**ĐỀ THI THỬ TOEIC PHẦN ĐỌC**

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   1. When B. While C. If D. Because
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   1. during the last B. in the following C. periodically over D. since the last
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Anne

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   1. to inform
   2. to accuse
   3. to make a request
   4. to praise
2. What can be implied about the workshop? c
   1. All the delegates were staff from the same office.
   2. It included several talks.
   3. It lasted one day.
   4. Motivation was the only topic discussed.
3. What can be implied about Dr Friedman?
   1. He works in the same office as Anne.
   2. He has a very busy schedule.
   3. He is a leading expert on staff motivation.
   4. Anne knows him better than Helen does.
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   1. Put the margarine and sugar in a bowl
   2. Turn on the oven
   3. Sift the flour
   4. Break the eggs
2. Which of the following items is needed to make this recipe?
   1. a microwave
   2. a sieve
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6. How much do five fire alarms cost? A. $20

B. $100 C. $120

D. $4

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   1. an elderly couple
   2. a family of two adults and two teenagers
   3. a woman living alone
   4. a man who owns his own home
2. What does the number 5,000 refer to?
   1. the number of people who are eligible for free smoke alarms
   2. the number of smoke alarms which need to be replaced in the town of McKinley
   3. the number of smoke alarms which have already been installed by the Fire Department
   4. the number of smoke alarms which are available free to certain people
3. Why did Gwen Ellis have to buy new smoke alarms?
   1. her old alarms stopped working
   2. she now has a young family
   3. her previous alarms didn’t meet the safety regulations
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   1. People who are attending the cycling event
   2. Car owners living on one street
   3. Homeowners who ride bicycles
   4. Colleagues at Berrington Council
2. What must residents do?
   1. Tow their cars away
   2. Park in a different street
   3. Use their cars between 6am and 7pm
   4. Co-operate with the cyclists at the event

Keith Watchet Berrington Council

1. Do you feel stressed? Chances are, you do. Levels of stress in our society are increasing more and more these days, and this is true for both workers and students. There are a number of ways you can relieve stress, but there are also several ways in which you can avoid stress in the first place, and this article will focus on these. Here are four things you should avoid like the plague if you want to develop a more peaceful lifestyle.

What’s the first thing you do when you get home after a stressful day at work or college? Many of us collapse on the couch and reach for the TV remote. Don’t do it! Not only does the TV fill your living room with the stressful lives of on-screen characters, think about commercials. The aim of advertising is to make people feel that their lives are inadequate and unfulfilled. They often bring out negative emotions in viewers.

And while we are on the subject of television, have you noticed how much of the news we watch is bad news? Research states that over 90% of the news we watch, read or hear on the radio is bad news. In order to sell stories, the media bombard us with negative story after negative story. What is more, the stories which are reported are often ones which you have no control over, and this leads to a sense of powerlessness. Why not buy a local paper instead? The news is often far more optimistic, and you may be inspired to take action in a way that can have a positive effect on your own neighbourhood.

Avoiding television may also help you avoid another sort of stress – arguments. How often do you and your family row about what to watch on the television? Arguments will never help you feel better, and no-one ever wins an argument. When you feel that an argument is brewing, go for a walk or find a quiet place where you calm down, or you will only prolong the tension.

The last thing to avoid is caffeine. Anything which contains caffeine, and that includes coffee, tea, chocolate and even a nice soothing cup of cocoa, is a stimulant, and is more likely to keep you tense than relax you. Sugary drinks are also going to keep you buzzing. Have a cup of herbal tea and eat foods which are natural rather than processed.

1. What is the text about?
   1. Ways to relieve stress
   2. How to prevent stress
   3. Reasons why stress levels are increasing
   4. The consequences of a stressful lifestyle
2. Why does the writer consider commercials stressful?
   1. They often depict characters in stressful situations
   2. They make people worry about money
   3. They make you feel your life is not good enough
   4. They contain flashing and fat-moving images
3. Why, according to the writer, do news stories often depress us?
   1. The stories highlight problems in the local neighbourhood
   2. The stories address problems that the reader cannot control
   3. The stories describe people who are powerless
   4. The stories force readers to take action
4. What does the writer suggest you do if you feel angry with someone?
   1. Have a big argument
   2. Have some quiet time alone
   3. Turn the television on
   4. brew a cup of tea
5. Which drink does the writer recommend when you feel stressed?
   1. herbal tea B. cocoa

C. a sugary drink D. coffee

1. The country’s GDP increased by 0.9 per cent in the third quarter of 2009; significantly higher than the rate of 0.4 percent seen in the previous quarter.

No one sector can be held responsible for the increase, as there was growth across the board in each of services, construction and production.

Services output rose to 1.0 percent, and the largest contribution to this was the Business and Finance sector, which rose by 1.3 percent. Communications, Government services and Hospitality also rose, but there was a decline in Transport and Distribution.

Construction output rose 3.4 per cent in this quarter, a considerable improvement from the second quarter, in which output decreased by 1.6 per cent.

Total production output grew in the third quarter at a rate of 1.0 per cent, the same rate as in the previous quarter. Electricity, gas and water supply output contributed most to growth in the production sector, as output rose from 0.8 to 1.5 percent. Manufacturing, mining and agriculture all decreased during this period.

1. Which of the following is true about the country’s GDP?
   1. It increased in both the second and third quarters
   2. It decreased in the second quarter, and increased in the third quarter
   3. It increased in the second quarter and decreased in the third quarter
   4. It decreased in both the second and third quarters
2. Which of the following is NOT a Service?
   1. Communications
   2. Distribution
   3. Electricity Gas and Water Supply
   4. Hospitality
3. Which of the following figures decreased in the second quarter and rose in the third quarter?
4. Transport output
5. Construction output
6. Total production
7. Agricultural output
8. Which of the following had the highest rate of output in the third quarter?
   1. Electricity Gas and Water Supply
   2. Business and Finance
   3. Government Services
   4. Manufacturing
9. What was the Total production output in the second quarter?
   1. a growth of 1.0 percent
   2. a decrease of 1.0 percent
   3. An increase of 0.8 percent
   4. An increase of 0.9 percent

**VIII** Offer: Gym Equipment (Upper Park Road) Posted by: "Lenny" [ld.hunter@rainbownet.com](mailto:ld.hunter@rainbownet.com) Wed Apr 23, 1:55 pm

I have an exercise bike, used but in good working condition; an aerobics step still in its box, and three pairs of weights and a stand, again hardly ever used. Free to a good home. Buyer must collect.

1. What is the writer doing?
   1. Giving away sports equipment
   2. Offering free sports advice
   3. Advertising some goods for sale
   4. Organising a sports event
2. Which of the items has been used most frequently?
   1. The exercise bike
   2. The aerobics step
   3. The weights
   4. The stand
3. Which of the following can be inferred about Lenny?
   1. He wants a donation for the equipment.
   2. He lives in a good home.
   3. He is unable to transport the equipment.
   4. He has a new exercise bike.
4. Shopping is the best kind of therapy, and at Westgate Mall we want to make your shopping experience as exciting and enjoyable as possible. We’ve got over 150 shops offering a huge range of innovative and fashionable products. There are also over 25 cafes and restaurants for you to choose from so that you can unwind and feel refreshed before heading back to the shops! And it’s right here in the city centre, only 500 metres from the Central Subway station, and just around the corner from the fashionable Theatre District. In order to ensure that the time you spend at Westgate Mall is as enjoyable as possible, we’ve made sure that everything you need is on hand. There are shopper lockers where you can store your bags available in the South Mall; ample restrooms with baby changing facilities, and for your safety, security cameras are located throughout the mall. If you need any help finding your way around, information on travel, accommodation and entertainment, or advice on where to buy the things you need, come to our Customer Service desk on level three.
5. Where is the text most likely to be from?
   1. a tourist brochure
   2. a newspaper
   3. a blog
   4. a text book
6. What is the best way to travel to the mall?
   1. by car
   2. on foot
   3. by subway
   4. by bus
7. What can be found in the South Mall?
   1. restrooms
   2. storage facilities
   3. the Customer Services desk
   4. a theatre
8. Which of the following is NOT supplied at the customer services desk?
   1. information about hotels
   2. a place to store bags
   3. details about entertainment
   4. directions
9. TRD Educational Conference Treedown Centre

West 49th Street 8th-10th June

To register and reserve a place for the conference, please complete the following details: Name:

Company

Number of people in party

Please check the dates you wish to attend. 8th June 9th June 10th June

The cost of the conference is $130 per day or $300 for three days for delegates who pay in full before April 30th. Registration after this date will be $150 per day with no discount for attending all three days.

Parties of ten people or more will receive a 10% discount.

Please make checks payable to TRD Education, or complete the Credit or Debit form overleaf. We regret we do not accept payment in cash.

If you require accommodation, or if you have any special dietary needs, please complete form D and enclose it with your registration details.

1. What information does the form give?
   1. Information about prices
   2. Information about accommodation
   3. The conference agenda
   4. The people attending the conference
2. Which payment method is not accepted?
   1. Debit cards
   2. Checks
   3. Cash
   4. Credit Cards
3. What should someone do if they have a food allergy?
   1. Complete form D
   2. Enclose details with their registration
   3. Contact the organisers
   4. Pay extra
4. What is the cheapest way to go to the conference?
   1. Register after April 30th.
   2. Go to the conference for two or more days
   3. Register early and go in a group
   4. Pay by Debit or Credit card
5. How much does it cost someone to attend the conference for three days, if they register after April 30th?

A. $300 B. $150 C. $450 D. $390

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Read the two emails and answer the questions. Hi,

Sorry for sending this to all the staff in the company, but my list of people who are going to the Signmakers’ Conference in Dartmouth is not up-to-date, so I thought I’d mail it to everyone just to be on the safe side.

The company has agreed to pay for transport by rail which means you won’t have to drive

there yourselves. We’ve booked seats on the 0630 from Stanton Heath which goes direct to Dartmouth. We should arrive there by 0845, and we can then share taxis to get to the venue, which I understand is just a 15 minute drive, so we should easily make the 0930 start.

Hotel accommodation has been booked at the Premium Inn, Dartmouth. The management have agreed that all delegates should have their own rooms. It’s likely that some of you will have singles, while others will have doubles and twins. I can’t take request for double rooms, I’m, afraid. It will be the luck of the draw. All rooms will have en suites, and should be very comfortable.

We’re planning return transport on the 2010 from Dartmouth which will get us back to Stanton Heath at 2200.

I’ll be booking transport on Friday morning (14th March), so if you have any queries or problems, make sure you contact me before then.

James Roxford

Dear James

Sorry, I didn’t get back to you in time. I was off sick last week and didn’t get your message until this morning. I hope you haven’t booked the train tickets yet. I’m planning to go to the conference by car, as I’m not returning to Stanton Heath after the conference. I’m going on to visit my family.

Is there any chance you can reserve a double room for me at the Premium Inn? I find it hard to sleep in single beds.

1. James’s email was sent to:
   1. Mindy Jacques
   2. staff who are attending a conference
   3. visitors to James’s company
   4. everyone in the company

Thanks Mindy Jacques

1. Which of the following is true about the journey James has planned?
   1. Delegates will take a different route on the return journey.
   2. The delegates will arrive just after the conference starts.
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   1. Monday (17th March)
   2. Thursday (13th March)
   3. Friday morning (14th March)
   4. Friday afternoon (14th March)
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What’s the first thing you do when you get home after a stressful day at work or college? Many of us collapse on the couch and reach for the TV remote. Don’t do it! Not only does the TV fill your living room with the stressful lives of on-screen characters, think about commercials.

The aim of advertising is to make people feel that their lives are inadequate and unfulfilled. They often bring out negative emotions in viewers.

And while we are on the subject of television, have you noticed how much of the news we watch is bad news? Research states that over 90% of the news we watch, read or hear on the radio is bad news. In order to sell stories, the media bombard us with negative story after negative story. What is more, the stories which are reported are often ones which you have no control over, and this leads to a sense of powerlessness. Why not buy a local paper instead? The news is often far more optimistic, and you may be inspired to take action in a way that can have a positive effect on your own neighbourhood.

Avoiding television may also help you avoid another sort of stress – arguments. How often do you and your family row about what to watch on the television? Arguments will never help you feel better, and no-one ever wins an argument. When you feel that an argument is brewing, go for a walk or find a quiet place where you calm down, or you will only prolong the tension.

The last thing to avoid is caffeine. Anything which contains caffeine, and that includes coffee, tea, chocolate and even a nice soothing cup of cocoa, is a stimulant, and is more likely to keep you tense than relax you. Sugary drinks are also going to keep you buzzing. Have a cup of herbal tea and eat foods which are natural rather than processed.

1. What is the text about?

## How to prevent stress

1. Why does the writer consider commercials stressful?

## They make you feel your life is not good enough

1. Why, according to the writer, do news stories often depress us?

## B. The stories address problems that the reader cannot control

1. What does the writer suggest you do if you feel angry with someone?

## Have some quiet time alone

1. Which drink does the writer recommend when you feel stressed?

## herbal tea

1. The country’s GDP increased by 0.9 per cent in the third quarter of 2009; significantly higher than the rate of 0.4 percent seen in the previous quarter.

No one sector can be held responsible for the increase, as there was growth across the board in each of services, construction and production.

Services output rose to 1.0 percent, and the largest contribution to this was the Business and Finance sector, which rose by 1.3 percent. Communications, Government services and Hospitality also rose, but there was a decline in Transport and Distribution.

Construction output rose 3.4 per cent in this quarter, a considerable improvement from the second quarter, in which output decreased by 1.6 per cent.

Total production output grew in the third quarter at a rate of 1.0 per cent, the same rate as in

the previous quarter. Electricity, gas and water supply output contributed most to growth in the production sector, as output rose from 0.8 to 1.5 percent. Manufacturing, mining and agriculture all decreased during this period.

1. Which of the following is true about the country’s GDP?

## It increased in both the second and third quarters

1. Which of the following is NOT a Service?

## Electricity Gas and Water Supply

1. Which of the following figures decreased in the second quarter and rose in the third quarter?

## Construction output

1. Which of the following had the highest rate of output in the third quarter?

## Electricity Gas and Water Supply

1. What was the Total production output in the second quarter?

## a growth of 1.0 percent

**VIII** Offer: Gym Equipment (Upper Park Road) Posted by: "Lenny" [ld.hunter@rainbownet.com](mailto:ld.hunter@rainbownet.com) Wed Apr 23, 1:55 pm

I have an exercise bike, used but in good working condition; an aerobics step still in its box, and three pairs of weights and a stand, again hardly ever used. Free to a good home. Buyer must collect.

1. What is the writer doing?

## Giving away sports equipment

1. Which of the items has been used most frequently?

## The exercise bike

1. Which of the following can be inferred about Lenny?

## He is unable to transport the equipment.

1. Shopping is the best kind of therapy, and at Westgate Mall we want to make your shopping experience as exciting and enjoyable as possible. We’ve got over 150 shops offering a huge range of innovative and fashionable products. There are also over 25 cafes and restaurants for you to choose from so that you can unwind and feel refreshed before heading back to the shops! And it’s right here in the city centre, only 500 metres from the Central Subway station, and just around the corner from the fashionable Theatre District. In order to ensure that the time you spend at

Westgate Mall is as enjoyable as possible, we’ve made sure that everything you need is on hand. There are shopper lockers where you can store your bags available in the South Mall; ample restrooms with baby changing facilities, and for your safety, security cameras are located throughout the mall. If you need any help finding your way around, information on travel, accommodation and entertainment, or advice on where to buy the things you need, come to our Customer Service desk on level three.

1. Where is the text most likely to be from?

## a tourist brochure

1. What is the best way to travel to the mall?

## C. by subway

1. What can be found in the South Mall?

## B. storage facilities

1. Which of the following is NOT supplied at the customer services desk?

## a place to store bags

1. TRD Educational Conference Treedown Centre

West 49th Street 8th-10th June

To register and reserve a place for the conference, please complete the following details: Name:

Company

Number of people in party

Please check the dates you wish to attend. 8th June 9th June 10th June

The cost of the conference is $130 per day or $300 for three days for delegates who pay in full before April 30th. Registration after this date will be $150 per day with no discount for attending all three days.

Parties of ten people or more will receive a 10% discount.

Please make checks payable to TRD Education, or complete the Credit or Debit form overleaf. We regret we do not accept payment in cash.

If you require accommodation, or if you have any special dietary needs, please complete form D and enclose it with your registration details.

1. What information does the form give?

## Information about prices

1. Which payment method is not accepted?

## Cash

1. What should someone do if they have a food allergy?

## Complete form D

1. What is the cheapest way to go to the conference?

## Register early and go in a group

1. How much does it cost someone to attend the conference for three days, if they register after April 30th?

## C. $450

**In this part, there are two passages and 4 multiple choice questions.**

**Read the two emails and answer the questions.**

Hi,

Sorry for sending this to all the staff in the company, but my list of people who are going to the Signmakers’ Conference in Dartmouth is not up-to-date, so I thought I’d mail it to everyone just to be on the safe side.

The company has agreed to pay for transport by rail which means you won’t have to drive there yourselves. We’ve booked seats on the 0630 from Stanton Heath which goes direct to Dartmouth. We should arrive there by 0845, and we can then share taxis to get to the venue, which I understand is just a 15 minute drive, so we should easily make the 0930 start.

Hotel accommodation has been booked at the Premium Inn, Dartmouth. The management have agreed that all delegates should have their own rooms. It’s likely that some of you will have singles, while others will have doubles and twins. I can’t take request for double rooms, I’m, afraid. It will be the luck of the draw. All rooms will have en suites, and should be very comfortable.

We’re planning return transport on the 2010 from Dartmouth which will get us back to Stanton Heath at 2200.

I’ll be booking transport on Friday morning (14th March), so if you have any queries or problems, make sure you contact me before then.

James Roxford

Dear James

Sorry, I didn’t get back to you in time. I was off sick last week and didn’t get your message until this morning. I hope you haven’t booked the train tickets yet. I’m planning to go to the conference by car, as I’m not returning to Stanton Heath after the conference. I’m going on to visit my family.

Is there any chance you can reserve a double room for me at the Premium Inn? I find it hard to sleep in single beds.

1. James’s email was sent to:

## everyone in the company

1. Which of the following is true about the journey James has planned?

## The return journey is faster than the outbound journey.

1. When did Mindy send her email?

## Monday (17th March)

1. What is James likely to do after receiving Mindy’s message?

## cancel a train ticket

Thanks Mindy Jacques