TOEFL® Practice Test

English with Confidence

English with
Confidence.

TOEFL® Preparation Test

Reading Practice

Section 1 – Structure & Written Expression

Part A: Incomplete Sentences (1–15)

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. By the end of June, he _____ his thesis draft.
   (A) will finish   (B) finishes   (C) will have finished   (D) finishing

2. Neither the committee nor its chairperson _____ agreed on the proposal.
   (A) have   (B) has   (C) are   (D) were

3. The new regulation, together with previous amendments, _____ enforced next month.
   (A) will be   (B) will   (C) is   (D) was

4. If she _____ harder, she would have scored higher.
   (A) studies   (B) had studied   (C) will study   (D) studied

5. By the time you arrive, I _____ for over an hour.
   (A) will wait   (B) will have waited   (C) wait   (D) have waited

6. Each document _____ carefully reviewed before submission.
   (A) must   (B) must to be   (C) must be   (D) must being

7. They decided _____ the meeting until Friday.
   (A) postpone   (B) postponing   (C) to postpone   (D) postponed

8. I'm eager to _____ from the mentor next week.
   (A) hear   (B) to hear   (C) hearing   (D) to hearing

9. The professor recommended that students _____ additional readings.
   (A) undertake   (B) undertakes   (C) to undertake   (D) undertaking

10. Only after the files _____ downloaded did the analysis begin.
    (A) were   (B) was   (C) be   (D) are

11. Hardly _____ he start speaking when the projector failed.
    (A) did   (B) had   (C) has   (D) does

12. We would have succeeded _____ we known about the obstacle.
    (A) if   (B) had   (C) unless   (D) but

13. She behaves as though she _____ every detail.
    (A) know   (B) knows   (C) knew   (D) had known

14. The manuscript needs _____ before final printing.
    (A) edit   (B) editing   (C) to edit   (D) to be edited

15. Despite _____ several reminders, few applicants responded.
    (A) ignore   (B) ignoring   (C) to ignore   (D) ignored

Part B: Error Recognition (16–30)

Each sentence has one underlined part that is incorrect. Identify which part (A–D) must be corrected.

16. The rapid expansion of urban areas (A) increases flood risks and often (B) disregard natural drainage patterns. (C) Studies show (D) better planning can mitigate damage.

17. Neither the CEO nor the executives (A) were willing to sacrifice profits for (B) long-term sustainability. (C) (D)

18. A reliable software update (A) needs extensive testing, comprehensive documentation, and (B) ensuring backward compatibility. (C) (D)

19. There are fewer resources (A) available to researchers today than (B) there was a decade ago. (C) (D)

20. The committee, along with its advisors, (A) have decided to postpone the vote until (B) further notice. (C) (D)

21. Each of the participants (A) were given a questionnaire to (B) complete before the workshop. (C) (D)

22. Recent surveys indicate that many users prefer (A) mobile apps for banking, (B) but still use websites occasionally. (C) (D)

23. The guidelines recommend (A) that every report be submitted electronically and (B) that it includes an executive summary. (C) (D)

24. Solar panels convert sunlight (A) directly into electricity, providing a (B) renewable source of energy. (C) (D)

25. Neither the policy nor its enforcement (A) have been effective in reducing emissions. (B) (C) (D)

26. Researchers analyzed (A) the data and found significant correlations among (B) several variables. (C) (D)

27. The museum's collection emphasizes artifacts that (A) illustrate cultural exchange and (B) demonstrate technological innovation. (C) (D)

28. Participants are asked to rate their experience on a scale of (A) one through (B) ten, inclusive. (C) (D)

29. The new protocol (A) automatically activates when the system (B) detects unauthorized access attempts. (C) (D)

30. Scholars debate whether the ancient text (A) was originally written in Greek or (B) translated from another language. (C) (D)

Section 2 – Reading Comprehension

Passage A (31–50)

Smart Cities and Traffic Management
 With rising urban populations, cities implement smart traffic systems using sensors, AI analytics, and adaptive signals. These systems reduce congestion, lower emissions, and improve safety. Challenges include high installation costs and data privacy concerns.

31. Smart traffic systems primarily rely on
     (A) manual signals   (B) sensors   (C) paper reports   (D) radio broadcasts

32. A benefit mentioned is
    (A) increased congestion   (B) lower emissions   (C) higher fuel use   (D) longer trips

33. AI analytics help by
    (A) playing music   (B) predicting traffic flow   (C) issuing tickets   (D) controlling
    streetlights manually

34. Adaptive signals adjust based on
    (A) fixed schedules   (B) real-time data   (C) driver surveys   (D) historical averages

35. A challenge is
    (A) low installation cost   (B) data privacy   (C) simplicity   (D) uniform regulations

36. These systems improve safety by
    (A) encouraging speeding   (B) reducing accidents   (C) disabling brakes   (D) ignoring
    hazards

37. "Congestion" in context means
    (A) crowding   (B) speeding   (C) ticketing   (D) parking

38. The tone of the passage is
    (A) alarmist   (B) enthusiastic   (C) neutral   (D) nostalgic

39. High installation costs refer to
    (A) cheap equipment   (B) expensive infrastructure   (C) free installation   (D) leased
    hardware

40. The main idea is that
    (A) smart cities eliminate all traffic issues   (B) smart traffic systems offer benefits and
    drawbacks
    (C) manual control is superior   (D) sensors are unnecessary

41. Sensors detect
    (A) driver mood   (B) vehicle movement   (C) air temperature   (D) noise levels

42. Emissions drop because systems
    (A) shorten idle times   (B) prolong signals   (C) increase stops   (D) block pollution

43. Data privacy concerns involve
    (A) traffic speeds   (B) personal location data   (C) fuel prices   (D) road maintenance

44. A possible improvement is
    (A) fewer sensors   (B) stronger privacy safeguards   (C) longer signals   (D) manual

overrides

45. Cities deploying these systems are termed
    (A) "manual cities"   (B) "smart cities"   (C) "slow cities"   (D) "green cities"

46. The passage implies urban planners should
    (A) avoid technology   (B) invest in smart infrastructure   (C) ignore data   (D) ban sensors

47. Which word best describes "adaptive"?
    (A) rigid   (B) flexible   (C) manual   (D) fixed

48. Systems use AI to
    (A) cook meals   (B) analyse patterns   (C) paint roads   (D) park cars

49. Who would benefit most from this information?
    (A) chefs   (B) traffic engineers   (C) farmers   (D) musicians

50. The author's purpose is to
    (A) promote private cars   (B) inform about smart traffic   (C) criticize automation   (D) entertain readers

---

Passage B (51–70)

Online Education Platforms
E-learning platforms offer video lectures, interactive quizzes, and peer forums. They broaden access to education but face challenges in student engagement and digital equity.

51. E-learning platforms commonly include
    (A) printed books   (B) video lectures   (C) in-person labs   (D) physical classrooms

52. Interactive quizzes help by
    (A) reducing knowledge   (B) reinforcing learning   (C) increasing boredom   (D) blocking content

53. Peer forums allow students to
    (A) share ideas   (B) rent equipment   (C) submit taxes   (D) attend classes

54. A challenge is
    (A) unlimited engagement   (B) digital equity   (C) low access   (D) constant power

55. "Digital equity" refers to
    (A) equal access to technology   (B) stock market investments   (C) online gaming   (D) printed media

56. Student engagement suffers when
    (A) content is interactive   (B) courses are too long   (C) quizzes are fun   (D) forums are active

57. Platforms expand access by
    (A) requiring travel   (B) offering mobile access   (C) raising fees   (D) limiting enrollment

58. The tone is
    (A) dismissive   (B) neutral   (C) promotional   (D) alarmist

59. Which best describes the main idea?
    (A) E-learning is flawless   (B) E-learning offers benefits and challenges
    (C) In-person classes are obsolete   (D) Quizzes are unnecessary

60. To improve equity, platforms might
    (A) raise prices   (B) offer offline materials   (C) remove videos   (D) ban forums

61. A benefit not mentioned is
    (A) peer interaction   (B) course flexibility   (C) high tuition   (D) self-pacing

62. A drawback not mentioned is
    (A) connectivity issues   (B) platform downtime   (C) evaluation methods   (D) content updates

63. The author would likely advise
    (A) ignoring challenges   (B) addressing equity gaps   (C) banning e-learning   (D) using only videos

64. Student engagement is linked to
    (A) quiz frequency   (B) video length   (C) carrot consumption   (D) forum rules

65. Who is the intended audience?
    (A) festival organizers   (B) educators and administrators   (C) pilots   (D) chefs

Passage C (71–90)

Renewable Energy Storage
As renewable generation grows, effective storage—batteries, pumped hydro, and thermal systems—is essential. Storage smooths supply variability and ensures grid reliability. Challenges include high costs and environmental impacts of battery production.

66. Storage systems are needed to
     (A) reduce consumption   (B) smooth supply variability   (C) increase variability   (D) limit generation

67. Examples include all EXCEPT
     (A) battery arrays   (B) pumped hydro   (C) thermal storage   (D) coal reserves

68. "Grid reliability" means
     (A) constant power availability   (B) variable service   (C) intermittent blackouts   (D) manual control

69. A challenge is
     (A) low costs   (B) battery production impacts   (C) unlimited resources   (D) zero maintenance

70. Pumped hydro stores energy by
     (A) compressing air   (B) raising water   (C) heating rocks   (D) spinning turbines

71. Thermal storage captures
     (A) sound   (B) heat   (C) light   (D) motion

72. High costs refer to
     (A) free systems   (B) expensive materials   (C) leased units   (D) rented space

73. Environmental impacts include
     (A) battery mining   (B) wind noise   (C) solar glare   (D) hydro leaks

74. The tone is
     (A) critical   (B) optimistic   (C) neutral   (D) nostalgic

75. The main idea is
     (A) storage is unnecessary   (B) storage is vital and challenging
     (C) generation suffices   (D) grids are obsolete

76. Which word best describes "variability"?
   (A) stability   (B) fluctuation   (C) rarity   (D) permanence

77. A policy maker reading this would focus on
   (A) banning storage   (B) subsidizing batteries   (C) ignoring costs   (D) reducing grids

78. Storage ensures
   (A) supply gaps   (B) power continuity   (C) more blackouts   (D) manual oversight

79. "Pumped" in "pumped hydro" refers to
   (A) pumping water uphill   (B) pumping oil   (C) pumping air   (D) pumping heat

80. Who benefits most?
   (A) grid operators   (B) miners   (C) authors   (D) drivers

---

Passage D (91–100)

The Evolution of Online Search
From early directories to AI-driven search engines, online search has transformed information access. Key innovations include keyword indexing, PageRank algorithms, and natural-language processing.

91. Early online search relied on
   (A) AI   (B) directories   (C) social media   (D) video platforms

92. Keyword indexing involves
   (A) linking videos   (B) cataloguing terms   (C) streaming content   (D) encrypting data

93. PageRank algorithms rank pages by
   (A) author   (B) link authority   (C) date   (D) size

94. Natural-language processing enables
   (A) voice commands   (B) video playback   (C) file sharing   (D) image editing

95. The tone is
   (A) promotional   (B) informative   (C) nostalgic   (D) critical

96. Which innovation came last?
   (A) directories   (B) keyword indexing   (C) PageRank   (D) NLP

97. "Transform" in context means
    (A) maintain   (B) change drastically   (C) erase   (D) slow down

98. Search engines now handle all EXCEPT
    (A) keyword queries   (B) voice queries   (C) image recognition   (D) physical mail

99. The main idea is that
    (A) search has stagnated   (B) search technology has advanced significantly
    (C) directories remain dominant   (D) NLP is unnecessary

100.   The author's purpose is to
    (A) sell search services   (B) inform about search evolution   (C) encourage directory
    use   (D) critique AI

Answer Sheets

Section 1 – Structure & Written Expression

1 C   2 B   3 C   4 B   5 B   6 C   7 C   8 C   9 A   10 A
11 B   12 A   13 C   14 D   15 B   16 B   17 A   18 C   19 C   20 A
21 A   22 B   23 A   24 A   25 A   26 A   27 D   28 A   29 A   30 D

Section 2 – Reading Comprehension

Passage A (31–50):
31 B   32 B   33 B   34 B   35 B   36 B   37 A   38 C   39 B   40 B
41 B   42 A   43 B   44 D   45 B   46 B   47 C   48 A   49 B   50 B

Passage B (51–70):
51 B   52 B   53 A   54 B   55 A   56 A   57 B   58 B   59 B   60 B
61 B   62 B   63 B   64 B   65 B   66 B   67 B   68 B   69 B   70 B

Passage C (71–90):
66 B   67 A   68 A   69 B   70 B   71 B   72 B   73 A   74 C   75 B
76 B   77 B   78 B   79 A   80 A

Passage D (91–100):
91 B   92 B   93 B   94 A   95 B   96 D   97 B   98 D   99 B   100 B