

EXERCISE 49: Sentences—Point of View

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify errors in point of view. Point of view is the relationship between the verb in the main clause of a sentence and other verbs, or between the verbs in a sentence and the adverbs that express time. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Although there are approximately 120 intensive language institutes in the United States in 1970, there are more than four times as many now.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
2. Cartographers cannot make an accurate map because the political situation in many areas changes so rapidly that they were not able to draw the boundaries correctly.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
3. Although Emily Dickinson publishes only three of her verses before she died, today there are more than one thousand of her poems printed in many important collections.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
4. Dew usually disappeared by seven o'clock in the morning when the sun comes up.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
5. Before the 1800s, when William Young made different shoes for right and left feet, shoes _____ on either foot.
(A) can wear
(B) are wearing
(C) could be worn
(D) worn
6. Seven months before the stock market crashed in 1929, President Hoover said that the economy of the nation is secure.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
7. In the Middle Ages, the word "masterpiece" referred to a work that _____ by a journeyman in order to qualify as a master artisan.
(A) completed
(B) is completed
(C) was completed
(D) complete
8. Most archaeologists agree that humans are living in the area around Philadelphia for about twelve thousand years.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
9. Although we once thought that Saturn has only seven rings, we now know that it has hundreds of rings extending for thousands of miles.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
10. Before his death in 1943, in an effort to encourage less dependence on one crop by the South, George Washington Carver _____ for developing hundreds of industrial uses for peanuts and sweet potatoes.
(A) has responsibility
(B) were responsibility
(C) is responsible
(D) was responsible