

TOEFL Sample Test 1

Questions + Answers

READING

1. Reading Passage + Question

Read the passage and choose the best answer.

Many universities now offer online courses that allow students to study from any location. While this flexibility is convenient, some educators argue that face-to-face interaction remains essential for developing critical thinking and collaboration skills.

Question: What is one concern raised by some educators?

- (A) Online courses are too expensive.
- (B) Face-to-face interaction is important for certain skills.
- (C) Students prefer traditional classrooms only.
- (D) Online courses will replace all universities.

2. Reading Passage + Question

Read the passage and choose the best answer.

Bees are vital pollinators for many food crops. Recent declines in bee populations have raised concerns among scientists about future food security. Habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change are among the factors being studied.

Question: According to the passage, why are scientists concerned?

- (A) Bees are increasing in number.
- (B) Declining bee populations may affect food security.
- (C) Pesticides have no effect on bees.
- (D) Climate change is unrelated to bees.

LISTENING (Practice with transcript)

3. Listening

Listen to the following (or read the transcript) and answer the question.

Transcript: Professor: Today we will discuss renewable energy. Solar and wind power are becoming more affordable. Many countries are investing in these technologies to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy security.

Question: What is the main topic of the talk?

- (A) The history of coal mining
- (B) Renewable energy and its benefits
- (C) The cost of oil
- (D) Nuclear power plants

SPEAKING

4. Independent Speaking

Prepare for 15 seconds, then speak for 45 seconds.

Describe a place in your city that you enjoy visiting. Explain why you like it. (45 seconds)

5. Independent Speaking

Prepare for 15 seconds, then speak for 45 seconds.

Do you prefer studying alone or in a group? Explain your preference with reasons. (45 seconds)

WRITING

6. Write an Email

Write 80–120 words.

You are a university student. Write an email to your professor requesting an extension for an assignment because of a medical appointment. Explain the situation politely and suggest a new deadline. (Write 80–120 words)

7. Academic Discussion / Opinion

Write 100–150 words.

Some people believe that social media has a mostly positive effect on society. Others think it has a mostly negative effect. What is your opinion? Support your answer with reasons and examples. (Write 100–150 words)

ANSWERS & SAMPLE GUIDANCE

1. Reading – Correct Answer: (B)

2. Reading – Correct Answer: (B)

3. Listening – Correct Answer: (B)

4 & 5. Speaking – Sample approach: State your main point clearly in the first sentence, give 1–2 specific reasons or examples, and conclude briefly. Speak at a natural pace with clear pronunciation.

6. Email – Sample structure: Greeting → State request politely → Explain reason → Suggest solution / new date → Thank the reader → Closing.

7. Discussion – Sample structure: Clear opinion in the introduction → 2 supporting reasons with examples → Brief conclusion that restates the opinion.

Note: For Speaking and Writing, focus on clarity, organisation, relevant examples, and accurate language. Practice under timed conditions.