TOELF GRAMMAR PRACTICE 1

EXERCISE 41: Sentences—Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct verb. In fact, most of the sentences in the Structure Section are verb problems. A verb is a word or phrase that expresses action or condition. A verb can be classified as transitive or intransitive according to whether it requires a complement; it can be classified further according to the kind of complement it requires, including not only nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs, but also *-ing* forms or infinitives. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Almost everyone fails _____ the driver's test on the first try.
   - Ⓐ passing
   - Ⓑ to have passed
   - Ⓒ to pass
   - Ⓓ in passing

2. When the silkworm (Ⓐ) gets through to lay (Ⓑ) its (Ⓒ) eggs, it dies. (Ⓓ)

3. If endangered species _____ saved, rain forests must be protected.
   - Ⓐ are to be
   - Ⓑ be
   - Ⓒ can be
   - Ⓓ will be

4. The average spoken sentence in conversational English takes 2.5 seconds _____.
   - Ⓐ for to complete
   - Ⓑ completing
   - Ⓒ to complete
   - Ⓓ by completing

5. Only twenty years ago, most doctors agreed _____ truthful with their terminally ill patients, a trend that has reversed itself in modern medical practice.
   - Ⓐ don't to be
   - Ⓑ not to be
   - Ⓒ we shouldn't been
   - Ⓓ not to been

6. William Torrey Harris was one of the first educators interested _____ a logical progression of topics in the school curriculum.
   - Ⓐ in establishing
   - Ⓑ for establishing
   - Ⓒ establishing
   - Ⓓ to establish

7. North American Indian tribes used sign language _____ with tribes that spoke a different language or dialect.
   - Ⓐ to communicating
   - Ⓑ for communicate
   - Ⓒ to communicate
   - Ⓓ for communicated

8. Art tends to be _____ more after the death of the artist, but most literary works tend to decrease in value when the writer dies.
   - Ⓐ price
   - Ⓑ worthy
   - Ⓒ worth
   - Ⓓ value

9. Adult eagles let their offspring _____ nests near their original nesting area.
   - Ⓐ build
   - Ⓑ builds
   - Ⓒ building
   - Ⓓ to build

10. A barometer (Ⓐ) is a device with a sealed (Ⓑ) metal chamber designed to reading (Ⓒ) the changes in the pressure of air (Ⓓ) in the atmosphere.

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