

TOEIC 3-3 Short Conversations

HOMEWORK: 3-2

Kindly give the definition of the following words and make the sentence

1. **humiliate** - to cause (a person) a painful loss of pride, self-respect, or dignity; mortify

Sample Sentence: One has to completely humiliate oneself to be what the Beatles were, and that's what I resent.

2. **insignificant** - unimportant, trifling, or petty

Sample Sentence: Kindly omit the insignificant details in the sentence.

3. **lenient** - agreeably tolerant; permissive; indulgent

Sample Sentence: He tended to be lenient toward the children. More lenient laws encouraged greater freedom of expression.

Teacher's Manual **Don't read a) b) c) d)**

In this part of the test you will listen to a short conversation between a man and a woman. After the conversation, you will answer three questions about the dialogue. There will be four possible answers for each question. Typical questions include, who, what, where, when, why, and how. You may also be asked to make an inference.

- ❖ Hey, Cindy. How are you doing with your new business?
- ❖ Hey, Greg. It's going well. I signed up two new clients last week, and now I have five total.
- ❖ Wow, five already. That's great! How do you like being self-employed?
- ❖ Oh it's wonderful. I can work from home, and even from the coffee shop. And I can set my own hours. I did a conference call last week while I was wearing my night gown and bathrobe.

1. What are the speakers talking about?
 - a. The man's job
 - b. The man's salary
 - c. The woman's business**
 - d. The woman's clients
2. How many clients does the woman have?
 - a. Two
 - b. Three
 - c. Four

d. **Five**

3. What does the woman say about self employment?

a. **She loves it**

b. She has mixed feelings

c. She can sleep until noon

d. She cannot set her own hours

❖ Yes, I need a round-trip, first-class ticket to Seoul, leaving on the 13th and returning on the 20th.

❖ Yes sir. Let's see... we have two flights on the 13th. The first is non-stop and leaves at 7 a.m. The second leaves at 11 a.m. with a two-hour layover in Tokyo. And for the return flight on the 20th, the non-stop leaves at 8 a.m., and the layover flight leaves at noon.

❖ I'd prefer the non-stop, if it's not much more expensive.

❖ The non-stop is \$500; and the flight with the Tokyo layover is \$475.

4. What does the man want to do?

a. Get a refund

b. Find flight information

c. **Buy an airline ticket**

d. Greet a visitor

5. What position does the woman hold?

a. Pilot

b. **Salesperson**

c. Flight attendant

d. Waitress

6. What will the man probably do next?

a. **Buy a ticket for the non-stop flight**

b. Buy a ticket for the layover flight

c. Make a telephone call

d. Change his mind and go home

❖ So, the 20th won't work for you. How about something the following week?

❖ That would be the week of the 23rd. Let's see... I have time on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Does either of those works for you?

- ❖ Monday doesn't; I'll be out of town. Wednesday, later in the morning would. Say, 11:30?
 - ❖ OK, 11:30 Wednesday. Where?
7. What is the main purpose of the conversation?
 - a. To discuss a budget
 - b. To negotiate a discount
 - c. To arrange a surprise party
 - d. To set an appointment**
 8. Why can't the woman meet the man on Monday?
 - a. She has a conference call
 - b. She will be travelling**
 - c. She was sick
 - d. She will be in school
 9. What will the woman probably do next?
 - a. Say "thank you"
 - b. Hang up the phone
 - c. Suggest a location**
 - d. Arrange a different time

There are rumours that you're considering moving your firm from this city. Is that true?

- ❖ We were founded in this city, and we've been here 25 years. We don't want to move. But we've been approached by other cities offering more attractive options, in terms of tax rates and special incentives, and asking us if we'd consider a change.
 - ❖ How have the mayor and city council responded to these concerns?
 - ❖ Well, they're aware of the offers, and we're continuing negotiations. Our position is that we provide a lot of jobs and a lot of income to this community over the past quarter century, but we will have difficulty continuing to do so with the current tax structure.
 - ❖ Have you set a deadline for making a decision?
10. Who most likely is the woman?
 - a. A city council member
 - b. A reporter**
 - c. A company executive
 - d. A housewife
 11. Which of the following is true?
 - a. The man wants to move his firm.
 - b. His firm has been in the city for 50 years.

c. Other cities have offered lower taxes.

d. The mayor has refused to lower the tax rate.

12. What can be inferred about the man?

a. He is using the media to win public sympathy.

b. He is not serious about moving his firm.

c. He is optimistic that the city will approve his request.

d. He wants to run for mayor in the next election.

❖ Excuse me, Ms. Farr. Could you sign this requisition for freelance pay? We need to contract with a writer to help with content for our website redesign.

❖ I'll have to check with Mr. Bosworth. You know we're on a strict budget.

❖ Yes, I do. Mr. Bosworth has already approved it. He said we need to get the new website up as soon as possible. Our designers are working overtime, so we need outside help with writing and editing.

❖ I believe you, but I still need to hear it from Mr. Bosworth directly. He's in a meeting now. Leave the form with me, and I'll check with him when he's through then send it to your desk.

❖ OK, thanks. Meanwhile, I'll have the freelancer get started.

13. What does the man want the woman to do?

a. Call Mr. Bosworth

b. Give him money

c. Hire a contractor

d. Approve an expenditure

14. Why does the man need to hire a freelancer?

a. To design a new web page

b. To write and edit a new web page

c. To redesign the company web page

d. To fix a problem with the company web page

15. What will the man probably do next?

a. Wait for the requisition form

b. E-mail Mr. Bosworth

c. Contact the freelancer

d. Post an advertisement

HOMEWORK:

Kindly give the definition of the following words and make the sentence next time

1. **assimilate**
2. **correspondent**
3. **devour**