

TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE 3

EXERCISE 42: Sentences—Auxiliary Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to select the correct auxiliary verb. An auxiliary verb is a verb that accompanies the main verb and makes distinctions in the meaning of the main verb. Some examples of auxiliary verbs are BE, HAVE, or a modal. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

- On the average, a healthy heart _____ to pump five tablespoons of blood with every beat.
(A) must
(B) ought
(C) can
(D) should
- It is generally believed that Thomas _____ Jefferson was the one who had researched and _____ the *Declaration of Independence* during the months prior to _____ in July 1776.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- In general, by the second year of production, the price of a new piece of technology _____ significantly.
(A) will decreased
(B) has decreased
(C) will have decreased
(D) will has decreased
- Although _____ some higher structures _____ have been build in New York City, none _____ characterizes the skyline _____ better than the Empire State Building.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- Research in genetics and DNA _____ having had a _____ profound influence _____ on the direction of treatment for a _____ large number of diseases.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- Bones _____ composed _____ chiefly of calcium, _____ phosphorous, and a fibrous substance _____ known as collagen.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- A cure for juvenile diabetes _____ until more funds are allocated to basic research.
(A) won't develop
(B) aren't developing
(C) don't develop
(D) won't be developed
- _____ During the past decade, twenty million college graduates _____ spended _____ more _____ than fifty billion dollars in _____ ten-year student loans.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- Civil engineers had better _____ steel supports in concrete structures built on unstable geophysical sites.
(A) include
(B) including
(C) inclusion
(D) included
- There is no limit to the diversity to be _____ finding _____ in the _____ cultures of people _____ throughout the world.
(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
- The cones of pine trees _____ two or three years to reach maturity.
(A) to take
(B) taking
(C) may take
(D) takes