

TOEFL Reading Practice Test 1

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TASK 1: Complete the Words

Directions: Complete the missing parts of the words so that the paragraph makes sense. Type the full words.

Photosynth_____ is the process by which green plants convert light energy into chemical energy. During this process, plants absorb carbon diox_____ from the atmosphere and release oxy_____. The energy captured is stored in the form of gluc_____, which the plant can later use for growth and devel_____. Without photosynth_____, life on Earth as we know it would not exist.

TASK 2: Read in Daily Life

Directions: Read the short text and answer the questions.

Subject: Library Hours Update

Dear Students,

Please note that the main library will close at 8 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. from Monday to Thursday next week due to staff training. Weekend hours remain unchanged (10 a.m.–6 p.m.). For late-night study, the 24-hour study room on Level 2 will stay open as usual.

Thank you,

Library Services

Question 1

What is the main purpose of this email?

- (A) To announce a permanent change in weekend hours
- (B) To inform students of temporary earlier closing times on weekdays
- (C) To close the 24-hour study room
- (D) To cancel all library services

Question 2

Which facility will remain available for late-night study?

- (A) The main library after 8 p.m.
- (B) The 24-hour study room on Level 2
- (C) No facility will be available
- (D) Only weekend access

TASK 3: Read an Academic Passage

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse ecosystems on Earth. They provide habitat and food for thousands of marine species. However, rising ocean temperatures cause coral bleaching, a stress response in which corals expel the algae that give them colour and energy. Prolonged bleaching can lead to the death of large reef areas. Scientists are studying heat-resistant coral species and methods to reduce local pollution in the hope of protecting remaining reefs.

Question 1

What is the main idea of the passage?

- (A) Coral reefs are unimportant ecosystems
- (B) Coral reefs face serious threats from rising temperatures and may benefit from scientific efforts
- (C) All coral reefs have already died
- (D) Ocean temperatures are falling

Question 2

According to the passage, what happens during coral bleaching?

- (A) Corals grow faster
- (B) Corals expel the algae that give them colour and energy
- (C) Corals absorb more oxygen
- (D) Corals change into rocks

Question 3

The word “prolonged” in the passage is closest in meaning to:

- (A) brief
- (B) extended

- (C) sudden
- (D) rare

Question 4

What are scientists studying according to the passage?

- (A) Only fish populations
- (B) Heat-resistant coral species and ways to reduce local pollution
- (C) How to increase ocean temperatures
- (D) Tourism on reefs

Question 5

What can be inferred from the passage?

- (A) Coral reefs face no threats
- (B) Protecting reefs may require both scientific research and local action
- (C) Bleaching is beneficial for corals
- (D) All reefs will recover naturally without help

ANSWERS

TASK 1: Complete the Words

Correct completions: Photosynthesis; dioxide; oxygen; glucose; development; photosynthesis

Full paragraph: Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants convert light energy into chemical energy. During this process, plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen. The energy captured is stored in the form of glucose, which the plant can later use for growth and development. Without photosynthesis, life on Earth as we know it would not exist.

TASK 2: Read in Daily Life

Question 1 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 2 – Correct Answer: (B)

TASK 3: Academic Passage

Question 1 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 2 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 3 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 4 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 5 – Correct Answer: (B)