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# TOEIC PART 7

## READING

## COMPREHENSION

Strictly prohibited.

# DIRECTIONS

In Part VII you will read passages in the form of letters, ads, memos, faxes, schedules, etc. The reading section has a number of single passages and double passages. You will be asked 2-4 questions about each single passage, and 5 questions for each double passage. Sometimes you will be asked for specific details. Other times you will be asked about what the passage implies. In the paired passages you will also be asked to make connections between the two related texts. On the real test you will not have time to read every word. You need to practice scanning and reading quickly for details.

A new ruling which came into effect last week requires some homeowners to purchase new smoke alarms. The ordinance states that there should be a fire alarm installed in every bedroom of the house, and these alarms must comply with certain safety standards. Some local residents are displeased at these new regulations. Gwen Ellis of McKinley says that to meet with the new regulations, she has to buy five new alarms to replace the ones she installed just six months ago. With fire alarms costing up to \$20 apiece, this is an unwelcome ruling for many people. Fortunately, the McKinley Fire Department is offering grants for homeowners and will provide and install new fire alarms free of charge. If you have small children or are older than 65 years of age, you may be eligible for these. The McKinley Fire Department has 5,000 smoke alarms to give away. To inquire about obtaining a free alarm, or to find out whether you qualify, call 692-569-0372.



**1. Which of the following is true about the new rule?**

- a. Every house should have five fire alarms.
- b. All fire alarms must be of a certain quality.
- c. All fire alarms need to first be approved by the Fire Department.
- d. All fire alarms must be less than six months old.

2. How much do five fire alarms cost?

a. \$20

b. \$100

c. \$120

d. \$4

3. Which of the following people may be able to receive a free fire alarm?
- a. an elderly couple
  - b. a family of two adults and two teenagers
  - c. a woman living alone
  - d. a man who owns his own home

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#### 4. What does the number 5,000 refer to?

- a. the number of people who are eligible for free smoke alarms
- b. the number of smoke alarms which need to be replaced in the town of McKinley
- c. the number of smoke alarms which have already been installed by the Fire Department
- d. the number of smoke alarms which are available free to certain people

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5. Why did Gwen Ellis have to buy new smoke alarms?

a. her old alarms stopped working

b. she now has a young family

c. her previous alarms didn't meet the safety regulations

d. she has just moved into a new house



We would like to welcome you to the XVZ Machinery Company's international Symposium. As you are aware, XVZ employees from over twenty countries are in attendance at this year's conference. If you would like to meet your counterparts from other countries on a more personal level, be sure to sign up at the registration desk for special dinners, lunches, or breakfast meetings that are described below. Whether you are in Personnel, Sales, Management, or Research, you'll be able to discuss topics of common interest with colleagues of diverse backgrounds. Find out what your Indian, Japanese, or Moroccan counterpart can suggest for your department's current problems. Help your French, Colombian, or Russian colleague with a problem that you've tackled before. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to collaborate with your international partners. All meetings will be held in Lounge B.

TIME	TOPIC
Monday Breakfast 7:00-9:00	Legal Implications of Establishing Branch Offices in Asia
Tuesday Lunch 12:00-14:00	Technologies in the Former Soviet Republics.
Wednesday Dinner 19:00-21:00	International Personnel issues
Thursday Breakfast 7:00-9:00	New Markets in Western Europe

**6. Who is the conference aimed at?**

a. International politicians

b. People learning foreign languages

c. International chefs

d. Employees of a machinery company

- 7. What is the purpose of the notice?**
- a. To give a list of participants
  - b. To indicate room changes
  - c. To announce special events
  - d. To cancel several sessions

8. Which session would most likely deal with human resources?

a. Monday breakfast

b. Tuesday lunch

c. Wednesday dinner

d. Thursday breakfast



This week Merrymaker Cruise lines has filed a \$700 million lawsuit against Wambaugh Marine Industries, a shipyard that filed for bankruptcy last November before completing a three-ship contract for Merrymaker. The Suit contends that Merrymaker suffered \$400 million in additional construction costs and lost passenger bookings and also seeks \$300 million in punitive damages. In 1987, Merrymaker signed the \$600 million contract with Wambaugh for three 2,600 passenger ships, but the bankruptcy halted all work at the shipyard. The Suit also contends that the yard misrepresented its financial condition in order to get the Merrymaker contract.

9. What had Wambaugh agreed to do?
- a. Provide 2,600 passengers
  - b. Build three ships
  - c. File suit against Merrymaker
  - d. Revise the Merrymaker contract

**10. What was the value of the Wambaugh Merrymaker agreement?**

a. \$300 million

b. \$400 million

c. \$600 million

d. \$700 million

**11. Why did work stop at the shipyard?**

a. Costs of materials were too high.

b. Passenger bookings had decreased.

c. The shipyard filed for bankruptcy.

d. The ships were completed.