

EXERCISE 46: Sentences—Comparatives

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct comparative. A comparative can be a word or phrase that expresses similarity or difference. A comparative can also be a word ending like *-er* or *-est* that expresses a degree of comparison with adjectives and adverbs. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Tuition at an American university runs _____ twenty thousand dollars a semester.
 (A) so high as
 (B) as high to
 (C) as high as
 (D) as high than
2. Alligators are about the same color than crocodiles, although the adults may be slightly darker with broader heads and blunter noses.
 (A) (B)
 (C) (D)
3. Laser discs provide images of best quality than those of either television signals or video tapes.
 (A) (B)
 (C) (D)
4. The cost of a thirty-second commercial on a network television station is _____ for most businesses.
 (A) so much
 (B) much
 (C) very much
 (D) much too much
5. The New York City subway system is the most longest underground railroad operating in the world.
 (A) (B) (C)
 (D)
6. School children in the same grade in American schools are usually the same old as their classmates.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
7. The seed heads of teasel plants raise the nap on coarse tweed cloth _____ than do the machine tools invented to replace them.
 (A) more efficiently
 (B) efficiently
 (C) more efficient
 (D) most efficient
8. Benjamin Franklin was the editor of the larger newspaper in the colonies, a diplomatic representative to France and later to England, and the inventor of many useful devices.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
9. The standard for cleanliness in the area where a microchip is manufactured is same that of an operating room in a hospital.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
10. The North American robin is only _____ the European and African robins.
 (A) half big
 (B) as big half
 (C) half as big as
 (D) big by half
11. Mountain bikes differ ordinary bicycles in that they have ten or more gears, a more rugged frame, and wider treads on the tires.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
12. As a rule, the more rapid the heart rate, faster the pulse.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)

13. In U.S. law, a misdemeanor is a crime that is _____ a felony, and usually carries a term of imprisonment of less than one year for most offenses.
 (A) lesser than
 (B) less severe than
 (C) less than severe
 (D) severely lesser
14. Although both are mammals, the early stages of development on the part of placentals differ from _____.
 (A) marsupials
 (B) that of marsupials
 (C) those of marsupials
 (D) those marsupials
15. Eli Whitney's cotton gin enabled the cotton producers of the early nineteenth century to increase their production by _____ times the amount produced prior to the invention.
 (A) more fifty
 (B) more as fifty
 (C) more than fifty
 (D) most than fifty
16. _____ 250,000 species of fossils have been discovered in both organized, scientific searches and by sheer accident.
 (A) As much as
 (B) As many as
 (C) As many
 (D) Many as
17. The North's abundance of industry and commercial wealth proved to be a greater advantage _____ in determining the outcome of the Civil War.
 (A) than originally thought
 (B) that originally thought
 (C) as originally thought
 (D) originally thought
18. The Woodstock Music and Art Fair of 1969 captured the essence of the counterculture movement of the 1960s _____.
 (A) most than any of other events
 (B) best that any other event
 (C) than any other events
 (D) better than any other event
19. Alike her friend and fellow impressionist _____ artist, Edgar Degas, Mary Cassatt used _____ brush strokes and colors in new and _____ different ways.
 (A) _____
 (B) _____
 (C) _____
 (D) _____
20. A dancer, while always graceful and precise in her movements, trains _____ any other athlete.
 (A) as strenuously
 (B) more strenuously as
 (C) as strenuously as
 (D) as strenuously that

EXERCISE 47: Sentences—Connectors

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct connector. A connector is a word or phrase that joins words, phrases, or clauses. A connector expresses relationships between the words, phrases, and clauses that it joins. Some common relationships are cause and result, contradiction, substitution, addition, exception, example, and purpose. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. It is not clear how much students learn _____ television classes without supervision and monitoring.
 (A) for watching
 (B) from watching
 (C) by watch
 (D) to watch
2. In spite of the fact that 85 percent of all societies allow the men to take more than one wife, most prefer monogamy _____ polygamy.
 (A) than
 (B) to
 (C) for
 (D) that
3. Some metals such gold, silver, copper, and tin occur naturally, and are easy to work.
 (A) such
 (B) such
 (C) naturally
 (D) to work
4. Stained glass becomes even more beautiful when it _____ because the corrosion diffuses light.
 (A) will age
 (B) ages
 (C) are aging
 (D) aged
5. All of the senses _____ smell must pass through intermediate gateways to be processed before they are registered in the brain.
 (A) until
 (B) but
 (C) to
 (D) for
6. Because the expense of traditional fuels _____ and the concern that they might run out, many countries have been investigating alternative sources of power.
 (A) Because
 (B) they might run out
 (C) they might run out
 (D) have been investigating
7. The lights and appliances in most homes use alternating current _____.
 (A) instead direct current
 (B) instead of direct current
 (C) that instead direct current
 (D) for direct current instead
8. Only seventeen on one hundred business calls get through to the correct person on the first attempt.
 (A) on
 (B) get through
 (C) get through
 (D) on the first
9. More murders are reported _____ December in the United States than during any other month.
 (A) on
 (B) in
 (C) at
 (D) for
10. The tendency to develop cancer, even in high-risk individuals, can be decreased _____ the amount of fruit and vegetables in the diet.
 (A) to increase
 (B) for increase
 (C) for increasing
 (D) by increasing

11. The concept of lift in aerodynamics refers to (A)
the relationship among the increased speed (B) (C)
of air over the top of a wing and the higher
pressure of the slower air underneath. (D)
12. If one of the participants in a conversation
wonders , no real communication
has taken place.
(A) what said the other person
(B) what the other person said
(C) what did the other person say
(D) what was the other person saying
13. A prism is used to refract light so as it (A) (B) (C)
spreads out in a continuous spectrum
of colors. (D)
14. Nuclear power plants are still supported (A)
by the society of Professional Engineers (B)
in spite (C) (D) unfortunate accidents like the
one at Three Mile Island.
15. Neptune is an extremely cold planet, and
 .
(A) so does Uranus
(B) so has Uranus
(C) so is Uranus
(D) so Uranus
16. Deserts are often formed they are
cut off from rain-bearing winds by the
surrounding mountain ranges.
(A) because
(B) in spite of
(C) so
(D) due to
17. There are many beautifully preserved
historic buildings .
(A) in Beacon Street in Boston
(B) in Beacon Street at Boston
(C) on Beacon Street in Boston
(D) at Beacon Street at Boston
18. the original document, the U.S.
Constitution contains ten amendments
called the Bill of Rights.
(A) Beside
(B) Besides
(C) In addition
(D) Also
19. National parks include not only (A)
the most scenic (B) (C) (D) places in the nation but
places distinguished (D) for their historic or
scientific interest.
20. Cooking oil made from corn does not
become saturated when heated, and .
(A) neither oil made from soy
(B) oil made from soy does either
(C) neither does oil made from soy
(D) oil made from soy either

EXERCISE 48: Sentences—Sentences and Clauses

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to distinguish between a sentence, also called a main or independent clause, and a subordinate or dependent clause that is attached to a sentence. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Some ancient units such as the day, the foot, and the pound, _____ today.
 (A) are still in use
 (B) that are still in use
 (C) which are in use still
 (D) still in use
2. Paper money _____ by the Continental Congress in order to finance the American Revolution.
 (A) which was issued
 (B) was issuing
 (C) issued
 (D) was issued
3. The plastic arts, mainly sculpture and ceramics, that are produced by modeling or molding the materials into interesting shapes.
 (A) _____
 (B) _____
 (C) _____
 (D) _____
4. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) _____ by high school students as a requirement for admission to many colleges.
 (A) which is taken
 (B) is taken
 (C) taken
 (D) is taking
5. Ocean currents that help transfer heat from the equator to the poles, thereby creating a more balanced global environment.
 (A) _____
 (B) _____
 (C) _____
 (D) _____
6. Camp David _____ the official country home of the U.S. presidents.
 (A) that is
 (B) that it is
 (C) it is
 (D) is
7. Gas and dust that stream away from a comet forming one or more tails that may extend for millions of miles.
 (A) _____
 (B) _____
 (C) _____
 (D) _____
8. The Northwest Ordinances which regulated the sale and settlement of land between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, territories still occupied by American Indian nations.
 (A) _____
 (B) _____
 (C) _____
 (D) _____
9. _____ considered strong and reliable, and is favored by investors who are interested in security.
 (A) That blue chip stock
 (B) Blue chip stock is
 (C) It is blue chip stock
 (D) Which is blue chip stock
10. Most botanists have observed _____ a period of dormancy, even when conditions may be favorable for growth.
 (A) that seeds exhibiting
 (B) that seeds exhibit
 (C) seeds that exhibiting
 (D) seeds that they exhibit
11. La Guardia Airport in New York City _____ for Fiorello La Guardia, one of New York's most popular mayors.
 (A) which is named
 (B) named
 (C) which named
 (D) is named