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The text above is a translation from Urkunds Swedish webpage
<http://www.orkund.se/SE/index.asp> and from the confirmation email that is sent out by Urkund when you send in a project.

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Changes in herbivore host plant preferences in an altered atmospheric environment also play an important role for predictions about how much herbivores consume. Insects fed CO2 enriched foliage commonly exhibit increased consumption rate, presumably as a response to reduced food quality, i.e. compensatory consumption, see Lindroth 1995, Lindroth 1996). However, a potentially important alternative response, i.e. selection of another food source, has not been accounted for in most experiments (Kömer 2000). Available data suggest that elevated CO2 levels do not increase consumption if herbivores have several food plants available (Peters et al. 2000).

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Changes in herbivore host plant preferences in an altered atmospheric environment also play an important role for predictions about herbivore consumption. Insects fed CO 2 enriched foliage often exhibit increased consumption rate, presumably as a response to reduced food quality (compensatory consumption, Fajer et al. 1989, Roth and Lindroth 1995, Lindroth 1996, Bezemer and Jones 1998, Agrell et al. 2000). However, an alternative response, i.e. selection of an alternative food source, has not been possible in most feeding experiments (Kömer 2000). Available data actually suggest that elevated CO 2 levels do not increase consumption if herbivores have several food plants available (Peters et al. 2000).

The examples below are translated from "Urkunds Plagiathandbok":

http://www.orkund.se/SE/documents/Urkunds_plagiathandbok.pdf

Which of these situations should be considered plagiarism?

- A. To write down or copy a shorter paragraph word by word from another source, without specifying the original author(s).
- B. In agreement with you supervisor/teacher continue to work with a text you have written yourself.
- C. Translate the text of another author to a new language without specifying the original author(s).
- D. Use an existing text without specifying the original author(s), but making small adjustments regarding order of words and sentences, and by changing words into synonyms and removing/adding words.
- E. To read several texts and rework their contents into a new text that does not look like any of the original sources, without making any references to the author(s).
- F. Write, word by word, 3-4 sentences from a source and in association with the text refer to the original author(s).
- G. Translate a text you have written yourself to another language and use the result.
- H. Expand a text of your own that has previously been graded without stating which parts that are "old".
- I. Write, word by word, 3-4 sentences from a source, mark it with quotation marks and in association with the text refer to the original author(s).

Answer: A,C,D,E,F,H are plagiarism, B, I are not. G may be considered as cheating under certain circumstances, but is in most cases not plagiarism (but could be if the original text has been published and you do not refer to it).