TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE 55

Parts of a sentence

1. During the war.....wrote a poem for General Washington, who complimented her on her "style and manner. "
(A) Phyllis Wheatley was
(B) it was Phyllis Wheatley
(C) Phyllis Wheatley
(D) Phyllis Wheatley she

2. .....was initially by horse or foot in the colonial period.
(A) It was land travel
(B) Land travel
(C) That land travel
(D) Because land travel

3. In 1 736, the number of poor people in Boston receiving public assistance.....about 4,000.
(A) was
(B) were
(C) it was
(D) they were

4. ....., Jupiter Hannon, was the first American black to publish his own verse.
(A) He was a poet and Baptist preacher of Long Island
(B) The poet and Baptist preacher of Long Island
(C) The poet and Baptist preacher of Long Island he was
(D) The poet and he was a Baptist preacher of Long Island

5. Outstanding for his talent as an essayist, inventor, mathematician, and astrologer in the I 770s..... , who also published a popular almanac.
(A) were Benjamin Banneker
(B) it was Benjamin Banneker
(C) was Benjamin Banneker
(D) Benjamin Banneker

6. During the eighteenth century, communication within and between cities..... at first.
(A) were difficult
(B) they were difficult
(C) difficult
(D) was difficult

7. ..... not a single hard-surfaced road during the entire colonial period aside from city streets.
(A) It was
(B) There was
(C) It
(D) There were

8. ..... in 1 776 that the Declaration of Independence was signed.
(A) It was
(B) There was
(C) There

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(D) It

9. ..... more than 300,000 people in Philadelphia by the end of the colonial period, making it the largest city in the colonies.
(A) There was
(B) It was
(C) They were
(D) There were

10. In the eighteenth century, ... not many women who had access to formal education in the colonies.
(A) there were
(B) it was
(C) were
(D) were there

11. After the Revolution, although some advances were made in education, ... a slow process.
(A) they were
(B) it
(C) it was
(D) there was

12. Postal service ___ almost nonexistent in the colonies.
(A) that was
(B) was
(C) it was
(D) being

13. .....twenty-two colonial newspapers by 1 775.
(A) About
(B) About were
(C) Were about
(D) There were about

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