Homework 1 : Using PsychInfo

PsychInfo Assignment (10pts)

1) General Keyword search: Gender = total number of hits
2) Subject Term search: Gender Identity = total number of hits
3) General Keyword search: Schema = total number of hits
4) Subject Term search: Schema = total number of hits
5) Combined Subject Term search: Gender Identity & Schema = total number of hits
6) Combined Subject Term search: Gender Identity OR Schema = total number of hits
7) Combined Subject Term search: Gender Identity NOT Schema = total number of hits
8) Author Search: Sandra L. Bem = total number of hits
9) Combined Author Search: Bem, S., OR Bem, Sandra L., OR Bem, Sandra Lipsitz = total number of hits
10) Journal Search: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology = total number of hits
- what is most recent issue in the data base? (volume and issue #)
11) Limit the above search (10) to only articles from 1997 = total number of hits
12) Limit the Journal Search (10) to only articles involving Adolescents (13-17 years), without any publication year restrictions. = total number of hits
13) perform a search that would only return articles from JPSP 1997 involving adolescents. = total number of hits
14) from any of these lists print one complete citation you find interesting and turn it in with your assignment.

Questions.
1) Why do General Keyword searches usually return more hits than Subject Heading searches?

2) Why do Combined Searches using AND return fewer hits than combined searches using Or?