Inference Question Strategies

Practice Section – TOEFL-Style Inference Questions

Simulation 1 (10 questions)

Reading Text 1:

Maria wakes up early every day. She takes the bus at 6:30 AM to work. She never arrives late. Her boss says she is very responsible.

Questions

1. What can we infer about Maria?
   a) She likes to sleep late
   b) She is punctual
   c) She does not like her job
   d) She works at night

2. Why does the boss think Maria is responsible?
   a) She always arrives on time
   b) She is the boss
   c) She works from home
   d) She is always tired

Reading Text 2:

Tom forgot his umbrella. Now his clothes are wet.

3. We can infer that:

a) It rained
b) It was very hot
c) He went swimming
d) It snowed

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Reading Text 3:

Sara is smiling and holding a birthday cake.

4. We can infer that:

a) It is someone's birthday

b) It is raining

c) She is angry

d) She is sad

5. **Reading Text 4:**

The store lights are off, and the door is locked.

5. We can infer the store is:

a) Open

b) Closed

c) Very busy

d) New

Reading Text 5:

Anna is buying balloons and party decorations.

6. Anna is probably planning a:

a) Party

b) Trip

c) Test

d) Job interview

Reading Text 6:

The dog is barking and looking at the door.

7. We can infer that:

a) Someone is at the door

b) The dog is sleeping

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c) The house is empty
d) The dog is eating

Reading Text 7:

The boy is wearing a coat, scarf, and gloves.

8. We can infer the weather is:

a) Hot
b) Cold
c) Rainy
d) Sunny

Reading Text 8:

Emily bought a ticket to go to France.

9. Emily is going to:

a) Travel
b) Sleep
c) Cook
d) Study math

Reading Text 9:

The classroom is silent. The students have pencils and papers. The teacher is watching.

10. We can infer the students are:

a) Playing
b) Taking a test
c) Cleaning the room
d) Eating lunch

Simulation 2 (10 Questions)

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Short text about a park

Many people are sitting on the grass. Children are running and laughing. There are many colorful kites in the sky.

11. We can infer the weather is:

a) Rainy

b) Nice

c) Snowy

d) Very cold

12. People in the park feel:

a) Sad

b) Bored

c) Happy

d) Angry

Short text about a student

Luis is reading a medical book every night. He wants to become a doctor.

13. Luis is:

a) Lazy

b) Studying hard

c) Going to sleep

d) Playing games

Short text about a restaurant

There are many people waiting outside the restaurant.

14. We can infer the restaurant is:

a) Not popular

b) Closed

c) Very popular

d) Dirty

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Short text about a girl

Sofia is crying and holding a broken toy.

15. We can infer Sofia feels:

a) Happy

b) Upset

c) Excited

d) Proud

Short text about weather

The streets are white with snow.

16. We can infer the weather is:

a) Winter

b) Summer

c) Very hot

d) Rainy

Short text about a worker

Carlos wears a uniform and drives people to different places.

17. Carlos is probably a:

a) Doctor

b) Teacher

c) Bus driver

d) Artist

Short text about pets

The cat is sleeping on Ana's lap.

18. This shows that the cat feels:

a) Safe

b) Scared

c) Angry

d) Hungry

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Short text about food

Ana says, "This soup is too salty!"

19. We can infer Ana:

a) Likes the soup

b) Does not like the soup

c) Is making the soup

d) Wants more salt

Short text about time

It is dark outside, and the moon is visible.

20. It is likely:

a) Morning

b) Afternoon

c) Night

d) Noon

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