

TOEFL Previous Year Style Practice Paper 5

Questions + Answers (Original Practice Set)

READING

1. Passage + Question

Choose the best answer.

Digital note-taking apps allow students to organise information quickly and search through notes easily. However, some research suggests that handwriting notes may improve memory retention.

Question: What does some research suggest about handwriting notes?

- (A) It is slower and less useful
- (B) It may improve memory retention
- (C) It should be banned
- (D) It is the same as typing

2. Passage + Question

Choose the best answer.

Protecting natural habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity. When forests and wetlands are destroyed, many species lose their homes and food sources.

Question: What happens when habitats are destroyed?

- (A) Biodiversity increases
- (B) Many species lose homes and food sources
- (C) More parks are built
- (D) Nothing changes

LISTENING (Transcript for practice)

3. Listening

Read or listen to the transcript and answer.

Transcript: Student: Is the library open on Sundays? Librarian: Yes, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You will need your student card to enter.

Question: What is required to enter the library on Sunday?

- (A) Nothing
- (B) Student card
- (C) A reservation
- (D) A fee

SPEAKING

4. Independent Speaking

15 sec prepare, 45 sec speak.

Describe a skill that is important for success in life.

5. Independent Speaking

15 sec prepare, 45 sec speak.

Would you rather have a job you love with low pay or a job you dislike with high pay?

WRITING

6. Email Task

80–120 words.

Write an email to student housing about a maintenance problem in your room. (80–120 words)

7. Discussion / Opinion

100–150 words.

Do the benefits of social media outweigh the drawbacks for young people? Give your opinion. (100–150 words)

ANSWERS & GUIDANCE

1. Reading – Correct Answer: (B)

2. Reading – Correct Answer: (B)

3. Listening – Correct Answer: (B)

4 & 5. Speaking – State your point clearly, give 1–2 reasons/examples, conclude. Speak naturally and clearly.

6. Email – Greeting → polite request/reason → details → closing.

7. Discussion – Clear opinion → 2 reasons with examples → short conclusion.

Practice under timed conditions for best results.