TOEFL ITP Drill :Structure & Written Expression

Part 1: Structure (Questions 1–15)

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentence.

1. **Not until the mid-20th century _____ widespread recognition for her pioneering research in genetics.**

   (A) Barbara McClintock received

   (B) did Barbara McClintock receive

   (C) Barbara McClintock was receiving

   (D) received Barbara McClintock

2. **_____ migrate thousands of miles each year, monarch butterflies rely on environmental cues and magnetic fields to navigate.**

   (A) Although

   (B) In spite of

   (C) Because

   (D) Despite

3. **The speed _____ light travels through a vacuum is approximately 300,000 kilometers per second.**

   (A) at which

   (B) which

   (C) that in

   (D) where

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4. **Rarely _____ such extreme temperature fluctuations within a single 24-hour period.**

   (A) coastal regions experience

   (B) experience coastal regions

   (C) do coastal regions experience

   (D) are experiencing coastal regions

5. **_____ by dense forests, the ancient ruins remained undiscovered by modern archaeologists until the late nineteenth century.**

   (A) Surrounding

   (B) Surrounded

   (C) They were surrounded

   (D) Having surrounded

6. **Prior to the invention of the printing press, books _____ copied by hand in monasteries across Europe.**

   (A) were painstakingly

   (B) painstakingly were

   (C) painstakingly which were

   (D) having been painstakingly

7. **Oceanographers use sonar technology to map the ocean floor, _____ reveals underwater mountains, trenches, and volcanic ridges.**

   (A) that it

   (B) which

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(C) where

(D) in which it

8. **_____ the complexity of the human brain, neuroscientists are still working to understand how memories are stored.**

(A) Even though

(B) Because of

(C) In order to

(D) Provided that

9. **Had the team verified the calibration parameters earlier, the experimental error _____ detected before publication.**

(A) would be

(B) would have been

(C) was

(D) had been

10. **Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants transform light energy into chemical energy, _____ organic compounds.**

(A) create

(B) creating

(C) created

(D) to have created

11. **Subtropical glaciers, _____ at high elevations near the equator, are melting at unprecedented rates due to rising global temperatures.**

(A) locate

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(B) located

(C) which located

(D) are located

12. **Neither the author's early poetry _____ his later novels fully captured the complexity of the historical era.**

(A) nor

(B) or

(C) and

(D) also

13. **So powerful _____ that it destroyed several coastal towns within minutes of making landfall.**

(A) the hurricane was

(B) was the hurricane

(C) the hurricane had been

(D) did the hurricane

14. **Geologists estimate that the rock formations in the Grand Canyon are _____ old as two billion years.**

(A) as

(B) so

(C) more

(D) such

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15. **The satellite was sent into orbit to gather weather data, _____ previous instruments could not collect.**

(A) which

(B) what

(C) that

(D) whom

Part 2: Written Expression / Error Identification (Questions 16–20)

Identify the underlined word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

16. The arctic fox **changes** the color of **its** fur seasonally, appearing white during the winter **but** brown during the summer **for blending** into the tundra landscape.

(A) changes

(B) its

(C) but

(D) for blending

17. Neither the lead researcher **nor** her assistants **was** able to explain **why** the chemical reaction produced unexpected **byproducts**.

(A) nor

(B) was

(C) why

(D) byproducts

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18. Atmospheric pressure is **lower** at high altitudes, **which** causes water **boiling** at a lower temperature than it **does** at sea level.

(A) lower

(B) which

(C) boiling

(D) does

19. Economic growth **depends** not only **on** the availability of natural resources **and also** on the quality of **human** capital.

(A) depends

(B) on

(C) and also

(D) human

20. The committee recommended **that** the new policy **is** implemented **immediately** to address rising operational **expenses**.

(A) that

(B) is

(C) immediately

(D) expenses

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