TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE 5

EXERCISE 43: Sentences—Nouns

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct noun. A noun is a word that names persons, objects, and ideas. There are two basic classifications of nouns in English: count nouns and noncount nouns. Count nouns are those that can be made plural by *-s*, *-es*, or an irregular form. They are used in agreement with either singular or plural verbs. Noncount nouns are those that cannot be made plural in these ways. They are used in agreement with singular verbs. It is necessary to know whether a noun is count or noncount to maintain verb agreement and to choose correct adjective modifiers. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. The understanding (A) electricity (B) depends on (C) a knowledge of atoms and the subatomic particles of which they are composed. (D)

2. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more (A) mails (B) in one day than (C) Federal Express does (D) in one year.

3. The two main _____ are permanent magnets and electromagnets.
   - (A) kinds of magnets
   - (B) kind of magnets
   - (C) kind magnets
   - (D) kinds magnets

4. When water is frozen, it becomes _____.
   - (A) ice
   - (B) ices
   - (C) the ice
   - (D) an ice

5. _____ can live to be more than fifteen years old.
   - (A) That it is dogs
   - (B) That dogs
   - (C) Dogs that
   - (D) Dogs

6. One of the most (A) distinctive plant (B) found (C) in the desert is the (D) Saguaro cactus.

7. In the fall, most trees lose _____, which have, by then, turned from green to gold and orange.
   - (A) their leaf
   - (B) their leaves
   - (C) the leaf
   - (D) the leafs

8. Doctors have concluded that in addition to regular exercise, a diet rich in _____ is good for the heart.
   - (A) fruits and vegetable
   - (B) a fruit and vegetable
   - (C) the fruits and vegetables
   - (D) fruit and vegetables

9. A thunder (A) usually (B) follows lightning by five seconds for every mile (C) between the flash (D) and the observer.

10. Canada stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, and covers _____ of almost four million square miles.
    - (A) a area
    - (B) an area
    - (C) the area
    - (D) area

11. During the early nineteenth century, _____ were hunted for their pelts.
    - (A) a beaver
    - (B) beavers
    - (C) the beaver
    - (D) that beavers

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