

TOEFL EXERCISE 6: Study each of the passages and choose the best answers to the questions that follow.

PASSAGE ONE (Questions 1–2)

Eskimos need efficient and adequate means to travel across water in that the areas where they live are surrounded by oceans, bays, and inlets and dotted with lakes and seas. Two different types of boats have been developed by the Eskimos, each constructed to meet specific needs.

Line (5) The kayak is something like a canoe that has been covered by a deck. A kayak is generally constructed with one opening in the deck for one rider; however, some kayaks are made for two. Because the deck of a kayak is covered over except for the hole (or holes) for its rider (or riders), a kayak can tip over in the water and roll back up without filling with water and sinking. One of the primary uses of the kayak is for hunting.

(10) The umiak is not closed over, as is the kayak. Instead, it is an open boat that is built to hold ten to twelve passengers. Eskimos have numerous uses for the umiak which reflect the size of the boat; e.g. the umiak is used to haul belongings from campsite to campsite, and it is used for hunting larger animals that are too big to be hunted in a kayak.

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| 1. It is implied in the passage that if a kayak has two holes, then | 2. It can be inferred from the passage that an example of the animals mentioned might be |
| (A) it accommodates two riders | (A) a kangaroo |
| (B) it is less stable than a kayak with one hole | (B) a snake |
| (C) it is as large as an umiak | (C) a whale |
| (D) it cannot be used on the ocean | (D) a salmon |

PASSAGE TWO (Questions 3–5)

Two types of trees from the same family of trees share honors in certain respects as the most impressive of trees. Both evergreen conifers, the California redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and the giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) are found growing natively only in the state of California. The California redwood is found along the northern coast of the state, while the giant sequoia is found inland and at higher elevations, along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevadas.

Line (5) The California redwood is the tallest living tree and is in fact the tallest living thing on the face of the earth; the height of the tallest redwood on record is 385 feet (120 meters). Though not quite as tall as the California redwood, with a height of 320 feet (100 meters), the giant sequoia is nonetheless the largest and most massive of living things; giant sequoias have been measured at (10) more than 100 feet (30 meters) around the base, with weights of more than 6,000 tons.

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| 3. It is implied in the passage that | 4. It can be inferred from the passage that the Sierra Nevadas are |
| (A) the leaves of only the California redwood turn brown in the autumn | (A) a type of giant redwood |
| (B) the leaves of only the giant sequoia turn brown in the winter | (B) a coastal community |
| (C) the leaves of both types of trees in the passage turn brown in the winter | (C) a group of lakes |
| (D) the leaves of neither type of tree in the passage turn brown in the winter | (D) a mountain range |

5. Which of the following is implied in the passage?
- (A) The giant sequoia is taller than the California redwood.
 - (B) The California redwood is not as big around as the giant sequoia.
 - (C) The California redwood weighs more than the giant sequoia.
 - (D) Other living things are larger than the giant sequoia.

PASSAGE THREE (Questions 6–8)

Probably the most recognized board game around the world is the game of Monopoly. In this game, players vie for wealth by buying, selling, and renting properties; the key to success in the game, in addition to a bit of luck, is for a player to acquire monopolies on clusters of properties in order to force opponents to pay exorbitant rents and fees.

(5) Although the game is now published in countless languages and versions, with foreign locations and place names appropriate to the target language adorning its board, the beginnings of the game were considerably more humble. The game was invented in 1933 by Charles Darrow, during the height of the Great Depression. Darrow, who lived in Germantown, Pennsylvania, was himself unemployed during those difficult financial times. He set the original game not as might

(10) be expected in his hometown of Germantown, but in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the site of numerous pre-Depression vacations, where he walked along the Boardwalk and visited Park Place. Darrow made the first games by hand and sold them locally until Parker Brothers purchased the rights to Monopoly in 1935 and took the first steps toward the mass production of today.

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| <p>6. The French version of Monopoly might possibly include a piece of property entitled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) Atlantic City, New Jersey(B) Germantown, Pennsylvania(C) Boardwalk(D) the Eiffel Tower | <p>8. Parker Brothers is probably</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) a real estate company(B) a game manufacturing company(C) a group of Charles Darrow's friends(D) a toy design company |
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7. It is implied that Darrow selected Atlantic City as the setting for Monopoly because
- (A) it brought back good memories
 - (B) his family came from Atlantic City
 - (C) the people of Germantown might have been angered if he had used Germantown
 - (D) Atlantic City was larger than Germantown