

LISTENING COMPREHENSION POST TEST

The Paper Based Test

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TOEFL POST - TEST

SECTION 1

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Time - approximately 35 minutes
(including the reading of the directions for each part)

In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand conversations and talks in English. There are three parts to this section, with special directions for each part. Answer all the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied by the speakers you hear. Do not take notes or write in your test book at any time. Do not turn the pages until you are told to do so.

Part A

Directions: In Part A you will hear short conversations between two people. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. The conversations and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Here is an example.

Sample Answer

On the recording, you will hear:

(man) That exam was just awful.
(woman) Oh, it could have been worse.
(narrator) What does the woman mean?



In your test book, you will read:

- (A) The exam was really awful.
- (B) It was the worst exam she had ever seen.
- (C) It couldn't have been more difficult.
- (D) It wasn't that hard.

You learn from the conversation that the man thought the exam was very difficult and that the woman disagreed with the man. The best answer to the question, "What does the woman mean?" is (D), "It wasn't that hard." Therefore, the correct choice is (D).

1. (A) She doesn't want to go to class.
(B) Art has her glasses.
(C) The artist will begin the portrait tonight.
(D) The course starts this evening.
2. (A) A waiter.
(B) A baker.
(C) A neighbor.
(D) A tour guide.
3. (A) She's in the center of the shop.
(B) She went shopping for a new car.
(C) She took her car to the store.
(D) She was driving him crazy.
4. (A) He lied.
(B) He's upset.
(C) He did not tell her his name.
(D) He's always truthful.
5. (A) He believes that the woman has found some good pieces.
(B) He agrees that the prices are low.
(C) He would like to have a chance to say something.
(D) He thinks that the woman is wrong about the prices.
6. (A) Listen to him.
(B) Pay the check.
(C) Attend the meeting.
(D) Speak more clearly.
7. (A) Not moving inside.
(B) Playing in the rain.
(C) Not going out.
(D) Running hard.
8. (A) The courts have decided on a new judge.
(B) The judge made himself available for questions.
(C) The judge decided on the issue.
(D) The decision about the judge was finally made.
9. (A) She was unable to attend the chemistry class.
(B) She couldn't find the answer to the problem.
(C) Chemistry class just finished.
(D) She has a problem with her chemistry teacher.
10. (A) Stay home.
(B) Watch television.
(C) Buy a new house.
(D) Go out.
11. (A) In a business office.
(B) In an airplane.
(C) In a gymnasium.
(D) In a classroom.
12. (A) He is probably swimming.
(B) He is poor.
(C) Nobody knows where he is.
(D) He should not be in the pool.
13. (A) Taking naps during the day.
(B) Sleeping longer during the night.
(C) Getting him tired out before sleeping.
(D) Only sleeping a little at night.
14. (A) The chapter was difficult to read.
(B) She didn't even try to read the chapter.
(C) She got through the chapter rather easily.
(D) She will try to read the chapter later today.
15. (A) He's working as a security guard.
(B) His garden is successful.
(C) There are a lot of stones in the garden.
(D) He enjoys the rocking chair.
16. (A) Beautiful weather is impossible.

- (B) She thinks the wedding is beautiful.
(C) She shares the man's opinion.
17. (A) A railroad conductor.
(B) A bus driver.
(C) A math teacher.
(D) A mechanic.
18. (A) The sandwich needed some spices.
(B) The lunch did not taste very good.
(C) She had a delicious meal.
(D) She hardly tasted the sandwich.
19. (A) She's no longer sick.
(B) She has no feelings.
(C) Her health is always good.
(D) He feels better than she does.
20. (A) Watching the professor closely in class.
(B) Spending more time working in his office.
(C) Studying psychology more often.
(D) Talking to his professor.
21. (A) It's difficult for him to save money.
(B) He wants to purchase a home near the ocean.
(C) He goes to the beach often.
(D) Buying a house is out of reach for him.
22. (A) Sally has many friends.
(B) He doesn't understand anything about Sally.
(C) He also thinks that Sally was not nice.
(D) Sally said many different things.
23. (A) The stereo is not loud enough.
(B) He is going to turn the stereo off.
(C) The woman should turn and face the stereo.
(D) The woman doesn't want to hear the music.
24. (A) He was not present during the overture.
(D) The red dress is incredible.
- (B) He was in over his head.
(C) He repeatedly expressed his appreciation.
(D) He thinks the present is overpriced.
25. (A) In a bank.
(B) In an airport.
(C) In a store.
(D) In a hotel.
26. (A) Hanging the pictures on the wall.
(B) Taking some photographs.
(C) Sitting closer to the wall.
(D) Visiting his hometown.
27. (A) She doesn't know who Carl is.
(B) She already had a meeting with Carl.
(C) She needs to tell Carl about the meeting.
(D) She knows where Carl lives.
28. (A) His book was not really cheap.
(B) He bought a used text.
(C) His book does not include the latest news.
(D) He did not know anything about the textbooks.
29. (A) It was announced that there would be a new teacher.
(B) He wanted to give something to the teacher.
(C) The instructor said that a test would be given.
(D) The teacher returned the exams.
30. (A) There has been a lot of decay.
(B) The government is decadent.
(C) The government has decided to conduct a new survey.
(D) The population is counted every ten years.

Part B

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear longer conversations. After each conversation, you will hear several questions. The conversations and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

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31. (A) At one o'clock.
(B) At two o'clock.
(C) At three o'clock.
(D) At four o'clock.
32. (A) Ski.
(B) Read books on skiing.
(C) Buy skiing equipment.
(D) Plan ski trips.
33. (A) He doesn't know how to ski.
(B) He doesn't know where the meeting is.
(C) He doesn't know what time the meeting starts.
(D) He is afraid of skiing.
34. (A) Leave on a skiing trip.
(B) Go with the woman to the meeting.
(C) Try on some skis.
(D) Give a lecture to the ski club.
35. (A) From the radio.
(B) From a book.
(C) From the newspaper.
(D) From a lecture.
36. (A) You can eat it.
(B) It tastes like fast food.
(C) It is inexpensive.
(D) You cannot see it.
37. (A) Paper.
(B) Fries.
(C) Corn.
(D) Burgers.
38. (A) It is not as good as paper.
(B) It should not be used for fast food.
(C) It should be faster than paper.
(D) It might be healthier than the food.

Part C

Directions: In Part C of this section, you will hear several talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions. The talks and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, you will read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Here is an example.

On the recording, you will hear:

(narrator) *Listen to an instructor talk to his class about painting.*

(man) *Artist Grant Wood was a guiding force in the school of painting known as American regionalist, a style reflecting the distinctive characteristics of art from rural areas of the United States. Wood began drawing animals on the family farm at the age of three, and when he was thirty-eight one of his paintings received a remarkable amount of public notice and acclaim. This painting, called American Gothic, is a starkly simple depiction of a serious couple staring directly out at the viewer.*

Now listen to a sample question.

Sample Answer

(narrator) *What style of painting is known as American regionalist?*



In your test book, you will read:

- (A) Art from America's inner cities.
- (B) Art from the central region of the United States.
- (C) Art from various urban areas in the United States.
- (D) Art from rural sections of America.

The best answer to the question, "What style of painting is known as American regionalist?" is (D), "Art from rural sections of America." Therefore, the correct choice is (D).

Now listen to another sample question.

Sample Answer

(narrator) *What is the name of Woods most successful painting?*



In your test book, you will read:

- (A) *American Regionalist.*
- (B) *The Family Farm in Iowa.*
- (C) *American Gothic.*
- (D) *A Serious Couple.*

The best answer to the question, “What is the name of Wood’s most successful painting?” is (C), *American Gothic*. Therefore, the correct choice is (C).

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39. (A) To the Grand Canyon.
(B) To a jewelry show.
(C) To a deserted stone building.
(D) To the Petrified Forest.
40. (A) To the Grand Canyon.
(B) To the Colorado River.
(C) To a tree house.
(D) To the Petrified Forest.
41. (A) It has fallen in the river.
(B) It has turned to stone.
(C) It has grown larger.
(D) It has gotten softer.
42. (A) Swim in the river.
(B) Walk through the trees.
(C) Stay at a distance.
(D) Take any petrified wood.
43. (A) Graduation requirements.
(B) School clothing.
(C) The date of the December graduation ceremony.
(D) Which students will be seniors.
44. (A) Read it.
(B) File it in their personal files.
(C) Study it.
(D) Give it to an advisor.
45. (A) A university class schedule.
(B) A cap and gown.
(C) A blue and gold flag.
(D) A graduate school catalogue.
46. (A) Any time before graduation.
(B) At the beginning of the senior year.
(C) Before the end of December.
(D) In the springtime.
47. (A) Training dogs to use smell.
(B) Techniques of dog trainers.
(C) The smells of various types of food.
(D) How dog breeds are different.
48. (A) Most have no sense of smell.
(B) They are all unable to smell drugs.
(C) They have equally good senses of smell.
(D) Most are quite untrainable.
49. (A) They are small.
(B) They are friendly.
(C) They react quickly.
(D) They work well in the cold.
50. (A) Airports.
(B) People.
(C) Luggage.
(D) Snow.

ANSWER KEYS

1. D	21. B	41. B
2. A	22. C	42. D
3. C	23. A	43. A
4. A	24. C	44. D
5. B	25. D	45. B
6. A	26. A	46. C
7. C	27. C	47. A
8. C	28. B	48. C
9. B	29. C	49. C
10. D	30. D	50. B
11. D	31. C	
12. A	32. D	
13. B	33. A	
14. A	34. B	
15. C	35. C	
16. C	36. A	
17. D	37. C	
18. C	38. D	
19. A	39. A	
20. D	40. D	

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