

EXERCISE 41: Sentences—Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct verb. In fact, most of the sentences in the Structure Section are verb problems. A verb is a word or phrase that expresses action or condition. A verb can be classified as transitive or intransitive according to whether it requires a complement; it can be classified further according to the kind of complement it requires, including not only nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs, but also *-ing* forms or infinitives. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Almost everyone fails _____ the driver's test on the first try.
 (A) passing
 (B) to have passed
 (C) to pass
 (D) in passing
2. When the silkworm gets through to lay its _____ eggs, it dies.
 (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
3. If endangered species _____ saved, rain forests must be protected.
 (A) are to be
 (B) be
 (C) can be
 (D) will be
4. The average spoken sentence in conversational English takes 2.5 seconds _____.
 (A) for to complete
 (B) completing
 (C) to complete
 (D) by completing
5. Only twenty years ago, most doctors agreed _____ truthful with their terminally ill patients, a trend that has reversed itself in modern medical practice.
 (A) don't to be
 (B) not to be
 (C) we shouldn't been
 (D) not to been
6. William Torrey Harris was one of the first educators interested _____ a logical progression of topics in the school curriculum.
 (A) in establishing
 (B) for establishing
 (C) establishing
 (D) to establish
7. North American Indian tribes used sign language _____ with tribes that spoke a different language or dialect.
 (A) to communicating
 (B) for communicate
 (C) to communicate
 (D) for communicated
8. Art tends to be _____ more after the death of the artist, but most literary works tend to decrease in value when the writer dies.
 (A) price
 (B) worthy
 (C) worth
 (D) value
9. Adult eagles let their offspring _____ nests near their original nesting area.
 (A) build
 (B) builds
 (C) building
 (D) to build
10. A barometer is a device with a sealed metal _____ chamber designed to _____ the changes in the pressure of air in the atmosphere.
 (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____

11. If a person does not have an attorney, the court _____ one.
 (A) will appoint
 (B) appointed
 (C) would appoint
 (D) appointing
12. Since lightning was probably significant in the formation of life, understanding it _____ might help us to understanding life itself.
 (A)
 (B) (C) (D)
13. Iowa _____ of flat-topped hills erected by the ancient Mound Builder people as temples and burial sites.
 (A) with a larger number
 (B) has a large number
 (C) having a large number
 (D) a large number
14. If the oxygen supply in the atmosphere was _____ not replenished by plants, it would soon be exhausted.
 (A) (B)
 (C) (D)
15. _____ the eight Ivy League schools are among the most prestigious colleges in the United States.
 (A) It is generally accepted that
 (B) That it is accepted
 (C) Accepting that it is
 (D) That is accepted
16. The Girl Scouts, which was _____ found by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, _____ has grown to a current membership of _____ more than three million girls.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
17. To relieve pain caused by severe burns, prevent infection, and treat for shock, _____ immediate steps.
 (A) taking
 (B) to take
 (C) taken
 (D) take
18. If gasoline vapor _____ with air, combustion will occur.
 (A) mixed
 (B) had mixed
 (C) mixes
 (D) mixture
19. Vermont, commonly known as the Green Mountain State, refused _____ until 1791.
 (A) to join the Union
 (B) joining the Union
 (C) the joining of the Union
 (D) join the Union
20. Air constricted between the vocal chords makes them _____, producing sounds.
 (A) to vibrate
 (B) vibrating
 (C) vibrate
 (D) the vibration

EXERCISE 42: Sentences—Auxiliary Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to select the correct auxiliary verb. An auxiliary verb is a verb that accompanies the main verb and makes distinctions in the meaning of the main verb. Some examples of auxiliary verbs are BE, HAVE, or a modal. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. On the average, a healthy heart _____ to pump five tablespoons of blood with every beat.
 (A) must
 (B) ought
 (C) can
 (D) should
2. It is generally believed that Thomas _____ Jefferson was the one who had researched and _____ wrote the *Declaration of Independence* during the months prior to _____ its signing in July 1776.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
3. In general, by the second year of production, the price of a new piece of technology _____ significantly.
 (A) will decreased
 (B) has decreased
 (C) will have decreased
 (D) will has decreased
4. Although _____ some higher structures _____ have been build in New York City, none _____ characterizes the skyline better than the _____ Empire State Building.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
5. Research in genetics and DNA _____ having had a _____ profound influence _____ on the direction of _____ treatment for _____ a large number of diseases.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
6. Bones composed _____ chiefly _____ of calcium, _____ phosphorous, and a fibrous substance _____ known as collagen.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
7. A cure for juvenile diabetes _____ until more funds are allocated to basic research.
 (A) won't develop
 (B) aren't developing
 (C) don't develop
 (D) won't be developed
8. _____ During the past decade, twenty million _____ college graduates _____ spent _____ more _____ than _____ fifty billion dollars in _____ ten-year _____ student loans.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
9. Civil engineers had better _____ steel supports in concrete structures built on unstable geophysical sites.
 (A) include
 (B) including
 (C) inclusion
 (D) included
10. There is _____ no _____ limit to the diversity to be _____ finding _____ in the _____ cultures _____ of _____ people _____ throughout the world.
 (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)
11. The cones of pine trees _____ two or three years to reach maturity.
 (A) to take
 (B) taking
 (C) may take
 (D) takes

12. The government requires that a census taken ^(A) every ten years ^(B) so that accurate statistics ^(C) may be compiled. ^(D)
13. It is important that cancer is diagnosed ^(A) and ^(B) treated as early as possible ^(C) in order ^(D) to assure a successful cure.
14. Although the scientific community had hoped that the field of transplantation _____, the shortage of organ donors has curtailed research.
 (A) progress
 (B) had progressed
 (C) would progress
 (D) progressing
15. Before railroad lines ^(A) were extended ^(B) from Missouri to New Mexico, millions of dollars in trade was used to be carried over ^(C) the Santa Fe Trail by wheeled wagons. ^(D)
16. Based on a decline in vehicular deaths during the past decade, seat belts, air bags, baby seats, ^(A) and other safety features in newer automobiles must be ^(B) save lives. ^(C) ^(D)
17. The gold ^(A) used in jewelry is not strong enough ^(B) unless it be alloyed. ^(C) ^(D)
18. Even without strong wings, the ostrich has survived because it _____ at high speeds to escape predators.
 (A) to run
 (B) can run
 (C) running
 (D) run
19. General damage that been caused ^(A) by aphids or pollution is sometimes ^(B) known as blight. ^(C) ^(D)
20. Fred Astaire is said to had been ^(A) ^(B) the most popular dancer of his time, but he ^(C) was also a talented ^(D) actor, singer, and choreographer.

EXERCISE 43: Sentences—Nouns

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct noun. A noun is a word that names persons, objects, and ideas. There are two basic classifications of nouns in English: count nouns and noncount nouns. Count nouns are those that can be made plural by *-s*, *-es*, or an irregular form. They are used in agreement with either singular or plural verbs. Noncount nouns are those that cannot be made plural in these ways. They are used in agreement with singular verbs. It is necessary to know whether a noun is count or noncount to maintain verb agreement and to choose correct adjective modifiers. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. The understanding electricity depends on a
☐ (A) knowledge of atoms and the subatomic
particles of which they are composed.
☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
2. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more mails
in one day than Federal Express does in one
year.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
3. The two main are permanent
magnets and electromagnets.
☐ (A) kinds of magnets
☐ (B) kind of magnets
☐ (C) kind magnets
☐ (D) kinds magnets
4. When water is frozen, it becomes .
☐ (A) ice
☐ (B) ices
☐ (C) the ice
☐ (D) an ice
5. can live to be more than fifteen
years old.
☐ (A) That it is dogs
☐ (B) That dogs
☐ (C) Dogs that
☐ (D) Dogs
6. One of the most distinctive plant found in
the desert is the Saguaro cactus.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
7. In the fall, most trees lose , which
have, by then, turned from green to gold
and orange.
☐ (A) their leaf
☐ (B) their leaves
☐ (C) the leaf
☐ (D) the leafs
8. Doctors have concluded that in addition to
regular exercise, a diet rich in is
good for the heart.
☐ (A) fruits and vegetable
☐ (B) a fruit and vegetable
☐ (C) the fruits and vegetables
☐ (D) fruit and vegetables
9. A thunder usually follows lightning by five
seconds for every mile between the flash
and the observer.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
10. Canada stretches from the Atlantic Ocean
to the Pacific Ocean, and covers of
almost four million square miles.
☐ (A) a area
☐ (B) an area
☐ (C) the area
☐ (D) area
11. During the early nineteenth century,
were hunted for their pelts.
☐ (A) a beaver
☐ (B) beavers
☐ (C) the beaver
☐ (D) that beavers