

TOEFL PRACTICE TEST

WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Directions: Questions 1-15 are incomplete sentences. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. ____ for drugs to act as antagonist to vitamins.
(A) There is common
(B) Because it is common
(C) Common it is
(D) It is common
2. The fairy slipper orchid ____ in relatively inaccessible mountain forest regions of North America.
(A) can only finding
(B) only to be found
(C) found only
(D) can only be found
3. ____ in nomadic societies is broadly defined.
(A) The concept of family
(B) As the concept of family
(C) The concept of family that
(D) Because the concept of family
4. ____ people to act recklessly, the color red is the background color of choice in gambling casinos.
(A) It is thought to cause
(B) Thinking about causing
(C) Thought to cause
(D) to think about causing
5. On a promontory overlooking the Pacific Ocean ____ of the University of California.
(A) the Santa Barbara campus lies
(B) lies there the Santa Barbara campus
(C) lies the Santa Barbara campus
(D) lies where the Santa Barbara campus
6. Bruce Barton, ____, was one of the most successful advertising men of the 1920s.
(A) was the son of a minister
(B) the son of a minister
(C) whom the son of a minister
(D) of the son of a minister
7. Few U.S. presidents have enjoyed ____ did John F. Kennedy.
(A) as much as popularity
(B) as much popularity as
(C) as much popularity
(D) the most popularity
8. It is difficult to determine exactly ____.
(A) what the center of the earth consists of
(B) what does the center of the earth consist of
(C) the center of the earth consists of what
(D) what of the center of the earth consists
9. Though convinced that the economy was basically sound, ____.
(A) President Hoover took steps to prevent the spread of depression
(B) preventing the spread of depression took steps by President Hoover
(C) the spread of depression was prevented by steps taken by President Hoover
(D) steps were taken by President Hoover to prevent the spread of depression
10. Benjamin Franklin was indeed a practical man; ____ who gave a large part of his life to the service of the American colonies.
(A) nevertheless, he was also an idealist
(B) that he was also an idealist
(C) also an idealist
(D) also as an idealist
11. Cell biologists ____ in studying cells today.
A sophisticated, a variety of useful chemical techniques
B a variety of sophisticated chemical techniques use
C use a variety of sophisticated chemical techniques
D use of a variety of sophisticated chemical techniques

12. The overall strength of a country's economy is _____ determines the value of its currency.

- (A) that
- (B) whose
- (C) what
- (D) it

13. _____ recover from the setbacks they have experienced in recent years, the economy of the entire country would be positively affected.

- (A) American car manufacturers should ever
- (B) Ever should American car manufacturers
- (C) Should American car manufacturers ever
- (D) American car manufacturers ever should

14. _____ witnesses is forbidden in the Federal Courts of the United States.

- (A) Aggressively cross-examine
- (B) Cross-examination aggressive
- (C) Aggressive cross-examining
- (D) The Aggressive cross-examination of

15. The flora of the arid American Southwest is less varied than _____.

- (A) the semi-tropical Southeast
- (B) that of the semi-tropical Southeast
- (C) the Southeast is semi-tropical
- (D) it is semi-tropical in the Southeast

Directions: In Questions 16-40 each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

16. Once have built their nests, birds lay eggs and hatch their young.

A B C D

17. Moisturize in the air forms an effective insulating blanket over most of the earth.

A B C D

18. Competitive firms are always under pressure to reduce costs, improve quality, and catering to consumer preferences.

A B C D

19. A sector of a circle is a pie-shaped regions bounded by a central angle, the art it cuts off, and two radii.

A B C D

20. Scientists often place the initial domestication of horses at around 4,000 years ago, basing them estimates on historical depictions showing horses used by military cavalry.

A B C D

21. The discovery of a new primate species, the black-faced lion tamarin, will be formerly announced as soon as scientists have further evidence of its existence.

A B C D

22. The Beartooth Highway crisscrosses the border between Montana and Wyoming, eventually climbing to an elevation of eleven thousand foot at scenic Beartooth Pass.

A B C D

23. Water pollutants are classified either as enriching substances that cause eutrophication nor as poisonous materials that harm aquatic life.

24. In today's world, Americans had depended on the automobile as their primary means of transportation.

25. Aspirin seems helpfully in reducing the risk of stroke in people whose upper heart chambers beat irregularly.

26. The sugar maple is a popular tree in New England because the sap which they produce can be converted into syrup.

27. Fast, obedient, and intelligent, the quarterhorse is rode in many rodeos.
A B C D

28. The computer, one of man's most recent creations, have revolutionized the world of information processing.

29. President Woodrow Wilson's collapse on October 2, 1919, was a tragic event not only for the president and his family but also for the nation.

30. Although both_A television and radio lacks_B the permanent quality that the printed word has, they remain the preferred_C sources of entertainment and information for_D the majority of Americans.

31. Scholars of historical change feels that the velocity of history has been greatly accelerated by the onward rush of science and technology during the twentieth century.

32. No_A nationwide survey has yet tried assess_B the extent of zinc deficiency in the United States or Canada, but_C indications are that_D it does occur.

33. An invention's chance of being accepted depends of its superiority to the method or object it is replacing.

34. Edgar Allan Poe, creation of the detective story at the age of thirty-two, claimed to prefer writing poetry
A B C
to writing prose.
D

35. In 1976, NASA setted^A up its Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence program, which was designed to seek^B out evidence of intelligent^C life on other^D planets.
36. Garlic, who^A is a member of the lily family, is valued^B both for its medicinal properties and^C for^D its pungent flavour.
37. For the most part, cook^A vegetables contain^B fewer usable nutrients than^C do^D raw vegetables.
38. The powerful, destroy^A force of hurricanes, common^B in the Caribbean and southeastern United States, sometimes^C reaches^D as far north as New England.
39. While solvent-based wall paints offer^A good coverage and sealing power, they^B are most^C difficult to clean^D up than are water-based paints.
40. Electronic games, much of which^A can be powerful instructional^B tools, are becoming more and more^C prevalent^D with the proliferation of computers in schools.