

# **TOEFL®**

*Test of English as a Foreign Language*

Pre-Test Sample Questions  
For the TOEFL TEST TAKERS

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**SECTION 1**  
**LISTENING SECTION**

**Approximately 35 Minutes**  
**50 Questions**

*This section tests your ability to comprehend spoken English. It is divided into three parts, each with its own directions. You are not permitted to turn the page during the reading of the directions or to take notes at any time.*

**PART A**

***Directions***

*Each item in this part consists of a brief conversation involving two speakers. Following each conversation, a third voice will ask a question. You will hear the conversations and questions only once, and they will not be written out. When you have heard each conversation and question, read the four answer choices and select the one-(A), (B), (C), or (D)-that best answers the question based on what is directly stated or on what can be inferred. Then fill in the space on your answer sheet that matches the letter of the answer that you have selected.*

*Here is an example.*

*You will hear:*

*You will read: (A) Open the window.  
(B) Move the chair.  
(C) Leave the room.  
(D) Take a seat.*

*From the conversation, you find out that the woman thinks the man should put the chair over by the window. The best answer to the question, "What does the woman think the man should do?" is (B), "Move the chair." You should fill in (B) on your answer sheet.*

**Now begin work on the questions.**

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| 01. (A) He is leaving now<br>(B) He has to go out of his way<br>(C) He will not be leaving soon<br>(D) He will do it his own way                                     | 03. (A) She doesn't like to listen to turkeys<br>(B) She thinks the dinner sounds special<br>(C) She especially likes the roast turkey<br>(D) She'd prefer a different dinner   |
| 02. (A) He locked the door<br>(B) He tried unsuccessfully to get into the house<br>(C) He was able to open the door<br>(D) He left the door without locking the door | 04. (A) The final exam was harder than the others<br>(B) There were two exams rather than one<br>(C) He thought the exam would be easier<br>(D) The exam was not very difficult |

05. (A) He's not feeling very well  
(B) He's rather sick of working  
(C) He's feeling better today than yesterday  
(D) He'd really rather not answer the question

**SECTION 2**  
**STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION**

**Approximately 25 Minutes**  
**40 Questions**

**STRUCTURE**

This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize language that is appropriate for standard written English. There are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

**Directions**

*Questions 1—15 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. 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. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.*

**Now begin work on the questions.**

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| <p>01. The North Pole ----- a latitude of 90 degrees north.<br/>(A) has<br/>(B) is having<br/>(C) which is having<br/>(D) it has</p> <p>02. ----- greyhound, can achieve speeds up to thirty-six miles per hour.<br/>(A) The<br/>(B) The fastest<br/>(C) The fastest dog<br/>(D) The fastest dog, the</p> <p>03. The Mayflower was bound for Virginia, but a hurricane ----- off course.<br/>(A) blew it<br/>(B) to blow it<br/>(C) it blew<br/>(D) blowing it</p> | <p>04. The greenhouse effect occurs ----- heat radiating from the Sun.<br/>(A) when does the Earth's atmosphere trap<br/>(B) does the Earth's atmosphere trap<br/>(C) when the Earth's atmosphere traps<br/>(D) the Earth's atmosphere traps</p> <p>05. The Rose Bowl,-----place on New Year's Day, is the oldest postseason collegiate football game in the United States.<br/>(A) takes<br/>(B) which takes<br/>(C) it takes<br/>(D) took</p> |
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## Written Expression

**Directions:** In these questions, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. 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.

06. Segregation in public schools was declare unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1945.

A B C D

07. Sirius, the Dog Star, is the most brightest star in the sky with an absolute magnitude about twenty-three times that of the Sun.

C D

08. Killer whales tend to wander in family clusters that hunt, play, and resting together.

A B C D

09. Some of the most useful resistor material are carbon, metals, and metallic alloys.

A B C D

10. The community of Bethesda, Maryland, was previous known as Darcy's Store.

A B C D

## SECTION 3 READING COMPREHENSION

**Directions:** In this section you will read several passages. Each one is followed by a number of questions about it. You are to choose the one best answer, (A), (B), (C), or (D), to each question. 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.

Algae is a primitive form of life, a single-celled or simple multiple-celled organism that is able to conduct the process of photosynthesis. It is generally found in water but can also be found elsewhere, growing on such surfaces as rocks or trees. The various types of algae are classified according to their pigmentation, or coloration. Blue-green algae, or Cyanophyta, can grow at very high temperatures and under high-intensity light. This is a microscopic type of algae, and some species consist of only one cell. Blue-green algae is the oldest form of life with photosynthetic capabilities, and fossilized remains of this type of algae more than 3.4 billion years old have been found in parts of Africa.

Green algae, or Chlorophyta, is generally found in fresh water. It reproduces on the surfaces of enclosed bodies of water such as ponds or lakes and has the appearance of a fuzzy green coating on the water. In large quantities, this type of algae may reproduce enough to give a green color to an entire lake. Brown algae, or Phaeophyta, grows in shallow, temperate water. This type of algae is the largest in size and is most recognizable as a type of seaweed; kelp is a type of brown algae that has grown to lengths of up to 200 feet. Its long stalks can be enmeshed on the ocean floor, or it can float freely on the ocean's surface.

Red algae, or Rhodophyta, is a small, delicate organism found in the deep waters of the subtropics, where it often grows with coral. This type of algae has an essential role in the formation of coral reefs: it secretes lime from the seawater to foster the formation of limestone deposits.

01. What is the authors main purpose?  
(A) To show what color algae is  
(B) To differentiate the various classifications of algae  
(C) To describe where algae is found  
(D) To clarify the appearance of the different types of algae
02. Which of the following is NOT true about algae?  
(A) All types have only one cell.  
(B) It can be found out of water.  
(C) It can use photosynthesis.  
(D) It is not a relatively new form of life.
03. The word "pigmentation" in line 4 means  
(A) size  
(B) shape  
(C) composition  
(D) color
04. The word "microscopic" in line 6 is closest in meaning to  
(A) mechanical  
(B) tiny  
(C) visual  
(D) bacterial
05. Algae remnants found in Africa are  
(A) still flourishing  
(B) photogenic  
(C) extremely old  
(D) red in color

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