

Rubric for Level 1 Open Book Questions

NORA Standards	Beginning (1)	Proficient (2)	Advanced (3)
1. Determine the Extent of the Information Given	Candidate is unable to effectively answer questions based on references recommended. Candidate is unfocused and unclear with answers. Information gathered lacks relevance, quality, and balance.	Candidate provides focused and clear answers. Identifies concepts related to the topic, and can find a sufficient number of information resources to support answers.	Answers are focused, clear, and complete. Key concepts and terms are identified. Extensive information sources are identified.
2. Evaluate Information and its Sources Critically	Candidate is unaware of criteria that might be used to judge information quality. Little effort is made to examine recommended references.	Candidate examines information using references, and is able to make judgments about what information to include with answers.	Multiple sources and viewpoints of information are compared and evaluated. Candidate is able to present specific information and can articulate how references utilized relate to the context of the question.
3. Use Information Effectively to Answer Open Book Questions	Candidate is not aware of the information necessary to research each topic, and the types of data that would be useful in formulating well-thought out answers. Information is incomplete and does not support the intended purpose.	Candidate uses appropriate information to answer the questions. Candidate has shown some depth of research on each topic, and is mostly able to reflect, synthesize and integrate information from the variety of sources, draw some conclusions, and is able to communicate ideas in answers.	Candidate has shown depth of research on each topic, and is able to reflect, synthesize and integrate information from the variety of sources, draw appropriate conclusions, and is able to clearly communicate ideas in answers.