Google Gemini's response to the question: "How can I pass the Indiana University plagiarism test?" October 27, 2026

To pass the Indiana University **How to Recognize Plagiarism** Certification Test, you must score at least 9 out of 10 questions correctly within 40 minutes. [1]

Test Requirements & Rules

- **Passing Score:** 9/10 correct answers. [1]
- **Time Limit:** 40 minutes per test attempt. [1]
- **Retakes:** Unlimited randomized retakes are available. [1]
- **Core Classifications:** You will be tested to distinguish between:
  - **Word-for-word plagiarism:** Borrowing ideas with a direct 7+ word quote missing quotation marks, or missing an in-line citation/reference.
  - **Paraphrasing plagiarism:** Using source ideas without a properly placed in-text citation starting the first sentence.
  - **Not plagiarism:** Common knowledge or original ideas. [1]

Step-by-Step Strategy to Pass

1. **Complete the Official Tutorials First**
   - Do not jump straight into the certification test. Going through the instruction, practice modules, and feedback makes you **5.25 times more likely to pass**.
   - Study the progressive difficulty stages (Basic, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert) on the official site.
   - Visit the Indiana University Plagiarism Tutorial to access the training modules and practice tests. [1, 2]
2. **Learn the Decision Rules and Patterns**
   - Review the official classification rules and decision tables provided in the tutorial resources.
   - *Rule of thumb:* If a student writing sample contains *both* word-for-word and paraphrasing issues, the test key usually prioritizes **word-for-word plagiarism**. Check for direct quotes of 7 or more words first, then look for proper citation placement in paraphrases. [1, 2]
3. **Analyze Your Test Feedback**
   - If you do not pass on your first try, carefully read the diagnostic feedback provided for the specific questions you missed.
   - Click the links in your test feedback to see exact explanations and decision rules for why an answer was marked right or wrong. Studying these explanations drastically increases your chances on subsequent attempts. [1]

4. **Access the Certification Test Portal**
    - When you are ready, access the official testing environment via the Indiana University Certification Tests Page.
    - Once you pass, email your unique Certificate to yourself and save your Test ID so your instructor can validate it. [1]

If you'd like, let me know:

- What **specific practice question or category** (e.g., quotes vs. paraphrasing) is giving you trouble?
- Whether you need help understanding how to format **in-text citations**?