



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 18.09.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/48kNqTf> (**Reddit faces content quality concerns after its Great Mod Purge**)

1. According to the article, Reddit was becoming a "model organism" for academic study due to:

- A. Its open API fostering easy data collection
- B. It offering a qualitative and quantitatively more expansive dataset, with users responding to current world events
- C. Its subreddit structure helping easy finding of relevant research data
- D. All the above

Explanation : D

All given reasons are mentioned in the article.

2. Concerns about recent changes in Reddit policies include all the following except:

- A. Reddit abruptly starting to charge significant fees for access to its API
- B. Reddit no longer allowing free or discounted access to its API for researchers and academics
- C. Several Reddit users, including power users quitting
- D. Reddit revoking the mod badges from long-time moderators and subsequently replacing them with those not carefully selected or trained

Explanation: B

The article does not say Reddit no longer allows free or discounted access to its API for researchers, only that they have to fill a form to request access and getting free access is harder than before.

3. Which of the following is not a reason mentioned in the article for why Pushshift access is very important for researchers, especially those in formal recovery?

- A. Qualitative research in the area is overwhelmingly retrospective, with much of the existing qualitative enquiry undertaken many years after individuals initiated recovery
- B. Drawing data via Pushshift enables insight into the early stages with no additional risks to participants' recovery processes
- C. Without Pushshift, researchers may not be able to practically gather the necessary volume of data required for their research
- D. Other such data archives that provide historical Reddit data that can be queried by timeframe are expensive

Explanation: D

All reasons except D are mentioned in the article.