

STRUCTURE SKILL 1-5:

SKILL 1. BE SURE THE SENTENCE HAS A SUBJECT AND A VERB

SKILL 2. BE CAREFUL OF OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS

SKILL 3. BE CAREFUL OF APPOSITIVES

SKILL 4. BE CAREFUL OF PRESENT PARTICIPLES

SKILL 5. BE CAREFUL OF PAST PARTICIPLES

TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 1-5): Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.

1. The North Platte River _____ from Wyoming into Nebraska.
(A) it flowed
(B) flows
(C) flowing
(D) with flowing water
2. _____ Biloxi received its name from a Sioux word meaning "first people."
(A) The city of
(B) Located in
(C) It is in
(D) The tour included
3. A pride of lions _____ up to forty lions, including one to three males, several females, and cubs.
(A) can contain
(B) it contains
(C) contain
(D) containing
4. _____ tea plants are small and white.
(A) The
(B) On the
(C) Having flowers the
(D) The flowers of the
5. The tetracyclines, _____ antibiotics, are used to treat infections.
(A) are a family of
(B) being a family
(C) a family of
(D) their family is
6. Any possible academic assistance from taking stimulants _____ marginal at best.
(A) it is
(B) there is
(C) is
(D) as
7. Henry Adams, born in Boston, _____ famous as a historian and novelist.
(A) became
(B) and became
(C) he was
(D) and he became
8. The major cause _____ the pull of the Moon on the Earth.
(A) the ocean tides are
(B) of ocean tides is
(C) of the tides in the ocean
(D) the oceans' tides
9. Still a novelty in the late nineteenth century, _____ limited to the rich.
(A) was
(B) was photography
(C) it was photography
(D) photography was
10. A computerized map of the freeways using information gathered by sensors embedded in the pavement _____ on a local cable channel during rush hours.
(A) airs
(B) airing
(C) air
(D) to air

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