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.

1. On the average, a healthy heart _____ to pump five tablespoons of blood with every beat.
   - (A) must
   - (B) ought
   - (C) can
   - (D) should

2. It is generally believed (A) that Thomas Jefferson was the one who had researched and wrote (B) the *Declaration of Independence* during the months prior to its signing (C) in July 1776. (D)

3. 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

4. Although some higher structures (A) have been build (B) in New York City, none characterizes (C) the skyline better than (D) the Empire State Building.

5. Research in genetics and DNA having (A) had a profound (B) influence on (C) the direction of treatment for a large number (D) of diseases.

6. Bones composed (A) (B) chiefly (C) of calcium, phosphorous, and a fibrous substance known as (D) collagen.

7. 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

8. During (A) the past decade, twenty million college graduates spended (B) more then (C) fifty billion dollars in ten-year (D) student loans.

9. Civil engineers had better _____ steel supports in concrete structures built on unstable geophysical sites.
   - (A) include
   - (B) including
   - (C) inclusion
   - (D) included

10. There is no (A) limit to the diversity to be finding (B) in the cultures (C) of people (D) throughout the world.

11. The cones of pine trees _____ two or three years to reach maturity.
    - (A) to take
    - (B) taking
    - (C) may take
    - (D) takes

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