

SCRIPT OF TOEFL LISTENING SECTIONS

EXERCISE 1: Dialogues—Topics

Woman: The professor drilled and drilled until I couldn't stand it.

Man: I heard he assigned a whole lot of exercises without explaining any of the grammar rules, too. I'm glad I went to the gym.

1. What are the man and woman talking about?

(A) A health club.

(B) A class.

(C) A game.

(D) A dentist.

Man: They sell gas by the gallon here.

Woman: Yes, and I see that the bulk food in the grocery store is sold in pounds and ounces.

2. What are these two people most probably discussing?

(A) Food and grocery items.

(B) Gasoline prices.

(C) Weights and measures.

(D) Money.

Woman: You should have your mail held at the post office until you get back.

Man: Good idea. I remembered to get the newspaper stopped, but I'd forgotten about that.

3. What are the two people talking about?

(A) A vacation.

(B) The mall.

(C) The newspaper.

(D) The office.

Man: Do you know how many students were accepted in the new doctoral program?

Woman: Well, I saw Mary at the party last night, and she said that only six got in.

4. What are the two people discussing?

(A) A new doctor.

(B) A party they attended.

(C) Their friend Mary.

(D) A graduate program.

Man: I applied for the exchange program to Europe this year but I couldn't go because I got sick.

Woman: That's too bad. Nancy went to England last year, and she said it was really a great experience.

5. What are the man and the woman discussing?

(A) An exchange program.

(B) The man's trip to England.

(C) The man's illness.

(D) Their friend Nancy.

Man: The chairs in that lecture room are really uncomfortable.

Woman: You said it. They're so small that my children wouldn't even fit in them.

6. What are the man and woman talking about?

- (A) The professor's lecture.
- (B) The woman's children.
- (C) The chairs they are sitting in.
- (D) The size of the lecture room.

Woman: I've had it with my computer. I lost another paper when I tried to save it on a disk.

Man: You have to do something about that. Why don't you try over at Computer World?

7. What are the two people discussing?

- (A) The woman's computer.
- (B) The woman's paper.
- (C) The man's hometown.
- (D) The man's job.

Woman: I was late for class because I couldn't find a parking space.

Man: It's because of registration week. I drove around for almost half an hour before I found one this morning.

8. What are the two people talking about?

- (A) The campus.
- (B) Registration week.
- (C) The parking situation.
- (D) The woman's class.

Man: I really like Dr. Smith, but I can't say as much for her T.A.

Woman: Sally? Oh, she's okay as long as you go to class and get the lab reports in on time.

9. What are the man and the woman discussing?

- (A) The professor, Dr. Smith.
- (B) The lab reports.
- (C) The attendance policy.
- (D) The teaching assistant.

Man: I used to bring my lunch to school when I was working in the Chemistry Department, but now that I'm a full-time student I just eat at the Snack Bar.

Woman: Me, too. It's too hard trying to get everyone ready in the morning at my house.

10. What are the man and the woman talking about?

- (A) The chemistry department.
- (B) The woman's house.
- (C) The man's employer.
- (D) Having lunch on campus.

EXERCISE 2: DIALOGUES - DETAILS

Woman: You look awful. Do you have a hangover?

Man: No. I've been up all night finishing a paper. All I've had to drink is coffee.

1. What is the man's problem?

- (A) He is tired.
- (B) He is drunk.
- (C) He is thirsty.
- (D) He is busy.

Woman: Can I use my credit card to pay my fees, or do I have to give you a check?

Man: Your card is fine as long as your credit approval goes through.

2. How does the woman want to pay?

(A) She wants to pay by check.

(B) She prefers to use a credit card.

(C) She has cash.

(D) She will need a loan.

Woman: No wonder Sharon won't see you. She probably thought that such an expensive gift was inappropriate on such short acquaintance.

Man: It certainly is different here. In my country, men are supposed to show women that they care for them by giving them jewelry.

3. Why did Sharon stop seeing the man?

(A) He was too short.

(B) She didn't know him very well.

(C) The expensive gift made her uncomfortable.

(D) The man never gave her gifts.

Woman: Why do you need to check my purse? Do you think I stole something?

Man: Not at all. This is a standard security procedure.

4. Why did the man look through the woman's purse?

(A) He thought she was a thief.

(B) He wanted to secure it for her.

(C) His job was to check everyone's belongings.

(D) He was looking for a standard size.

Woman: I lost my notebook. Could I borrow yours before the test?

Man: I'm sorry. I'd like to help you, but I just can't. I have to take it with me to work so I can study on my breaks.

5. What does the woman want the man to do?

(A) Study with her.

(B) Help her on the test.

(C) Take a break.

(D) Lend her his notebook.

Woman: That looks like Steve's car, but who is that girl driving it?

Man: Oh, that's Steve's sister. I met her last night at Mary Anne's party.

6. Who is driving Steve's car?

(A) Steve's girlfriend.

(B) Steve's sister.

(C) Steve.

(D) Mary Anne.

Woman: The door seems to be locked. Do I need a key for the bathroom?

Man: No. Just push hard. It sticks a little.

7. Why won't the door open?

(A) The door is locked.

- (B) The woman doesn't have the right key.
- (C) The door is stuck.
- (D) The doorknob is broken.

Man: Can we use our calculators on the test?

Woman: Yes, if you bring them to me at the beginning of the test, I'll check them out and return them right away so you can use them.

8. What does the man want to do?

- (A) Check the calculators.
- (B) Use a calculator to do his test.
- (C) Purchase a calculator,
- (D) Borrow a calculator.

Man: My roommate left, and he didn't pay his share, so I'm stuck with all the rent and utilities for last month.

Woman: That's not fair. You should call his family.

9. What is the woman's advice?

- (A) She thinks the man should pay the bills.
- (B) She thinks the man should ask his family for help.
- (C) She thinks the man should contact his roommate's family for money.
- (D) She thinks the man should leave.

Man: I want to apply for a student loan, please.

Woman: All right. Fill out these forms and bring in your income tax records from last year. Then I'll review your options with you.

10. How will the woman help the man?

- (A) By filling out forms.
- (B) By filing his taxes.
- (C) By advising him about student loans.
- (D) By completing his application.

EXERCISE 3: Dialogues—Selections

Woman: Is Jack your cousin?

Man: No. He seems more like a brother, really, but we are just good friends.

1. What is the relationship between Jack and the man?

- (A) They are brothers.
- (B) They are good friends.
- (C) They are cousins.
- (D) They are classmates.

Man: So I asked Frank if we could live together next semester, and he said that he was going to room with Geoff.

Woman: Oh, that's too bad. Well, I know that Steve is looking for a roommate.

Third Voice: What does the woman suggest?

2. What does the woman suggest?

- (A) That the man live with Frank and Geoff.
- (B) That the man ask Geoff to be his roommate.

- (C) That the man and Steve be roommates.
- (D) That the man share a room with Frank.

Man: What did you get on the calculus exam?

Woman: A C. And I feel lucky to have it. Mike got a B, but almost everyone else got Ds and Fs.

3. What grade did the woman receive?

- (A) She earned an A.
- (B) She received a B.
- (C) Her grade was C.
- (D) She got a D or F.

Man: Where can I buy a computer? It doesn't have to be the best on the market. I'm just going to use it to do word processing.

Woman: Um hum. You could go to a computer store, or a discount store, but if I were you, I'd look into some of the special offers through the university. I saw something in the paper just last night.

4. What advice does the woman give the man?

- (A) Buy the computer at a discount store.
- (B) Put an ad in the newspaper for a computer.
- (C) Go to a computer store to buy the computer.
- (D) Buy the computer at the university as part of a special offer.

Man: You didn't get your grades because your name isn't on the roster. Did you attend the class and take the exams?

Woman: I certainly did. And I paid my fees, too.

5. Why didn't the woman receive a grade for the course?

- (A) She didn't pay her fees.
- (B) She didn't register for the class.
- (C) She didn't attend the class.
- (D) She didn't have her name on the roster.

Man: What size do you need?

Woman: I'm not too sure. I wear a 5'12 or a 6 in Europe, and a 7 in Canada, but I think I need a 7'2 here.

6. What size will the man probably bring?

- (A) He will probably bring her a size 5 "2.
- (B) He will probably bring her a size 6.
- (C) He will probably bring her a size 7.
- (D) He will probably bring her a size 7 1/2.

Woman: I have been having the worst headaches. I know some of it is stress, but I'm worried that I might have something more serious, like high blood pressure.

Man: Well, we'll check that out, of course, but first, tell me the last time you had your glasses changed. It really sounds more like eye strain.

7. What does the man suspect?

- (A) The woman needs new glasses.
- (B) The woman has high blood pressure.
- (C) The woman has serious headaches.

Man: Is there a copy machine in this building?

Woman: No. But there is one in the building across the street.

4. What will the man probably do?

- (A) Ask the woman to make a copy for him.
- (B) Go across the street to make a copy.
- (C) Ask the woman for directions to the building.
- (D) Take his copies to the other building.

Man: Tuesdays you can rent two videos for the price of one. Wednesdays you can rent any video you want for ninety-nine cents. And every time you have rented a total of ten, you get one free. But you have to join the club, and that costs five dollars.

Woman: Okay. That sounds good to me.

5. What will the woman probably do?

- (A) Join the club.
- (B) Pay five dollars for a video.
- (C) Rent ten videos.
- (D) Go to the video store.

Woman: How may I direct your call?

Man: Reservations, please

6. What does the man probably want to do?

- (A) Get directions.
- (B) Make a call.
- (C) Make a reservation.
- (D) Talk to the woman.

Woman: Is this where the bus to the mall stops?

Man: No. It's on the other side of the street.

7. What will the woman probably do?

- (A) Walk to the mall.
- (B) Get on the bus.
- (C) Cross the street to wait for the bus.
- (D) Take a taxi to the mall.

Woman: Did you drive in on 1-17?

Man: Yes, and it was already starting to get slick. By now it should be really bad. You'd better call the highway patrol before you leave to make sure it's still open.

8. What will the woman probably do?

- (A) Leave at once.
- (B) Call the highway patrol.
- (C) Go home with the man.
- (D) Drive carefully.

Woman: Do you deliver?

Man: That depends. We do if you are within three miles of the university.

9. What will the man do?

- (A) Take the delivery to the university.
- (B) Refuse to make the delivery to the woman.

- (C) Make the delivery to the woman if she is close to the university.
- (D) Deliver to a main location three miles from the university where the woman can pick it up.

Woman: It will be about a twenty-minute wait if you want to sit in the non-smoking section.
We can seat you in smoking in five minutes.

Man: Okay. I don't have twenty minutes to wait.

10. What will the man probably do?

- (A) Wait twenty minutes to be seated.
- (B) Wait five minutes to be seated.
- (C) Go right in to be seated.
- (D) Smoke while he waits to be seated.

EXERCISE 10: Dialogues—Implications

Woman: That book is on reserve, so you can't take it out of the library. You can use it here for two hours, though. Or, you can wait until an hour before closing and check it out until the library opens at eight in the morning.

Man: Okay. I'll come back tonight.

1. What does the man imply?

- (A) He will not use the book.
- (B) He will use the book in the library for two hours.
- (C) He will check the book out before closing.
- (D) He will reserve the book.

Woman: Do you know where I can get a soda?

Man: Isn't there a machine downstairs?

2. What does the man imply?

- (A) The woman cannot get a soda.
- (B) He will go downstairs to get the woman a soda.
- (C) The woman should go downstairs to get a soda.
- (D) He does not know where to get a soda.

Man: Why do you have to take the TOEFL? I thought if you graduated from an American high school you didn't have to take it.

Woman: I thought so, too. But the universities where I applied required a score even with an American diploma.

3. What do we know about the woman?

- (A) She thought she had applied to the right school.
- (B) She attends an American university now.
- (C) She does not have to take the TOEFL.
- (D) She graduated from an American high school.

Woman: How long did it take you to register? I was in line for two hours.

Man: You were lucky.

4. What did the man mean?

- (A) The woman was in line for a long time.
- (B) The man was in line longer than the woman.
- (C) The man registered quickly.

(D) The woman did not register.

Woman: If I were you, I would take a plane instead of a bus. It will take you forever to get

Man: But flying makes me so nervous.

5. What does the man prefer to do?

(A) He prefers staying at home because he doesn't like to travel.

(B) He prefers taking a plane because the bus is too slow.

(C) He prefers taking a bus because the plane makes him nervous.

(D) He prefers traveling with the woman.

Man: The name is Baker. We don't have a reservation, but we have time to wait.

Woman: Party of four? It shouldn't be more than ten minutes, Mr. Baker. We'll call you when we have a table.

6. Where does this conversation most likely take place?

(A) On a reservation.

(B) At a party.

(C) At a restaurant.

(D) In a bakery.

Woman: Do you think that Bob is serious about Sally?

Man: Well, I know this. I've never seen him go out so often with the same person.

7. What conclusion does the man want us to draw from his statement?

(A) Sally is serious about Bob.

(B) Bob is serious about Sally.

(C) Sally is not serious about Bob.

(D) Bob is not serious about Sally.

Woman: Whereas European nations have traditionally employed metric units such as meters and grams, the United States has employed English units such as feet and pounds.

Man: Both systems are now in use in the U.S., though.

8. What are these people most probably discussing?

(A) Weights and measurements.

(B) Political systems.

(C) Employment.

(D) Money.

Woman: Jane told me that she was going to quit her job. I'll certainly be sorry to see her go.

Man: Oh, she always says that! I wouldn't buy her a going-away present if I were you.

9. What does the man think about Jane?

(A) he will go away.

(B) She will be sorry.

(C) She will not quit her job.

(D) She will not buy him a present.

Man: I wonder what happened to Betty Thompson? I don't see her anywhere.

Woman: I don't know. She told me that she would be here at the play tonight.

10. What do we learn about Betty from this conversation?

(A) She does not like plays.

- (C) The professor changed the book this semester.
- (D) Books are very expensive.

Woman: Sorry. I have to stay here until someone comes from the phone company to install my phone.

Man: That's too bad. I wish you could go with us to the movie.

6. What is the woman's problem?

- (A) She has to wait for the telephone to be installed.
- (B) She does not have a telephone.
- (C) She has already seen the movie.
- (D) She cannot go to the movie because she has company.

Man: Excuse me. I need to exchange this sweatshirt for a larger size, but I can't find the receipt.

Woman: That's okay since it's an even exchange. Just take the size you want and give me that one.

7. What is the man's problem?

- (A) He has gained weight.
- (B) The sweatshirt is too big.
- (C) He does not have the receipt.
- (D) The clerk cannot authorize exchanges.

Woman: If the university had child care on campus, it would make my life a lot easier.

Man: It really would. It must take a lot of time going back and forth to day care all the way across town.

8. What is the woman's problem?

- (A) She needs child care that is closer to the university.
- (B) She needs someone to take care of her children while she is in class.
- (C) She needs the man to help her more with the children.
- (D) She needs to spend more time with the children.

Man: I need to get a different job. The one I have just doesn't give me enough hours anymore.

Woman: Have you tried the library? They're always looking for help.

9. What is the man's problem?

- (A) He does not like his job.
- (B) He wants to work more hours.
- (C) He cannot change jobs.
- (D) He needs to spend more time studying.

Woman: I've been staying up until three and four in the morning trying to get all my papers and projects done. I'm exhausted.

Man: Well, you can't do that for very long without getting sick.

10. What is the woman's problem?

- (A) She needs to get more sleep.
- (B) She is starting to feel sick.
- (C) She did not finish her papers and projects.
- (D) She is tired of schoolwork.

