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COMPARATIVE GRAMMAR: ENGLISH / SPANISH

TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE — WORKSHEET + ANSWER KEY

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SECTION 1 — COMPARATIVE GRAMMAR (SKILLS 20–23)

Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each sentence. Then indicate whether each sentence is correct (C) or incorrect (I).

1. The contracts signed by the company has been voided because some stipulations were not met.

C / I: _____

2. Ten miles beyond the river was the farmlands that they had purchased with their life savings.

C / I: _____

3. Each package that is not properly wrapped have to be returned to the sender.

C / I: _____

4. She would not have to enter the house through the bedroom window were the keys where they were supposed to be.

C / I: _____

5. The proposal brought so much new work to the partnership that there was not enough hours to complete all of it.

C / I: _____

6. The box of disks for the computer have been misplaced.

C / I: _____

7. It is disconcerting to believe that every possible candidate has been rejected for one reason or another.

C / I: _____

8. Only once have there been more excitement in this city about a sporting event.

C / I: _____

9. Bobby has a bigger bicycle than does the other children in the neighborhood.

C / I: _____

10. If nobody have bought that car from the dealer, then you should return and make another offer.

C / I: _____

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SECTION 2 — TOEFL EXERCISE (SKILLS 20–23)

Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence. For questions 3–10, choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is NOT correct.

1. Among bees _____ a highly elaborate form of communication.

(A) occur

(B) occurs

(C) it occurs

(D) they occur

2. _____ heated by solar energy have special collectors on the roofs to trap sunlight.

(A) A home is

(B) Homes are

(C) A home

(D) Homes

Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is NOT correct.

3. Each number's binary system are formed from only two symbols.

(A) Each number's

(B) binary system

(C) are

(D) only two

4. Scientists at the medical center is trying to determine if there is a relationship between saccharine and cancer.

(A) is trying

(B) to determine

(C) there is

(D) saccharine and cancer

5. On the rim of the Kilauea volcano in the Hawaiian Islands are a hotel called the Volcano Hotel.

(A) the rim

(B) Hawaiian Islands

(C) are

(D) called the

6. The great digital advances of the electronic age, such as integrated circuitry and a microcomputer, has been planted in tiny chips.

(A) great digital

(B) circuitry

(C) has

(D) planted

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7. There are many frequently mentioned reasons why one out of four arrests involve a juvenile.

(A) frequently mentioned

(B) reasons

(C) four arrests

(D) involve

8. Kepler's Laws, principles outlining planetary movement, was formulated based on observations made without a telescope.

(A) was formulated

(B) outlining

(C) based on

(D) made

9. Only with a two-thirds vote by both houses are the U.S. Congress able to override a presidential veto.

(A) two-thirds

(B) are

(C) Congress

(D) presidential veto

10. Of all the evidence that has piled up since Webster's paper was published, there is no new ideas to contradict his original theory.

(A) has piled up

(B) is

(C) new ideas

(D) original theory

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SECTION 3 — TOEFL REVIEW EXERCISE (SKILLS 1–23)

Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence. For questions 6–10, choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is NOT correct.

1. _____ several unsuccessful attempts, Robert Peary reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

(A) After

(B) He made

(C) When

(D) His

2. The musical instrument _____ is six feet long.

(A) is called the bass

(B) it is called the bass

(C) called the bass

(D) calls the bass

3. One problem with all languages _____ they are full of irregularities.

(A) when

(B) so

(C) is that

(D) in case

4. _____ of economic cycles been helpful in predicting turning points in cycles, they would have been used more consistently.

(A) Psychological theories

(B) Psychological theories have

(C) Had psychological theories

(D) Psychologists have theories

5. Hospital committees _____ spent weeks agonizing over which artificial kidney candidate would receive the treatments now find that the decision is out of their hands.

(A) once

(B) that once

(C) have

(D) once had

Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is NOT correct.

6. More than half of the children in the 1,356-member district qualifies for reduced-price or free lunches.

(A) More than half

(B) children

(C) qualifies

(D) reduced-price

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7. Five miles beyond the hills were a fire with its flames reaching up to the sky.

(A) Five miles

(B) were

(C) reaching

(D) up to

8. Kettledrums, what were first played on horseback, were incorporated into the orchestra in the eighteenth century.

(A) what

(B) first played

(C) were

(D) into the

9. When is a flag hung upside down, it is an internationally recognized symbol of distress.

(A) is a flag

(B) hung

(C) it is

(D) internationally

10. The Museum of the Confederation in Richmond hosts an exhibition which documenting the origins and history of the banner that most Americans think of as the Confederate flag.

(A) hosts

(B) documenting

(C) most Americans

(D) as

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ANSWER KEY — TEACHER'S COPY

SECTION 1 — Correct (C) or Incorrect (I)

1. I The contracts signed by the company **have** been voided. Subject: *contracts* (plural).

2. I Ten miles beyond the river **were** the farmlands. Subject: *farmlands* (plural).

3. I Each package that is not properly wrapped **has** to be returned. Subject: *Each package* (singular).

4. C The subject *keys* agrees with *were*; the inverted conditional structure is acceptable.

5. I There **were** not enough hours to complete all of it. Subject: *hours* (plural).

6. I The box of disks **has** been misplaced. Subject: *box* (singular).

7. C The subject *every possible candidate* agrees with *has been rejected*.

8. I Only once **has there been** more excitement... Subject: *excitement* (uncountable singular).

9. I Bobby has a bigger bicycle than **do** the other children. Subject of the comparison: *the other children* (plural).

10. I If nobody **has** bought that car... Subject: *nobody* (singular).

SECTION 2 — TOEFL Exercise

1. B — occurs
2. D — Homes
3. C — are (should be *is*)
4. A — is trying (should be *are trying*)
5. C — are (should be *is*)
6. C — has (should be *have*)
7. D — involve (should be *involves*)
8. A — was formulated (should be *were formulated*)
9. B — are (should be *is*)
10. B — is (should be *are*)

SECTION 3 — TOEFL Review Exercise

1. A — After
2. C — called the bass
3. C — is that
4. C — Had psychological theories
5. B — that once
6. C — qualifies (should be *qualify*)
7. B — were (should be *was*)
8. A — what (should be *which*)
9. A — is a flag (correct order: *a flag is*)
10. B — documenting (should be *documents*)

Note: The answer key follows the sentences and options visible in the supplied photographs. A few original items may have wording or printing issues; the intended grammar correction is shown where applicable.

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