Library Research Assignment

Directions: Throughout the course of the semester, we will be building on the research skills you learned this evening.

In this first assignment, you will be answering three multi-part questions using the PubMed, Business-Scholarly & Trade, Health and Wellness Center, or CINAHL databases regarding the research topic(s). You may choose to use only one topic for the whole assignment, or you may choose a variety of topics.

The final copy of the assignment should include:

- The topic or topics you searched for each question
- Complete answers to all parts of each of the three questions

Assignment

Using the PubMed, Business-Scholarly & Trade, Health and Wellness Resource Center, or CINAHL databases, answer the following questions:

Question #1:

Topic_____________________________________

a) Which was the first database selected to search for this topic? Why was this database selected? Did the search retrieve articles relevant to your topic?

b) Write out the search strategy or strategies you used.

c) If the search did not retrieve the type of articles you expected, did you search another database? What made you decide to select this second database? Was this second database a better choice for your topic? Why?
Question #2

Topic_____________________________________

a) Write out the search strategy or strategies you used.

b) Select an article from your search retrieval that is from a popular magazine or trade/substantive periodical. Read it over looking critically at the language used, the audience, and the bibliography at the end of the article, if one is included.

What characteristics helped you determine that the article came from a popular magazine or trade/substantive periodical?

Question #3

Topic_____________________________________

a) Write out the search strategy or strategies you used.

b) Select an article from your search that is from a scholarly or peer reviewed periodical. Read it over looking critically at the language used, the audience, and the bibliography at the end of the article, if one is included.

What characteristics helped you determine that the article came from a scholarly or peer reviewed periodical?

Question #4

Write down three or more words that describe your experience in creating and running searches on the library’s databases.