**Avoiding plagiarism answers**

(a) Acceptable – a correctly referenced summary

(b) Plagiarised – original wording with minor changes to word order

(c) Acceptable – a correctly referenced quotation

(d) Technically plagiarism – mistake in date means the citation is incorrect

(e) Plagiarised – some original wording and no citation

5 (Possible further suggestions)

• Check that your quotations are exactly the same wording as the original.

• When paraphrasing, alter the structure as well as the vocabulary.

• Make sure your in-text citations are all included in the list of references.

Practice

**2True or false?**

True: 2, 3

False: 1, 4, 5

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1. The first student’s text is an outright copying.
2. The second text is patchwork plagiarism where parts of the original author's words are used and connected together in a different way.

When you are writing you need to be careful to use the information you have read well. At one extreme you may be blamed for not making enough use of the writers you have been reading on the course. While at the other extreme, you may be accused of having followed them too slavishly, to the point of plagiarising them. Early on as a student you need to balance these two extremes.