**SKILL 1: BE SURE THE SENTENCE HAS A SUBJECT AND A VERB**

**Exercise 1: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | Last week went fishing for trout at the nearby mountain lake. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | A schedule of the day’s events can be obtained at the front desk. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | A job on the day shift or the night shift at the plant available. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The new computer program has provides a variety of helpful applications. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | The box can be opened only with a special screwdriver. |

**SKILL 2: BE CAREFUL OF OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS**

**Exercise 2 (Correct/Incorrect)**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | The interviews by radio broadcasters were carried live by the station. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | In the last possible moment before takeoff took his seat in the airplane. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | At the neighborhood flower shop, flowers in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen can be delivered for free. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The progressive reading methods at this school are given credit for the improved test scores. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | For the last three years at various hospitals in the county has been practicing medicine. |

**SKILL 3: BE CAREFUL OF APPOSITIVES**

**Exercise Skill 3: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | The son of the previous owner, the new owner is undertaking some fairly broad changes in management policy. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | Last semester, a friend, graduated *cum laude* from the university. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | Valentine’s Day, February 14, is a special holiday for sweethearts. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | At long last, the chief executive officer, has decided to step down. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | Tonight’s supper, leftovers from last night, did not taste any better tonight than last night. |

**SKILL 4: BE CAREFUL OF PRESENT PARTICIPLES**

**Exercise 4: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | The companies offering the lowest prices will have the most customers. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | Those travelers are completing their trip on Delta should report to Gate Three. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | The artisans were demonstrating various handicrafts at booths throughout the fair. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The fraternities are giving the wildest parties attract the most new pledges. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | The first team winning four games is awarded the championship. |

**SKILL 5: BE CAREFUL OF PAST PARTICIPLES**

**Exercise Skill 5: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | The money was offered by the client was not accepted. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | The car listed in the advertisement had already stalled. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | The chapters were taught by the professor this morning will be on next week’s exam. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The loaves of bread were baked in a brick oven at a low temperature for many hours. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | The ports were reached by the sailors were under the control of a foreign nation. |

**Exercise (Skills 1-5):** Indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I)

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | For three weeks at the beginning of the semester students with fewer than the maximum number of units can add additional courses. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | On her lunch hour went to a nearby department store to purchase a wedding gift. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | The fir trees were grown for the holiday season were harvested in November. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | In the grove the overripe oranges were falling on the ground. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | The papers being delivered at 4:00 will contain the announcement of the president’s resignation. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 6. | A specialty shop with various blends from around the world in the shopping mall. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 7. | The portraits exhibited in the Houston Museum last month are now on display in Dallas. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 8. | With a sudden jerk of his hand threw the ball across the field to one of the other players. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 9. | Construction of the housing development it will be underway by the first of the month. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 10. | Those applicants returning their completed forms at the earliest date have the highest priority. |

**TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 1-5):** Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.

1. The North Platte River \_\_\_\_\_ from Wyoming into Nebraska.

(A) it flowed

(B) flows

(C) flowing

(D) with flowing water

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Biloxi received its name from a Sioux word meaning “first people”.

(A) The city of

(B) Located in

(C) It is in

(D) The tour included

3. A pride of lions \_\_\_\_\_ up to forty lions, including one to three males, several females, and cubs.

(A) can contain

(B) it contains

(C) contain

(D) containing

4. \_\_\_\_\_ tea plant are small and white.

(A) The

(B) On the

(C) Having flowers the

(D) The flowers of the

5. The tetracyclines, \_\_\_\_\_ antibiotics, are used to treat infections.

(A) are a family of

(B) being a family

(C) a family of

(D) their family is

6. Any possible academic assistance from taking stimulants \_\_\_\_\_ marginal at best.

(A) it is

(B) there is

(C) is

(D) as

7. Henry Adams, born in Boston, \_\_\_\_\_ famous as a historian and novelist.

(A) became

(B) and became

(C) he was

(D) and he became

8. The major cause \_\_\_\_\_ the pull of the Moon on the Earth.

(A) the ocean tides are

(B) of ocean tides is

(C) of the tides in the ocean

(D) the oceans’ tides

9. Still a novelty in the late nineteenth century, \_\_\_\_\_ limited to the rich.

(A) was

(B) was photography

(C) it was photography

(D) photography was

10. A computerized map of the freeways using information gathered by sensors embedded in the pavement \_\_\_\_\_ on a local cable channel during rush hours.

(A) airs

(B) airing

(C) air

(D) to air

**SKILL 6: USE COORDINATE CONNECTORS CORRECTLY**

**Exercise skill 6: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | The software should be used on a laptop computer, and this computer is a laptop. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | The rain clouds can be seen in the distance, but no has fallen. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | They are trying to sell their house, it has been on the market for two months. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | So the quality of the print was not good, I changed the typewriter ribbon. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | The lifeguard will warn you about the riptides, or she may require you to get out of the water. |

**SKILL 7: USE ADVERB TIME AND CAUSE CONNECTORS CORRECTLY**

**Exercise skill 7: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | Since the bank closes in less than an hour, the deposits need to be tallied immediately. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | Their backgrounds are thoroughly investigated before are admitted to the organization |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | The citizens are becoming more and more incensed about traffic accidents whenever the accidents occur at that intersection. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The ground had been prepared, the seedlings were carefully planted. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | We can start the conference now that all the participants have arrived. |

**SKILL 8: USE OTHER ADVERB CONNECTORS CORRECTLY**

**Exercise skill 8: Correct/Incorrect**

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | It is impossible to enter that program if you lack experience as a teacher. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | The commandant left strict orders about the passes, several soldiers left the post anyway. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | No one is admitted to academy unless he or she the education requirements. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | While most students turned the assignment in on time, a few asked for an extension. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | I will take you wherever need to go to complete the registration procedures. |

**EXECISE (Skills 6-8):** Indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

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| **\_\_\_\_** | 1. | Until the registrar makes a decision about your status, you must stay in an unclassified category. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 2. | Or the bills can be paid by mail by the first of the month. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 3. | The parents left a phone number with the baby-sitter in case a problem with the children. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 4. | The furniture will be delivered as soon it is paid for. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 5. | Whenever you want to hold the meeting, we will schedule it, |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 6. | The government was overthrown in a revolution, the king has not returned to his homeland. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 7. | Whereas most of the documents are complete, this form still needs to be notarized. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 8. | Trash will be collected in the morning, so you should put the trash cans out tonight. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 9. | It is impossible for the airplane to take off while is snowing so hard. |
| **\_\_\_\_** | 10. | We did not go out to dinner tonight even though I would have preferred not to cook. |

**TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 6-8):** Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.

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| 1. | The president of the United States appoints the cabinet members, \_\_\_\_\_ appointments are subject to Senate approval.   1. their 2. with their 3. because their 4. but their | 3. | Like Thomas Berger’s fictional character *Little Big Man*, Lauderdale managed to find himself where \_\_\_\_\_ of important events took place.   1. it was an extraordinary number 2. there was an extraordinary number 3. an extraordinary number 4. an extraordinary number existed |
| 2. | The prisoners were prevented from speaking to reporters because \_\_\_\_\_   1. not wanting the story in the papers. 2. the story in the papers the superintendent did not want 3. the public to hear the story 4. the superintendent did not want the story in the papers. | 4. | \_\_\_\_\_ sucked groundwater from below, some parts of the city have begun to sink as much as ten inches annually.   1. Pumps have 2. As pumps have 3. So pumps have 4. With pumps |
| 5. | Case studies are the target of much skepticism in the scientific community, \_\_\_\_\_ used extensively by numerous researchers.   1. they are 2. are 3. yet they 4. yet they are | 8. | \_\_\_\_\_ or refinanced, the lender will generally require setting up an escrow account to ensure the payment of property taxes and homeowner’s insurance.   1. A home is 2. A home is bought 3. When a home 4. When a home is bought |
| 6. | According to the hypothesis in the study, the monarchs pick up the magnetic field of the \_\_\_\_\_ migrate by following magnetic field.   1. target monarchs 2. target since monarchs 3. target since monarchs are 4. target | 9. | If ultraviolet radiation enters the Earth’s atmosphere, \_\_\_\_\_ generally blocked by the ozone concentrated in the atmosphere.   1. it 2. it is 3. so it is 4. then it |
| 7. | \_\_\_\_\_ show the relations among neurons, they do not preclude the possibility that other aspects are important.   1. Neural theories 2. A neural theory 3. Although neural theories 4. However neural theories | 10. | Among human chromosomes, the Y chromosome is unusual \_\_\_\_\_ most of the chromosome does not participate in meiotic recombination.   1. in 2. so 3. and 4. in that |

**TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 1-8):** Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.

1. The three basic chords in \_\_\_\_\_ the tonic, the dominant, and the subdominant.

(A) functional harmony

(B) functional harmony is

(C) functional harmony are

(D) functional harmony they are

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Hale Telescope, at the Palomar Observatory in southern California, scientists can photograph objects several billion light years away.

(A) The

(B) With the

(C) They use the

(D) It is the

3. Without the proper card installed inside the computer, \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to run a graphics program.

(A) is definitely

(B) because of

(C) it is

(D) is

4. The charter for the Louisiana lottery was coming up for renewal, \_\_\_\_\_ spared no expense in the fight to win renewal.

(A) the lottery committee

(B) so the lottery committee and

(C) so the lottery committee

(D) the lottery committee made

5. While in reality Alpha Centaury is a triple star, \_\_\_\_\_ to the naked eye to be a single star.

(A) it appears

(B) but it appears

(C) appears

(D) despite it

6. The Sun’s gravity severely distorted the path of the comet \_\_\_\_\_ entered its wildly erratic orbit around Jupiter.

(A) it

(B) when

(C) after the comet came into it

(D) once the comet

7. Each object \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jupiter’s magnetic field is deluged with electrical charges.

(A) enters

(B) it enters

(C) entering

(D) enter

8. As its name suggests, the Prairie Wetlands Resource Center \_\_\_\_\_\_ the protection of wetlands on the prairies of the Dakotas, Montana, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

(A) it focuses

(B) focuses on

(C) focusing

(D) to focus on

9. One of the largest and most powerful birds of prey in the world, \_\_\_\_\_\_ a six-foot wingspan and legs and talons roughly the size of a man’s arms and legs.

(A) so the harpy has