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Answer Keys

TOEFL VOCABULARY TEST 1

1. Hailey's Comet, the first comet to be identified as periodic, is clearly visible to the naked eye when it approaches the Sun, roughly every 76 years.

- (A) wary
- (B) nude
- (C) unaided
- (D) discerning

2. All severe thunderstorms are potential tornado producers, but a severe thunderstorm watch alone does not mean that a tornado is imminent.

- (A) impending
- (B) eminent
- (C) hesitant
- (D) far away

3. The United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics in protest of the former Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan the previous year.

- (A) pervaded
- (B) blackmailed
- (C) shunned
- (D) sabotaged

4. Excessive nutrients introduced into a lake can considerably accelerate the process of its eutrophication.

- (A) ameliorate
- (B) speed up
- (C) alleviate
- (D) slow down

5. Prior to the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway in the late 1950s, the Port of Saint John functioned as the winter port for Montreal, Quebec.

- (A) Before
- (B) As a result of
- (C) In the midst of
- (D) During

6. Although all countries of the world are eligible to participate in the World Cup soccer tournament, most of them are eliminated in the earlier rounds.

- (A) elicited
- (B) enforced
- (C) expected
- (D) entitled

7. Widely considered the greatest scientist of the twentieth century, Albert Einstein showed keen interest in science and nature at an early age, but seemed to have only a mediocre aptitude for schoolwork, with the exception of mathematics.

- (A) ordinary
- (B) superb
- (C) negligible
- (D) moronic

8. The average life expectancy of human beings has increased markedly since the last century, thus resulting in the rapid growth of the elderly population.

- (A) consistently
- (B) unexpectedly
- (C) gradually
- (D) noticeably

9. A recession is officially defined as two successive quarters of economic contraction.

- (A) interrupted
- (B) declining
- (C) pessimistic
- (D) consecutive

10. Health officials are concerned that the campaign to encourage condom use to curb the spread of AIDS may be misunderstood, creating a false sense of security in people whose behavior continues to put them in danger.

- (A) foster
- (B) detect
- (C) prolong
- (D) inhibit

11. While the Hoover Dam was constructed primarily for the people living within the Colorado River Basin, its completion has also brought substantial benefits to adjoining areas.

- (A) occasionally
- (B) cautiously
- (C) consistently
- (D) chiefly

12. In 1903, the sonnet *The New Colossus* by poet Emma Lazarus was inscribed in bronze on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, enhancing the statue's image as a symbol of freedom and opportunity.

- (A) interior
- (B) base
- (C) torch
- (D) replica

13. Alcohol is a toxic substance that can harm almost any system or organ of the body, and is related to more than 60 different disorders with short- and long-term consequences.

- (A) spastic
- (B) elastic
- (C) poisonous
- (D) organic

14. In recent years biologists have made great breakthroughs in deciphering the genetic structure of human cells.

- (A) deforming
- (B) destroying
- (C) devising
- (D) decoding

15. The Great Depression of the 1930s brought hard times to West Virginia, but with US involvement in World War II in 1941, the state's mining and manufacturing boomed again in support of the war.

- (A) declined
- (B) stabilized
- (C) fluctuated
- (D) flourished

16. Bats are the only mammals capable of genuine flight and they are excellent nocturnal predators that usually locate their prey by echolocation.

- (A) supersonic
- (B) long-distance
- (C) true
- (D) high-speed

17. Gold is so malleable that one ounce of the metal can be drawn into a wire fifty miles long or hammered into a sheet covering nearly a hundred square feet.

- (A) easy to manufacture
- (B) readily available
- (C) pliable
- (D) buoyant

18. Tax rebates can help redistribute existing wealth and boost the economy of impoverished areas in the developing countries.

- (A) accountants
- (B) penalties
- (C) refunds
- (D) credits

19. Viagra, a renowned oral medication for male impotence or erectile dysfunction, may have derived its brand name from two notions, vigor and Niagara, implying that the remedy will probably help a man create the imposing power of the “Viagra Falls.”

- (A) concepts
- (B) tricks
- (C) benefits
- (D) techniques

20. Teak, a timber mainly grown in Southeast Asia, is an oily hardwood with an ability to withstand insects, rotting, cracking, or shrinkage.

- (A) wipe out
- (B) resist
- (C) ensure
- (D) defend

21. When menaced by a predator in close proximity, a flying insect may suddenly flash its wings, displaying a pattern resembling a giant pair of eyes to confuse the predator.

- (A) threatened
- (B) frightened
- (C) wounded
- (D) trapped

22. The emergence of jetliners in the early 1950s heralded an era of large-capacity commercial jet transportation and the explosion of long-distance air travel in the 1960s and 1970s.

- (A) witnessed
- (B) interrupted
- (C) announced
- (D) resulted in

23. Antimony is a brittle, silver-white metal used as an alloy with lead in manufacturing batteries, making it more resistant to acid.

- (A) petrified
- (B) dense
- (C) breakable
- (D) sparkling

24. By late autumn the forested hillsides in the New England region are ablaze with spectacular autumn foliage accompanied by clusters of small white flowers and bright red berries.

- (A) weather
- (B) leaves
- (C) festivals
- (D) harvest

25. According to a recent satellite-tracking experiment of the reptile, crocodiles are far from being lethargic and lazy creatures because many travel hundreds of miles to return home.

- (A) cozy
- (B) exultant
- (C) stationary
- (D) sluggish

26. The first great outburst of colonial indignation came during the Stamp Act crisis in 1765, during which the cry of "no taxation without representation" was first heard.

- (A) surge
- (B) strike
- (C) outcome
- (D) performance

27. Henry Thoreau spent his last years revising and editing his unpublished works until he became too weak to continue and his friends were alarmed at his diminished appearance and were fascinated by his tranquil acceptance of death.

- (A) unwilling
- (B) serene
- (C) isolated
- (D) snobbish

28. Members of the European Union are conducting a vigorous campaign to harness the Sun's energy to beat global warming.

- (A) acknowledge
- (B) harass
- (C) make use of
- (D) pollute

29. If a cell reproduces by binary fission, the cell's nucleus is split into two new cells of approximately equal size as the result of parent cell division.

- (A) doubly
- (B) typically
- (C) solidly
- (D) roughly

30. In 1961, World Relief s former chairman, C. N. Hostetter, Jr., served as a member of President Kennedy's "Food for Peace" committee to help distribute more food to destitute regions of the world.

- (A) impoverished
- (B) turbulent
- (C) frigid
- (D) exploited

31. According to the National Academy of Sciences, the Earth's surface temperature has risen drastically over the past century.

- (A) virtually
- (B) radically
- (C) primarily
- (D) moderately

32. The Japanese architect Tadao Ando's buildings are known for the incorporation of natural elements, such as light, water, and wind, to create heating, cooling, and ventilation effects.

- (A) irrigation
- (B) air circulation
- (C) security
- (D) air conditioning

33. While nuclear weapons are being made smaller and more like conventional weapons in their narrow radius of impact, conventional weapons are being made larger and more like nuclear weapons in their indiscriminate capacity for destruction.

- (A) complex
- (B) traditional
- (C) sophisticated
- (D) comprehensive

34. Pollutants from incinerators such as dioxins, mercury, and lead can undermine the immune system, leaving the patient susceptible to other infections and illnesses.

- (A) confound
- (B) fortify
- (C) modify
- (D) wear away

35. Unlike magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scans, which reveal the structure of organs, a PET scan shows how organs and tissues are functioning.

- (A) conceal
- (B) arrange
- (C) disclose
- (D) photograph

36. The Concorde, starting passenger service traveling at twice the speed of conventional aircraft in 1976, boasted a triumph of innovation and today still enjoys an unparalleled place in history.

- (A) unrelenting
- (B) tenacious
- (C) notorious
- (D) unrivaled

37. Environmental health practitioners help ensure that the vulnerable areas of our environment are protected from accidental or intentional contamination.

- (A) deprived
- (B) promising
- (C) densely populated
- (D) susceptible

38. Wild cranberries tend to have an even more acrid flavor than do cultivated species.

- (A) refined
- (B) satisfying
- (C) bitter
- (D) recognizable

39. On April 15, 1912, Margaret Brown made a gallant attempt to load other Titanic survivors into lifeboats and assisted them on the rescue ship *Carpathia*.

- (A) vicious
- (B) pertinent
- (C) obedient
- (D) valiant

40. Geysers are hot springs that intermittently emit hot water and steam into the air with tremendous force.

- (A) steadily
- (B) abundantly
- (C) periodically
- (D) furiously

41. Improper treatment of toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, and hazardous wastes may jeopardize public health and the surrounding ecosystem.

- (A) enhance
- (B) penalize
- (C) rejuvenate
- (D) endanger

42. Hibernation is a state of inactivity and metabolic depression which enables some animals to conserve energy and survive the winter when food is scarce.

- (A) prepare for
- (B) wait for
- (C) persist through
- (D) miss

43. Through time reptiles have evolved into unique forms, such as snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodiles, to achieve efficient locomotion over different terrains.

- (A) metabolism
- (B) movement
- (C) survival
- (D) combustion

44. A GPS receiver, or GPS sensor, is able to determine its position and velocity relative to the earth's surface by calculating the amount of time it takes for signals from different GPS satellites to reach the receiver.

- (A) on top of
- (B) next to
- (C) in spite of
- (D) with respect to

45. When glaciers thawed at the end of the last Ice Age, the Great Lakes of North America were formed.

- (A) advanced
- (B) evaporated
- (C) exploded
- (D) melted

46. Well-trained entertainers must demonstrate the ability to improvise when they forget or run out of rehearsed material.

- (A) invent on the spot
- (B) imitate others
- (C) pretend to be shocked
- (D) control their emotions

47. Cancer cells proliferate more rapidly than do normal cells, and as a result they require more energy and are more sensitive to damage from radiation therapy.

- (A) shrink
- (B) multiply
- (C) adapt
- (D) heal

48. For more than two centuries, economic opportunity and the prospect of upward mobility have formed the bedrock on which the American dream is based.

- (A) assumption
- (B) procedure
- (C) evidence
- (D) basis

49. Products of informatics research are ubiquitous in modern life, from online banking to mobile phones and iPods.

- (A) nocturnal
- (B) endangered
- (C) widespread
- (D) omnivorous

50. In 1912, both massive structural damage arising from a lethal iceberg collision and consternation among the passengers aboard the Titanic caused more than 1,500 casualties.

- (A) disability
- (B) deliberation
- (C) dismay
- (D) distaste

TOEFL VOCABULARY TEST 2

1. According to the estimation of the US National Safety Council, more than 30 million personal computers become **obsolete** annually, and the number is expected to jump to 80 million by the year 2012.

- (A) dilapidated
- (B) extinct
- (C) infected
- (D) out-of-date

2. **Contrary to** popular belief, the ostrich will not bury its head in the sand when cornered.

- (A) Similar
- (B) Indifferent
- (C) Opposite
- (D) Compared

3. Once the customer has signed the authorization slip at the point of sale, the check is no longer a **negotiable** instrument and must be stamped "VOID."

- (A) deniable
- (B) feasible
- (C) transferable
- (D) negligible

4. The rapid development of **state-of-the-art** techniques in biotechnology has made gene therapy a highly potential new alternative for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

- (A) curative
- (B) humane
- (C) promising
- (D) cutting-edge

5. The ecosystem on our planet is constantly changing because some species become **extinct** every day while new species are being discovered.

- (A) are wiped out
- (B) get prosperous
- (C) become overpopulated
- (D) remain instinctive

6. The expenditures on the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803 amounted to \$15 million.

- (A) totaled
- (B) soared to
- (C) diminished to
- (D) depleted

7. The distribution of life in all parts of the ocean is not entirely equal because some oceans are teeming with a wide diversity while others are sparse and seemingly inhospitable.

- (A) amiable
- (B) hospitalized
- (C) innumerable
- (D) unfavorable to life or growth

8. Even though the term “generation gap” is a relatively recent coinage in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the lack of harmony between parents and children is hardly a new phenomenon.

- (A) essentially
- (B) surprisingly
- (C) functionally
- (D) comparatively

9. In some parts of Central America, cacao beans were used as currency as recently as the 1840s.

- (A) money
- (B) sustenance
- (C) recipes
- (D) seasoning

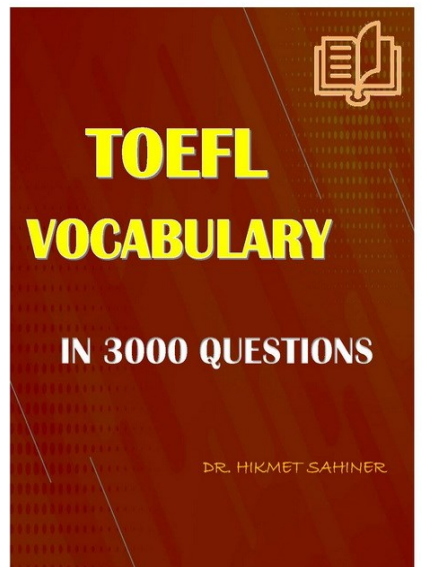
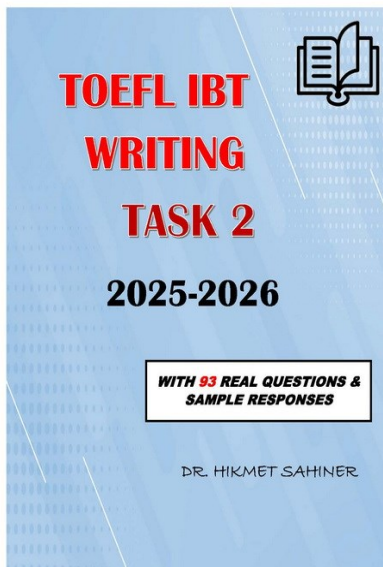
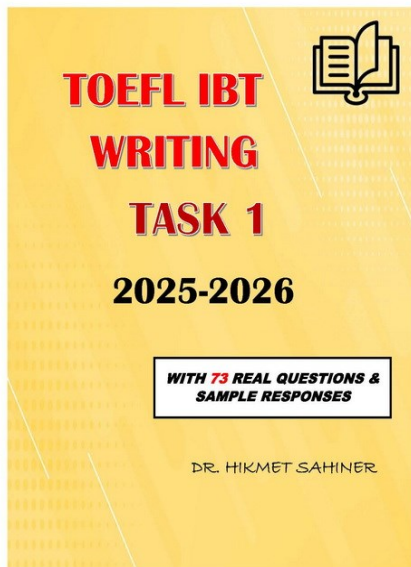
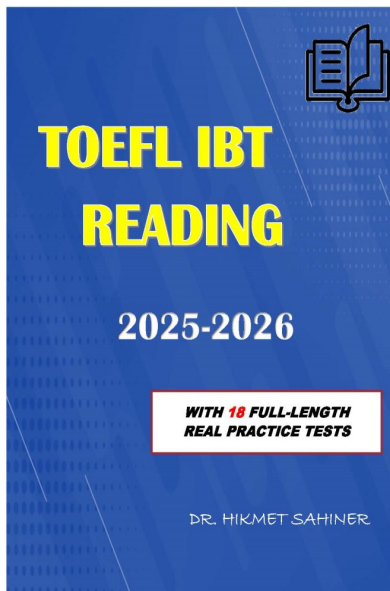
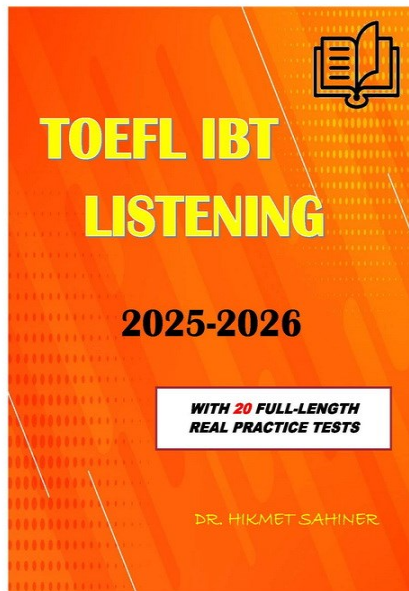
10. The involuntary muscles are muscles that the body can’t control, whereas the voluntary muscles can be deliberately controlled and manipulated by the body.

- (A) wholly
- (B) noticeably
- (C) intentionally
- (D) absolutely

11. The cougar is one of the most invisible animals that dwell in the forest.

- (A) reside
- (B) breed
- (C) feed
- (D) mature

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