
   Friend
   Relative
   Teacher-librarian
   Self
   Other: (specify) _____________
5. How many times do you use the Internet during a typical week? (including, but not only computers at Adult Ed.)

Check ONE (√)

| 0 times | 1–3 times | 4–6 times | 7–10 times | 10–20 times | 20–30 times | 30–40 times | More than 40 times |

6. Why do you use the Internet? Check all that apply (√)

- E-mail
- Check news
- Check weather
- Find new information / Research for school
- Music
- Games
- Maps
- Information Databases e.g. Ebscohost
- Social Networking—e.g. MySpace or MSN Messenger
- Other: (specify) ________________

7. Which search engines do you use?

Check all that apply (√)

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Can you tell which Web sites are inaccurate or “bogus?”

Yes ____   No ____  Sometimes ____
SECTION II (ANSWERS CONSIDERED MOST ACCURATE ARE BOLDED)

Please circle only ONE of the multiple choice answers for each question.

Purpose of a Web site:

1. The main purpose of www.Amazon.ca is to:

   Inform
   Entertain
   Persuade
   **Sell**

2. The main purpose of The Statistics Canada Web site (www.statcan.ca) is to:

   **Inform**
   Entertain
   Persuade
   Sell

Background of Resource:

1. Which of the following is a personal Web page address?

   www.acs.mts.net/~dkbrown/
   www.whitehouse.gov
   www.fraternity.org
   None of the above

2. Which of the following would probably have the most reliable information?

   www.worldbookonline.com
   www.wikipedia.org
   www.mts.net/~dkbrown

3. Which of these sites would you most likely find official information on passports?

   www.immigrationandtravel.com
   www.immigrationandtravel.org
   **www.immigrationandtravel.gc.gov**
   None of the above

Viewpoint of Author or Publisher

1. Which of the following is a common characteristic of a “hate” Web site:

   Promotion of paranoia
   Misinformation
   Patriotism/nationalism
   Hate symbols
   **All of the above**
Relevance

1. Which Web site would probably best help answer the question: “Where are the best places to go while visiting China?”

China General Information, China Information, an extensive source of information on China, its politics, and society.
www.chinatoday.com

china.org.cn—China’s Official Gateway to News & Information Authorized portal site established by the Chinese
government. www.china.org.cn

CIA—The World Factbook—China Features a map and brief descriptions of geography, economy, government, and

d) China Travel Information | Lonely Planet Destination Guide
China isn’t a country—it’s a different world. Unless you have a couple of years and unlimited patience, it’s best to follow a
loose itinerary here . . .
www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/asia/china

2. When researching new information how important is it to you to evaluate a Web site for reliability?

Very Important
Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important