TOEFL EXERCISE 6

(Structure & Written Expression)

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This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize language that is appropriate for standard written English. There are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

**Structure**

**Directions.** These questions are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following examples.

**Example I**

The president the election by a landslide.

(A) won  
(B) he won  
(C) yesterday  
(D) fortunately

The sentence should read, “The president won the election by a landslide.” Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

**Example II**

When the conference?

(A) the doctor attended  
(B) did the doctor attend  
(C) the doctor will attend  
(D) the doctor’s attendance

The sentence should read, “When did the doctor attend the conference?” Therefore, you should choose answer (B).
1. _____ lived on Earth for nearly 150 million years.
   (A) Dinosaurs
   (B) Dinosaurs who
   (C) If dinosaurs
   (D) Since dinosaurs

2. Early printers arranged type into _____ a small, flat composing stick.
   (A) words
   (B) are words on
   (C) words on
   (D) the words are on

3. _____ along most of its length into an upper chamber and a lower chamber.
   (A) The divided cochlea
   (B) Dividing the cochlea
   (C) The cochlea is divided
   (D) With a divided cochlea

4. Yeast is an organic catalyst _____ known to prehistoric humanity.
   (A) was
   (B) which was
   (C) which it
   (D) which

5. Many communities _____ a complex system of linguistic levels in order to show respect.
   (A) useful
   (B) use already made
   (C) making it useful
   (D) make use of

6. The ear is a flexible organ, _____ simply was not designed to withstand the noise of modern living.
   (A) but it
   (B) it
   (C) but
   (D) its

7. In 1934, chemist Wallace Carothers produced a plastic which _____ nylon.
   (A) his call
   (B) he called
   (C) to call him
   (D) calling

8. As _____ grows, the shell in which it lives grows, too.
   (A) a mollusk
   (B) a mollusk it
   (C) has a mollusk
   (D) it has a mollusk

9. The first _____ the Civil War was fired from Fort Johnson upon Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.
   (A) shot
   (B) shot in
   (C) shot was in
   (D) it was shot

10. Stalactites are formed in caves by groundwater _____ dissolved lime.
    (A) it contains
    (B) containing
    (C) contains
    (D) containment
11. By studying the movements of the Sun and Moon, even early astronomers could _____ eclipses would take place.
   (A) predicting when  
   (B) when it predicts  
   (C) the prediction when
   (D) predict when

12. Coffee probably originally grew wild in Ethiopia in the province of Kaffe, and from there _____ to southern Arabia.
   (A) bringing it  
   (B) it was brought  
   (C) brought it  
   (D) brought with it

13. Alabama was occupied by the French and Spanish before _____ to England in 1763.
   (A) was ceded  
   (B) ceded to it  
   (C) it was ceded  
   (D) ceded it

14. A group of winged reptiles pterosaurs is believed to have been the first vertebrates with the power of flight.
   (A) call  
   (B) calls  
   (C) called  
   (D) is called

15. On November 23, 1863, Grant stunned the Confederates on Missionary Ridge with what _____ to be a full-dress military parade of troops who unexpectedly opened fire.
   (A) appeared  
   (B) appearing  
   (C) appearance  
   (D) apparent
Written Expression

Directions: In these questions, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following examples.

Example I

The four string on a violin are tuned in fifths.

A B C D

The sentence should read, “The four strings on a violin are tuned in fifths.” Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

Example II

The research for the book Roots taking Alex Haley twelve years.

A B C D

The sentence should read, “The research for the book Roots took Alex Haley twelve years.” Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

16. Vast flows of information is carried on hair-thin fiber-optic cables

A B C D

17. The crafting of fine violins has been proceeding for several century as a secret art.

A B C D

18. Linguistic conflicts due to divided ethnic and national loyalties can be both bitter or violent

A B C D

19. In 1851, with the publication of hers antislavery novel, Harriet Beecher Stowe rocketed to fame

A B C D

20. The smallest and simple living organisms on Earth are bacteria.

A B C D

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21. The effort to determine the exact numerical value of pi has now reach 2.16 billion decimal digits.
   A B C D

22. The hammerhead shark is usual found in warm, temperate waters
   A B C D

23. Princeton University, which was establish in 1746, is one of the oldest universities in the United States.
   A B C D

24. According to a World Resources Institute report, a significant part of forest acreage disappear each year.
   A B C D

25. The Earth’s crust is composed of 15 plates which float on the partially molten layer below they.
   A B C D

26. As one climbs high up a mountain, the air becomes both colder or thinner.
   A B C D

27. When a bone is broke into several pieces doctors may pin the pieces together for proper healing
   A B C D

28. The long necks of much plant-eating dinosaurs were useful for reaching up to the treetops to feed.
   A B C D

29. Hippocrates believed that good health was dependently on the balance of the four fluids of the body.
   A B C D

30. A jet stream is a flat and narrow tube of air that moves more rapid than the surrounding air.
   A B C D

31. Because mistletoe berries are poisonous everyone with Christmas decorations containing mistletoe need to be aware of the potential danger.
   A B C D

32. When Pierre L`Enfant designed the national capital in 1791, her envisioned a broad boulevard linking the White House and the Capitol.
   A B C D

33. In a copperhead snake the venom flows from a single venom glands to a pair of hollow teeth.
   A B C D
34. A hawk swallows its food in large pieces digests some of it, and regurgitating the rest.

35. Defects can occurring when liquid helium undergoes a phase transition to its super fluid phase.

36. Cavemen created a large amount of early works of art using a mixture of clay, chalk, and burned wood and bones.

37. Variations in melody, rhythm and tone of voice becomes a major feature of child speech toward the end of the first year.

38. As a protective protein molecule, an antibody can combines with a foreign virus protein.

39. The water moccasin is a high venomous and extremely dangerous pit viper.

40. Though aluminum is more common than iron, it is extremely difficult to break their hold on other atoms.
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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. B
11. D
12. B
13. C
14. C
15. A
16. C are
17. C centuries
18. C and
19. A her
20. A simplest
21. C reached
22. A usually
23. A established
24. C disappears
25. D them
26. C and
27. A broken
28. A many
29. B dependent
30. C rapidly
31. C needs
32. C he
33. B gland
34. D regurgitates
35. B occur
36. A number
37. B become
38. C combine
39. A highly
40. C its