

EXERCISE 51: Sentences—Introductory Verbal Modifiers

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify errors in introductory verbal modifiers and the subjects that they modify. Introductory verbal modifiers are *-ing* forms, participles, and infinitives. A phrase with an introductory verbal modifier occurs at the beginning of a sentence and is followed by a comma. The subject modified by an introductory verbal modifier must follow the comma. If the correct subject does not follow the comma, then the meaning of the sentence is changed. Often the changed meaning is not logical. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. After finishing Roots, the one-hundred-year history of an African-American family, the Nobel Prize committee awarded author Alex Haley a special citation for literary excellence.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
2. A competitive sport, gymnasts perform before officials who must use their judgment along with their knowledge of the rules to determine the relative skill of each participant.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
3. To remove stains from permanent press clothing, carefully soaking in cold water before washing with a regular detergent.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
4. An abstract painter and pioneer of Surrealism, _____ and symbolic images.
 - (A) Miro's works are characterized by bright colors
 - (B) the works of Miro are characterized by bright colors
 - (C) Miro is famous for works characterized by bright colors
 - (D) bright colors characterize the works of Miro
5. Found in Tanzania by Mary Leakey, some archeologists estimated that the three-million-year-old fossils were the oldest human remains to be discovered.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
6. Originally having been buried in Spain, and later moved to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, Columbus's final resting place is in Andalusia, Spain.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
7. The largest hotel on Earth, _____ the MGM Grand has 91 elevators and 5005 rooms
 - (A) there are 91 elevators and 5005 rooms in the MGM Grand
 - (B) 91 elevators and 5005 rooms are in the MGM Grand
 - (C) it is the MGM Grand that has 91 elevators and 5005 rooms
8. Written by Neil Simon, New York audiences received the new play enthusiastically at the world premiere Saturday evening.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
9. To prevent cavities, dental floss should be used daily after brushing one's teeth.
 - (A)
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)

10. While researching the problem of violent crime, the Senate committee's discovery that handguns were used to commit 64 percent of all murders in the United States.
11. One of the world's greatest rivers, _____, _____ one third of North America is linked by the water of the Mississippi _____ the Mississippi links one third of North America by water _____ North America is linked by the Mississippi in one third of the water _____ the water is linked in North America by one third of the Mississippi
12. After reviewing the curriculum, several significant changes were made by the faculty in traditional business programs at Harvard University.
13. Having hit more home runs in one season than any other player in the history of baseball, Mark McGwire's record is famous.
14. Banned in the U.S., the effect of fluorocarbons continues at a level that could eventually damage the ozone layer, and bring about such serious results as high risk of skin cancer and global climate changes.
15. While trying to build a tunnel through the Blue Ridge Mountains, _____, _____ coal was discovered by workmen at the construction site _____ workmen discovered coal at the construction site _____ the construction site was where coal was discovered by workmen _____ it was the construction site where workmen discovered coal
16. To avoid jet lag, many doctors recommend _____ that their patients begin adjusting one week before departure time by shifting one hour each day toward the new time schedule.
17. Traditionally named for women, Bob was chosen as the first male name for a hurricane.
18. Published by Penguin Press almost eighty years ago, _____ offered to the public. _____ Ernest Hemingway wrote *A Farewell to Arms* as the first paperback book _____ *A Farewell to Arms* was the first paperback book by Ernest Hemingway that it was _____ Ernest Hemingway's book *A Farewell to Arms* was the first paperback book _____ it was *A Farewell to Arms* that was the first paperback by Ernest Hemingway
19. Born in 1892, _____ while he wrote the poems and plays that made him famous. _____ the Library of Congress is where Archibald MacLeish worked as a librarian _____ Archibald MacLeish worked as a librarian at the Library of Congress _____ a librarian at the Library of Congress, Archibald MacLeish worked _____ at the Library of Congress, Archibald MacLeish worked as a librarian
20. Founded in 1919, students and teachers who are interested in spending several months abroad may benefit from educational programs administered by the Institute for International Education.

Refer to pages 424–425 for the Explanatory Answers.

EXERCISE 52: Sentences—Parallel Structure

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify errors in parallel structure. Parallel structure is the use of the same grammatical structures for related ideas of equal importance. Related ideas of equal importance often occur in the form of a list. Sometimes related ideas of equal importance are connected by conjunctions, such as *and*, *but*, and *or*. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Rock music is not only popular in the United States but also abroad.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
2. To control quality and making decisions about production are among the many responsibilities of an industrial engineer.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
3. Most of the Cajun French who live in Louisiana can neither read _____ the French variety that they speak fluently.
☐ (A) nor they write
☐ (B) nor write
☐ (C) or writing
☐ (D) neither write
4. The six main parts of a business letter are the address, the inside address, the salutation, the body, the closing, and signing your name.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
5. Microwaves are used for cooking, telecommunications, and _____.
☐ (A) to diagnose medically
☐ (B) medical diagnosing
☐ (C) diagnosed medically
☐ (D) medical diagnosis
6. To read literature and being introduced to a different culture are two excellent reasons for studying a foreign language.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
7. Ice skating and to go skiing are popular winter sports in the northern United States.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
8. To treat minor diarrhea, drink plenty of liquids, especially tea, water, and carbonated beverages, eat soup, yogurt, salty crackers, and bananas, and avoiding milk, butter, eggs, and meat for twenty-four hours.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
9. A vacuum will neither conduct heat nor _____.
☐ (A) transmit sound waves
☐ (B) transmitting sound waves
☐ (C) sound waves are transmitted
☐ (D) the transmission of sound waves
10. The Smithsonian Institute is famous because it contains such interesting exhibits as the flag that was raised over Fort McHenry in 1812, the airplane that the Wright brothers built for their first flight at Kitty Hawk, and there are the gowns worn by every first lady since Martha Washington.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)
11. In order to become a law, a bill must be passed not only by the Senate but also the House of Representatives.
☐ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)

12. The color of a star depends on the heat and _____.
 (A) how much energy produced
 (B) the energy it produces
 (C) production of the energy
 (D) producing energy
13. The cloverleaf is a common engineering design for expressways that permits traffic between two intersecting highways to move more safely, efficiently, and with ease.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
14. A new product should be judged not by the promises made in commercials and advertisements, but also by the results demonstrated in actual use.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
15. The artisans of the southwestern United States are famous for their beautiful art work, especially handmade jewelry cast from silver, carved from stones, or _____ with beads and feathers.
 (A) decorations
 (B) decorating
 (C) decorated
 (D) decorate
16. Snakes stick out their tongues, move them around, and also they retract them quickly to pick up odor molecules that aid in detecting direction.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
17. Thought by some to be the first labor party, the Workingman's Party struggled not only for better working conditions also for public schools for all children.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
18. The cerebellum's main functions are the maintenance of posture and move the body.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
19. The Cabinet consists of secretaries of departments who report to the president, give him advice, and _____ decisions.
 (A) helping him making
 (B) helping him make
 (C) help him making
 (D) help him make
20. Increasing involvement in agriculture by large corporations has resulted in what is known as agribusiness—that is, agriculture with business techniques, including heavy capitalization, specialization of production, and to control all stages of the operation.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)

EXERCISE 53: Sentences—Redundancy

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify errors in redundancy. Redundancy is the unnecessary repetition of words and phrases. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Some international students use a cassette recorder to make tapes of their classes so that they can repeat the lectures again.
 (A) to make (B) to make (C) again (D) again
2. Blood plasma it is the transportation system for all of the widely separated organs in the human body.
 (A) all of the (B) widely (C) human body (D) human body
3. Whereas a gas expands _____ in all directions, a vapor remains somewhat more concentrated.
 (A) in a uniform manner (B) uniformly (C) uniformly in manner (D) uniform
4. Appointed by the General Assembly for five years, the Secretary-General of the United Nations must act in an impartial manner toward all members.
 (A) Appointed (B) must act in an impartial manner (C) must act in an impartial manner (D) must act in an impartial manner
5. Humans who lived thousands of years ago, long before alphabets were devised, they used pictures to record events and to communicate ideas.
 (A) who (B) they (C) to communicate (D) to communicate
6. If one does not pick up the dry cleaning within thirty days, the management is not obligated to return it back.
 (A) the (B) within (C) obligated (D) back
7. That witches cause disasters and misfortunes _____ among the colonists in Salem, Massachusetts.
 (A) it was widely believed (B) was widely believed (C) was believed in a wide way (D) they widely believed
8. The southern part of the United States has ideal conditions for raising cotton because the climate is sufficiently warm enough to allow a six-month growing period.
 (A) for raising (B) enough (C) to allow (D) a six-month growing period
9. People who are competitive in nature are more likely to suffer from the effects of stress on their health.
 (A) who (B) in nature (C) to suffer (D) on their health
10. International law is made up of the rules and customs that they deal with the relationships between different nations and the citizens of different nations.
 (A) that they (B) between (C) between (D) between
11. Found in and near the Mohave Desert, _____ has a limited habitat.
 (A) is the Joshua tree that it (B) it is the Joshua tree (C) the Joshua tree (D) the Joshua tree it