

Practice TOEIC Test 1

Listening Comprehension

Part I

1. D A. They're digging up the roots.
B. They're repairing the ceiling.
C. They're walking along the route.
D. They're working on top of the building.
2. A A. The two people are both using pay phones.
B. The man is waiting for the woman to finish talking.
C. The man is being introduced to the woman.
D. The two people are sharing the same telephone.
3. D A. The trees are bare and empty of leaves.
B. The policewoman is on the roof of the house.
C. The horse is racing forward.
D. The policewoman is on horseback.
4. C A. The man who is standing is reading the paper.
B. They're both wearing a coat and tie.
C. They appear to be taking a break.
D. The man who is seated is drinking coffee.
5. D A. She's studying the books.
B. The lecture must be exciting.
C. She's writing down notes.
D. Her chin is resting on her hand.
6. B A. The cats are sitting in a row.
B. Many shopping carts are available.
C. Many cars are stuck in a traffic jam.
D. The playing cards are scattered on the ground.
7. C A. He's opening the curtain.
B. He's talking about the article.
C. He's reading the magazine.
D. He's looking out the window.
8. D A. The woman and the child are alone in the forest.
B. The bag is hanging over the woman's shoulder.
C. The carriage is being pushed down the hallway.
D. The woman is looking into the baby carriage.
9. A A. The information booth is round.
B. People are waiting to ask questions.
C. The information booth is unoccupied.
D. Newspapers are sold here.
10. A A. He's getting his luggage from the carousel.
B. He's picking out a suitcase at the luggage store.
C. He's getting on a ride at an amusement park.
D. He's loading the baggage onto the airplane.
11. D A. The engineer is designing an automobile.
B. He's working with electronic tools.
C. The doors of the car are wide open.
D. The mechanic is repairing the engine.
12. C A. The restaurant seems to be closed.
B. Tables are set up outside the restaurant.
C. There are signs in the windows.
D. A crowd is coming through the door.
13. D A. She's making something out of iron.
B. She's closing up the shop.
C. She's grabbing the fire extinguisher.
D. She's ironing some clothes.
14. D A. People are standing in line to vote.
B. The wind is blowing the sails.
C. The sailors are wearing boots.
D. The boats are reflected in the water.
15. C A. They're waiting for the rain to stop.
B. The train is waiting for the signal to change.
C. The truck is stopped at a railroad crossing.
D. They're loading a truck onto the train.

16. A A. Two people are looking at the screens.
B. They're taking pictures of the scene.
C. The couple is checking the lights.
D. They're watching a program on television.

17. B A. He's standing by the fan.
B. He's holding the door.
C. He's getting out of the van.
D. He's washing the floor.

18. C A. The dancers are arm-in-arm.
B. They're playing traditional instruments.
C. The dancers are wearing costumes.
D. They're dancing up on a stage.

19. A A. They are setting up camp.
B. They seem to be nervous and tense.
C. They are building a campfire.
D. They are having an intense conversation.

20. B A. The sculpture is formless.
B. The statue can be seen from the window.
C. The sculpture seems to be made of concrete.
D. The animal is harmless.

Part II

21. B How long have you lived in this apartment?
A. A long way from here.
B. For about six months.
C. I saw a "For Rent" sign.

22. C Are air fares going up again?
A. Yes, the plane already took off.
B. The fare was around \$500.
C. That's what my travel agent told me.

23. B How were your seats at the concert?
A. The music was wonderful.
B. We had a great view of the stage.
C. It started at about eight o'clock.

24. C How about spending the afternoon at the beach?
A. I think we spent too much for that.
B. Those peaches look delicious.
C. That sounds like a great idea.

25. A Who taught you how to swim?
A. No one — I learned on my own.
B. I thought about going swimming.
C. I taught my friend.

26. B Is the grocery store far from here?
A. Just some milk and eggs, please.
B. It's just a few blocks.
C. I've already put them away.

27. A What's that book about?
A. It's the biography of a famous actress.
B. About four hundred pages.
C. Thanks, I'd enjoy reading it.

28. A How often is he late for work?
A. Once every few weeks, at least.
B. About half an hour.
C. Because of a traffic jam.

29. B Would you rather take a bus or walk?
A. Yes, I would.
B. I wouldn't mind getting a little exercise.
C. This bus goes to the stadium.

30. A Don't tell anyone what I told you, all right?
A. Don't worry, I won't.
B. That's what I said.
C. I'm afraid I can't tell you.

31. C Where did these flowers come from?
A. At the florist's shop.
B. From nine to five o'clock.
C. Someone delivered them.

32. C Which of these two tools would be better for this job?
A. They work very hard.
B. These two are good.
C. They're both about the same.

33. C Whom should I contact when I arrive in Malaysia?
A. It was signed by Mr. Malek.
B. You'll be there by Wednesday.
C. Call Mr. Malek.

34. B Do you have the correct change?
A. It's ten o'clock.
B. Yes, I have exactly the right amount.
C. No, it hasn't changed at all.

35. B I expect Akiko will be very successful, don't you?
A. She said it was a great success.
B. I'm sure she will be.
C. Because of her experience.

36. C What do you think of Jim's plan?
A. He's planning to go.
B. I like him a lot.
C. It's too complicated.
37. A Why didn't you tell me you'd gotten a promotion?
A. I just found out myself.
B. Because I did a good job.
C. Yes, let's do.
38. B You're not by any chance going downtown, are you?
A. I'll probably take a taxi.
B. I sure am — do you want a ride?
C. There's a chance it will go down.
39. A How long ago did she graduate from the university?
A. It was about eight years ago.
B. Yes, she's a graduate.
C. For over four years.
40. A Do you know if Mrs. Simms is planning to go to London?
A. I think that's still her plan.
B. She'll be there until next week.
C. If you want to, go ahead.
41. B Did you put the suitcase in the closet?
A. Yes, I closed the suitcase.
B. No, I put it under the bed.
C. I put my clothes in it.
42. C What gate is your flight leaving from?
A. It's leaving on time.
B. I'll be flying to Athens.
C. Gate 23 on Concourse C.
43. C Hadn't we better go now?
A. Yes, I feel fine now, thanks.
B. I've seen better ones before.
C. You're right, I think we should.
44. A When did your company first start doing business in Hong Kong?
A. Over forty years ago.
B. This wasn't the first time.
C. A shipping business.
45. A Who can help Flora address those envelopes?
A. I'll be happy to.
B. They were addressed to her.
C. Flora can wear her green dress.
46. C Isn't this a picture of the Space Needle in Seattle?
A. I've been to Seattle several times.
B. I prefer rice to noodles.
C. I believe it is.
47. B If I have any more questions, can I call you later?
A. Yes, I'll call you.
B. Sure, call anytime.
C. No, I don't have any questions.
48. C Is there anywhere in this town to hear some good jazz?
A. I've never been there.
B. I used to listen to jazz years ago.
C. There's a jazz club on Simon Street that's not bad.
49. A What was it about the hotel you didn't like?
A. The rooms were too small.
B. The rates were very reasonable.
C. Yes, I liked it.
50. C Can you recommend a good family doctor?
A. The doctor has two children.
B. He recommended that I quit smoking.
C. Dr. Kaufmann at the Medical Center is excellent.

Part III

51. A F: Mr. Hofner, your appointment isn't until eleven a.m.
M1: I always like to arrive a little early.
F: But you're here almost an hour ahead of time!
52. D F: So, Yoshi, did you finally find an apartment?
M2: Yes, Ann, I did, but it's unfurnished, so I need to buy some inexpensive furniture.
F: Maybe you should rent some, since you'll only be here six months.
53. C M1: Are you carrying any fresh fruit, vegetables, or meat?
M2: Yes, I have a basket of tropical fruit I'm taking as a gift to a friend.
M1: Sorry, sir, but it's illegal to bring fresh fruit into the country.
54. C M1: Have you mailed the brochures for next month's sale yet?
M2: No, Mr. Metz, they won't be back from the printer until Wednesday or Thursday.
M1: That's fine, as long as we get them in the mail by next Monday.
55. B F: Call me at my office when you get back to your hotel.
M1: Won't you be at home by then, Linda? I won't be back at my hotel until late this evening.
F: No, I'll be working late.
56. A M2: Have you made any big sales so far this week?
F: Just one!
M2: That's still better than I've done.
57. B F: Are these your notes from Monday's budget meeting?
M1: No, Marina, I was out of town Monday, remember? Maybe they're Tom's.
F: No, I'd recognize his handwriting.
58. A M2: With all these new orders, we'll have to hire more production workers.
F: Are you sure, Mr. Heath? We still have plenty of back inventory.
M2: Yes, but that won't last forever, and we just can't ask our current workers to put in any more overtime.
59. D M1: Have you read this new best-seller by Mark Westbrook?
M2: No, I haven't. I don't really enjoy fiction.
M1: I think you'd like this. It's a very fast-paced adventure.
60. D F: Mr. Stevens? This is Marcia at Dr. Cheng's office. I'm just calling to remind you that you have a dental appointment tomorrow morning at ten.
M1: Oh, it's a good thing you called — I'd forgotten all about it.
F: So we'll see you tomorrow.
61. B M2: Hello, David, this is Sam Briggs at Briggs Electronics Outlets. I'm just calling to see how that new campaign you're working on for me is going.
M1: It's coming along fine, Sam. The radio spots have already been recorded, and they'll be on the air next week.
M2: And the newspaper ads?
62. D F: That SA-5 Unit hasn't been shipped yet, has it?
M2: Yes, Ms. Andrews, the shipping company picked it up first thing this morning.
F: Oh, no — this invoice was supposed to be in the package!
63. B M2: Rosa, some people from the office are going hiking tomorrow. Would you like to join us?
F: I'd love to, but I'll be spending the day packing. I'm going to move to another apartment next week.
M2: Well, maybe some other weekend then. See you at work Monday.
64. D F: You know, that old watch you bought at the auction is worth a lot of money.
M1: Really? How do you know so much about watches, Amy?
F: My father taught me. He was a jeweler, and he collected antique watches.
65. B M1: Paul, I'm working on the new schedule. Do you still want to work only four evenings a week?
M2: Yes, but if possible, I'd like to work for a couple more hours every evening.
M1: You could come in earlier if you want — say at five or six.

66. C M1: Did you have a private room?
M2: No, but there wasn't a patient in the other bed.
M1: Well, that was fortunate for you.
67. A M2: We'll send out someone to repair your copy machine as soon as possible.
F: Please try to send someone out this afternoon, Mr. Perkins. We have to copy some important documents for a meeting tomorrow.
M2: If I were you, I'd send them out to a commercial copy center.
68. A M1: I can't find the receipt for my airline tickets from that trip I took last week.
M2: So? Why do you need it, Phil?
M1: If I don't have that receipt, my company won't pay me back for buying the tickets.
69. B M1: I've just finished that book called *The One-Minute Manager*.
F: Oh, yes, I read that a long time ago. It made quite an impression on me.
M1: Yes, I felt the same way.
70. A M2: Did you get a program from the usher?
F: Yes, it's right here in my purse. You can take a look at it during the intermission.
M2: Good. I always like to read about the cast.
71. D M1: Do you want a glass of lemonade, Loraine?
F: Just some ice water, please.
M1: I prefer water when it's hot, too.
72. A M1: I wonder if there are any tickets left for the nine o'clock concert Friday night.
F: Why don't you call the box office right now and find out?
M1: The box office doesn't open until 3 p.m. I'll call then.
73. D M2: I'll *never* have lunch at the Old Oak Room again!
F: What was wrong this time, Frank? Was the soup cold? Or were the waiters rude?
M2: Neither. But we had to wait over an hour for our lunch!
74. B F: Good evening, and welcome to the party. You must be George Nielsen's brother Eric.
M1: No, I'm his cousin.
F: Really? You two look enough alike to be brothers.
75. D M1: I love to spend afternoons looking through used bookstores.
F: Me too. And used books are so much cheaper than the new ones.
M1: Well, for me, that's not the point. I'm looking for first editions and other hard-to-find books.
76. D F: I just want a cup of coffee — do I have to stand in that long line?
M2: No, ma'am. Just pour yourself some coffee over there and pay the cashier.
F: Thanks — that will save a lot of time.
77. B M2: We've commissioned Ms. Anspach to do a portrait of our Chief Executive Officer.
M1: Oh? Is he going to pose for her?
M2: No, I took a couple of snapshots of him, and she'll work from the photographs.
78. C M1: Lee, Mr. Devon wants to see you in his office.
M2: Uh, oh — I bet he didn't like the work I did on the McVey project.
M1: That's not it at all. He was so pleased with your work that he wants to take you out for lunch.
79. A M2: Well, the consultants have finally finished their work.
F: And what did they advise us to do about our problem?
M2: That depends on which consultant you ask.
80. D M1: My suggestion to cut expenses is to reduce bonuses for sales personnel by 50% for the next six months.
F: But, John, those bonuses help motivate our sales staff, and a well-motivated sales staff brings in more new accounts for the company.
M1: We'll tell them that this is only a short-term measure. I think they'll understand.

Part IV

[Questions 81 to 83 are based on the following talk:]

[The type of bicycle that you choose depends on the type of bicycling that you plan to do. The simplest bicycle has either three speeds or none at all. This type of bicycle provides basic transportation and is a bargain. For the serious bicycle commuter, a ten-speed bicycle is the best choice. This type of bicycle performs well on city streets and on highways. The sturdiest bicycle is the mountain bicycle, which is designed to be ridden on steep, rocky trails or on no trails at all. The most recently developed type of bicycle is the hybrid, which can be used on both paved city streets or on unpaved mountain trails.]

81. A Choice A is correct; the talk describes four types of bicycles and their uses. Choice B is incorrect because there is no mention of bicycle safety. Choice C is incorrect because there is no mention of bicycle maintenance. Choice D is incorrect because there is no mention of bicycle development.
82. B The speaker says that the mountain bicycle "is designed to be ridden on steep, rocky trails or on no trails at all."
83. D The hybrid bicycle "can be used on both paved city streets or on unpaved mountain roads."

[Questions 84 to 87 refer to the following announcement:]

[And now, radio station KCFX presents this public service message: Bonfort Blood Center has just issued an urgent request for blood donations. Every year in late summer, the blood supply drops to dangerously low levels, and this summer is no exception. The Labor Day holiday weekend is coming up in a few days, and the possibility of numerous accidents is high, so the need is great. The shortage of blood type AB positive is particularly critical. It will only take a few minutes to donate, and every donor gets fruit juice and a cookie as well as a pin that says "I gave the gift of life." And remember, donors are eligible for an unlimited supply of free blood should they require it within the next year. So please, come on down to the Bonfort Blood Center, especially you AB positive donors.]

84. D The speaker says that "the Labor Day holiday weekend is coming up in a few days."
85. A The speaker says that "every year in late summer, the blood supply drops to dangerously low levels, and this summer is no exception."

86. C The speaker does not say that donors will receive mention on the radio.

87. A The speaker says that "the shortage of blood type AB positive is particularly critical."

[Questions 88 to 90 are based on the following news item:]

[Today, North American Airlines made the announcement that it will move its main training facility to Minneapolis next year. Industry analysts were taken by surprise by the announcement. North American had been expected to move the facility to one of its hub cities, Salt Lake City or St. Louis, or to keep it in its present location, Atlanta. Analysts speculate that Minneapolis must have made an offer North American could not refuse, including generous tax breaks. Minneapolis, in return, receives hundreds, even thousands, of desirable, well-paying jobs.]

88. D The speaker says that "analysts were taken by surprise by the announcement."
89. D According to the talk, the present location is Atlanta.
90. B Minneapolis will receive "hundreds, even thousands, of desirable, well-paying jobs."

[Questions 91 and 92 are based on the following recording:]

Thank you for calling PhotoWorld. We offer high-quality, low-cost developing service. For color film, bring in a roll by noon and pick it up after three the following day. Enlargements, reproductions, and black-and-white film developing are done in three or four days. We also offer many types of color film for sale at special discount prices.]

91. C The advertisement says that if you bring in a roll of film in the morning you can pick it up after three the following day; therefore, if you bring it in on Monday morning, you can get it after three on Tuesday.
92. D The speaker says that color film is "for sale at special discount prices."

[Questions 93 to 95 are based on the following talk:]

[Film has its Oscars, music has its Grammys, television has its Emmys, and advertising has its Clios. Clio Awards are given for a wide variety of achievements in advertising, including Television Commercial of the Year. The awards ceremony was televised annually until 1991. In that year, the organization granting the awards collapsed due to financial mismanagement and ownership problems. In subsequent years, the organization was taken over by new management and revived. A new panel of 30 international judges was appointed, and the number of awards was reduced from over 400 to just 72.]

93. C The speaker says that, "advertising has its Clios."
94. C In 1991, "the organization granting the awards collapsed."
95. A The number of awards dropped from over 400 to 72.

[Questions 96 and 97 are based on the following announcement:]

[At the end of the workday, do your hands, arms, or back ever ache? This can be a warning sign of serious problems caused by incorrect posture or hand position while working at a desk, or by the improper arrangement of office equipment or furniture. This Friday at 11, Diana Hartwick will discuss these matters at a seminar for all interested office workers and will explain simple ways to avoid fatigue and pain in the office. Ms. Hartwick is a physical therapist who has specialized in ergonomics — the study of the relationship between workers and their environment. All office staff should make every effort to attend this seminar.]

96. B The speaker says Diana Hartwick is "a physical therapist who has specialized in ergonomics."
97. C There is nothing to indicate that she is going to talk about exercise. However, it is mentioned that she will discuss posture, arrangement of office equipment, and hand position.

[Questions 98 to 100 are based on the following news item:]

[More unusually cold temperatures are expected for tonight and tomorrow throughout the deep South. Hard freezes are expected over much of Florida, and despite the growers' best efforts, much of the citrus crop will probably be lost. This cold wave, along with last month's flooding in southern California, means citrus fruits are going to be in short supply. That means more imports and, of course, higher prices in the grocery store. Experts predict that prices for oranges may climb to their highest level in five years. Consumers should start seeing these higher prices in about two to three months. So stock up on that frozen orange juice while you can still afford it.]

98. C The main purpose of the talk is to explain why citrus fruits will be in short supply and more expensive.
99. C The speaker says that "consumers should start seeing these higher prices in about two to three months."
100. D The speaker suggests that listeners "stock up on that frozen orange juice" while they can still afford it.

Reading Comprehension

Part V

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| 101. C | 111. D | 121. A | 131. B |
| 102. D | 112. B | 122. B | 132. A |
| 103. B | 113. A | 123. D | 133. C |
| 104. D | 114. B | 124. D | 134. D |
| 105. A | 115. B | 125. C | 135. A |
| 106. C | 116. D | 126. B | 136. C |
| 107. C | 117. C | 127. C | 137. D |
| 108. B | 118. A | 128. A | 138. C |
| 109. A | 119. C | 129. A | 139. D |
| 110. D | 120. D | 130. B | 140. A |

Part VI

141. A The adjective form *professional* should be used in place of the adverb form *professionally*.
142. B The indefinite article *a* cannot be used with the plural form *lots*. There are two ways to correct the error: to omit the article *a* or to use the singular form, *a lot*.
143. D The past participle is required in the passive form of the verb (*were painted*).
144. B The gerund form *adjoining* is needed in place of the simple form after a preposition.
145. C The adverb *twice* should be used in place of the adjective *double*.
146. D The noun form *humor* is needed in place of the adjective form *humorous*.
147. C When a quantity word such as *all* is followed by the preposition *of*, the definite article *the* must be used: *all of the clerical workers*.
148. C The correct word choice is *likely*, which means "probable." (*Likable* is an adjective meaning "easy to like.")
149. A Before an adjective + noun (*a difficult decision*) the word *such* must be used in place of *so*.
150. D Before a plural noun phrase (*minor errors*), the word *few* must be used in place of *little*.
151. C When a specific number is used before a plural noun, a word such as *million* is not pluralized.
152. D Because there are two applicants being compared, the comparative adjective form *stronger* should be used in place of the superlative form *strongest*.

153. A The adjective form *healthy* should be used in place of the noun form *health*.
154. B The word *city* should be pluralized (*cities*).
155. B The plural pronoun *them* must be used to refer to the plural noun *profits*.
156. A The noncount noun *competition* should not be pluralized.
157. D The noun form *products* should be used in place of the verb form *produces*.
158. C The word *number* should be used in place of *amount* in a phrase that refers to a plural noun (*employees*).
159. A The correct word order is adjective + *enough*: *high enough*.
160. B The words *major* and *important* are so close in meaning that the use of both of them is considered redundant. One of the words should be omitted.

Part VII

161. A The notice informs customers of the refund policy.
162. C The opening sentence states that, if a customer is not fully satisfied, he or she may return it "within 90 days."
163. D The notice states that "checks will be mailed for all refunds of \$100 or greater."
164. B According to the article, the 300 billion dollars spent in restaurants was "an increase of about 5% from the previous year."
165. B The article states that ambience is "the synthesis of architecture, furniture [which would include tables and chairs] . . . and even staff attire." (*Attire* means clothing.)
166. C The advertisement promises "guaranteed room reservations when booked 48 hours [in other words, two days] in advance."
167. D There is no indication that suite updates are free. Continental breakfasts are "complimentary" (free); valet parking and facilities at the health spa are also free.

168. B The focus of the article is agro-tech farming in Singapore. Agro-tech farming is not a traditional method of farming, so A is incorrect. Choice C is too general to be correct. Nothing is said in the article about agro-tech methods, so D is incorrect.
169. A Singapore exported over S\$60 million worth of aquarium fish. This sum is greater than any of the other commodities mentioned.
170. B The August 11 meeting is described as mandatory; eligible employees must attend.
171. B The footnote indicates that eligibility for the new benefits is restricted to permanent employees who work 30 hours or more a week.
172. C The third paragraph of the memo states that "a brochure is attached."
173. A The article is a brief description of Morocco's foreign investment policy; the other choices are not directly discussed in the article.
174. C The article states that financial service companies, which would include banks, are regulated and that there are restrictions as well on air transport and mining companies.
175. D The article states that incentives are provided to non-service companies investing DH100,000 or more, and to small- and medium-sized companies with investments of less than DH5 million. Therefore, a large service corporation investing more than DH5 million would not be eligible for incentives.
176. C Attendees are told to wear casual western wear to events at the Carleton Ranch. These events are scheduled for Friday.
177. A The schedule states that "attendees will be bused to Carleton Ranch."
178. D The "Sales Reps of the Year" awards are scheduled for lunch on Saturday, the final event of the conference.
179. C The schedule says that the badge is the ticket to all events.
180. A The attendees will not be reimbursed for taxi fares, for room service charges, or for accommodations on Saturday night. However, they are told to keep their receipts for their airline tickets "in order to be reimbursed."
181. D The main purpose of the article is to report on a survey that showed a decline in newspaper sales in the majority of countries surveyed.
182. B There were 40 countries surveyed, and sales fell in 23. Therefore, sales must have gone up or remained the same in 17 of the countries surveyed.
183. A The increase in Peru was 90%, while in India it was 28.5%. Sales declined in the United States and European Union countries.
184. C There was a small decline in newspaper sales last year, but Japan continued to lead the world in daily sales.
185. D The letter indicates that if the member renews at this time, his or her membership will continue until April 2003.
186. B *Wild!* is described as a bimonthly journal, which means it is published every two months.
187. B The basic membership fee is given as \$25.
188. A The purpose of the article is to distinguish between mechanical and design patents.
189. B According to the article, design patents last three years.
190. A The purpose of the form is to record information taken from a previous employer during a reference check.
191. D The form indicates that M. Nakayoshi took the information, and therefore filled out the form.
192. B The applicant's current assistant manager states that Carolina Sanchez "would make an excellent data coordinator," indicating that this is the job she applied for.
193. A The article says that the Pareto Principle is "easy to explain by reference to practical examples."

194. B There is nothing in the article to indicate that the Pareto Principle is also called the "Proportional Effect."
195. A According to the Pareto Principle, some 80% of a firm's sales are often made by only 20% of its customers, so 20 of the customers would purchase \$80,000 worth of goods.
196. D This business helps other businesses relocate.
197. B The advertisement offers to "take the worry and inconvenience out of your move."
198. C Qatar is looking for investors for a frozen orange juice and dried milk plant.
199. D Brazil is seeking a joint-venture opportunity.
200. C The notice says, "For non-members, there is a three-tip request limit."

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