



**TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 27–29):** Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.

1. The speed of light is \_\_\_\_\_ the speed of sound.  
(A) faster  
(B) much faster than  
(C) the fastest  
(D) as fast
2. The use of detail is \_\_\_\_\_ method of developing a controlling idea, and almost all students employ this method.  
(A) more common  
(B) common  
(C) most common  
(D) the most common
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Stevenson's landscapes, the more vitality and character the paintings seem to possess.  
(A) The brushwork is loose  
(B) The looser brushwork  
(C) The loose brushwork is  
(D) The looser the brushwork is

Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is not correct.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Certain types of snakes have been known to survive fasts more as a year long.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The grizzly bear, which can grow up to eight feet tall, has been called a more dangerous animal of North America.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Climate, soil type, and availability of water are the most critical factors than selecting the best type of grass for a lawn.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Peter Abelard, a logician and theologian, was the controversialest teacher of his age.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Protein molecules are the most complex than the molecules of carbohydrates.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The leek, a member of the lily family, has a mildest taste than the onion.  
A B C D
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The widely used natural fiber of all is cotton.  
A B C D