TOEFL practice.

Grammar.

Connectors. Select the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. The agency's mission is to accelerate transition to an efficient and low-carbon economy, _____ mitigating the long-term threat of climate change.

a. during

b. while

c. after

d. since

2. My uncle was able to see his doctor _____ it was Sunday.

a. and

b. in addition

c. but

d. even though

3. The company makes good ice cream, _____ the chocolate flavor.

a. in particular

b. and

c. then

d. of course

4. After advertising for three months, he _____ sold his car.

a. slowly

b. afterwards

c. specially

d. finally

5. Your application is incomplete; _____, we will make an exception and accept it.

a. nevertheless

b. for

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c. because

d. afterwards

6. The defendant is presumed innocent _____ proven guilty.

a. after being

b. until and unless

c. before

d. when

7. AMBER Alert is an urgent bulletin system _____ the most serious child-abduction cases.

a. and

b. but

c. for

d. because

8. My friend voted for the Republican candidate _____ being registered as a Democrat.

a. and

b. because

c. despite

d. nevertheless

9. In order to access the building, she had to walk in the street with her walker and risk her safety _____ there were no accessible curb ramps.

a. because

b. and

c. however

d. before

10. _____, regular physical activity may be associated with lower health care costs.

a. Since

b. However

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c. Despite

d. In addition

Grammar.



Verb & tenses. The following sentences are from speeches given by Marie Curie. Select the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. The scientific history of radium _____ beautiful.

a. was

b. is

c. had been

d. is being

2. Radium is no more a baby but the conditions of the discovery were somewhat peculiar, and so it is always of interest _____ them and to explain them.

a. in remembering

b. to have remembered them

c. to remember

d. remember

3. Professor Curie and I worked at that time in the laboratory of the school of Physics and Chemistry where Professor Curie _____ his lectures.

a. is holding

b. was holding

c. to hold

d. held

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4. All the elements _____ such radiation I have termed radioactive.

a. emission

b. are emitting

c. have emitted

d. emitting

5. I wanted _____ if there were other elements, giving out rays of the same kind.

a. to know

b. knowing

c. know

d. am knowing

6. If we _____ a practical point of view, then the most important property of the rays is the production of physiological effects on the cells of the human organism.

a. are taking

b. take

c. takes

d. to take

7. And in that way it has been proved that the radioactive elements are constantly _____ and that they produce at the end ordinary elements, principally helium and lead.

a. disintegrating

b. to disintegrate

c. being disintegrating

d. disintegrated

8. Then I _____ that there should be in the minerals some unknown element having a much greater radioactivity than uranium or thorium.

a. am thinking

b. think

c. had thought

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d. thought

9. Other radioactive elements _____ since: actinium (Debierne), radiothorium and mesothorium (Hahn), ionium (Boltwood), etc.

a. were discovered

b. are discovered

c. have been discovered

d. had been discovered

10. In chemical terms radium _____ little from barium.

a. is different

b. differs

c. differed

d. is differing

Vocabulary.

Choose the correct word from the list of three words below, which is BEST suited for the word or expression in capital letters in each sentence:

1. The athlete SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED her lifetime ambition when she won her gold medal.

a. gained

b. got

c. accomplished

2. Paul enrolled at his local swimming club for private swimming INSTRUCTION AND TEACHING with a qualified instructor.

a. teaching

b. school

c. tuition

3. The memory of their last meeting was still RECENTLY EXPERIENCED AND NOT FORGOTTEN in her mind.

a. clear

b. fresh

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c. foremost

4. The servant had given his employer many years of LOYAL AND STEADFAST service.

a. reliable

b. obediant

c. faithful

5. The house was without lights as there was a cut in POWER THAT PROVIDES LIGHTING.

a. electricity

b. water

c. gas

6. He screamed when he saw he spider as he had a FEAR of them.

a. horror

b. nightmare

c. phobia

7. They said that they would COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER by email.

a. correspond

b. write

c. address

8. There was a huge CHOICE of food at the breakfast buffet.

a. platter

b. variety

c. spread

Instructions. Fill in the gap with the most appropriate word from the two choices provided.

9. He won an _____ for his military service in Afghanistan.

a. accomplishment

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b. accolade

10. There was a lot of fun _____ between the two men who enjoyed teasing each other.

a. banter

b. communication

11. She carried herself with a proud _____ as she left the interview room knowing that it had gone well.

a. demeanour

b. joy

12. Tom was _____ with fear at the prospect of meeting his future father-in-law.

a. worried

b. petrified

13. The chairman's argument was _____ by the rest of the board who disagreed strongly.

a. discussed

b. refuted

14. We have decided to _____ your basic salary from next month as a result of increased production and profits.

a. augment

b. decrease

15. The football player fell to the ground _____ in agony after the opponent kicked him in the face.

a. wriggling

b. writhing

16. He had some extreme and _____ ideas, but they were necessary to make the much needed changes within the organisation.

a. radical

b. opposing

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