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**TOEFL**

**TOEFL Reading Comprehension**

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**Exam A****QUESTION 1**

Because of his longstanding reputation with the board of trustees, he did not have to make the normally required presentation of his proposal, therefore, the board was accused of failing to follow due process.

- A. his proposal, therefore, the board
- B. his proposal therefore, the board
- C. his proposal; therefore, the board
- D. his proposal, therefore the board

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 2**

Ms. Ceita Hernandez, who is the founder of the Cuban-American Alliance, and who has been a child care advocate for over a decade.

- A. and who has been
- B. she has been
- C. and she has been
- D. has been

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 3**

Walt Disney World is a place of enchantment and children and adults are entertained.

- A. enchantment and children and adults are entertained
- B. enchantment where children and adults are entertained
- C. enchantment, although children and adults are entertained
- D. enchantment, children and adults entertaining

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 4**

Encouraged by the good report, whistling down the hall is where the patient was.

- A. whistling down the hall is where the patient was
- B. the patient was whistling down the hall
- C. down the hall the patient was whistling
- D. whistling the patient was down the hall

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 5**

Our family enjoys a wide array of sports: skiing, to fish, and basketball.

- A. skiing, to fish, and basketball
- B. to ski, fish, and play basketball
- C. skiing, fishing and basketball
- D. skiing, fishing and playing basketball

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 6**

Harriet Tubman was a guide for the Underground Railroad.

- A. Tubman was a guide
- B. Tubman, who was a guide
- C. Tubman, a guide
- D. Tubman, who had been a guide

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 7**

The old school house that we toured is probably the second or third oldest in the western United States, this is because it is 175 years old.

- A. The old school house that we toured is probably the second or third oldest in the western United States, this is because it is 175 years old.
- B. Because the old school house that we visited is 175 years old is why it may be the second or third oldest in the western United States.
- C. The old school house that we toured, which is 175 years old, is probably the second or third oldest in the western United States.
- D. The old school house that we toured is probably the second or third oldest in the western United States, it is 175 years old.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 8**

High levels of sugar can cause hyperactivity in fruit juices that preschoolers consume.

- A. High levels of sugar can cause hyperactivity in fruit juices that preschoolers consume.
- B. High levels of sugar in fruit juices consumed by preschoolers can cause them to be hyperactive.
- C. High levels of sugar for preschoolers in fruit juices that they consume can cause hyperactivity.
- D. Hyperactivity can be caused in preschoolers with high levels of sugar that they consume in fruit juices

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 9**

Exhibiting great perseverance and stamina, Jolie beat her own record and won the Boston Marathon. Rewrite, beginning with: Because Jolie had perseverance and stamina... The next words will be

- A. which beat
- B. so as to beat
- C. and she beat
- D. she bear

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 10**

Leaving his hometown as a recent college graduate and new teacher, Andrew moved to Miami, where he had done his student teaching. Rewrite, beginning with: As a recent college graduate and new teacher... The next words will be

- A. Andrew left his hometown
- B. Andrew left his hometown when
- C. who left his hometown
- D. he left his hometown

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 11**

The students were rushing to finish their science projects all night and finally completed them at five O clock in the morning. Rewrite beginning with At five O clock in the morning...Your new sentence will include

- A. in rushing to finish
- B. have completed

- C. the students finally completed
- D. insofar as rushing to finish

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

### QUESTION 12

Not only has Dr. Peterson written two novels, but she has also written a collection of short stories and poems. Rewrite beginning with Dr. Peterson has written not only two novels... The next words will be

- A. but also has written
- B. she has even written
- C. but along with them has
- D. but along with them also

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

### QUESTION 13

In her paintings, Mary Lou Park captures nature and its surreal elements quite masterfully. Rewrite beginning with Nature and its surreal elements...Your new sentence will include

- A. Mary Lou Park captures
- B. make Mary Lou Parks
- C. in Mary Lou Parks
- D. does Mary Lou Park

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 14**

Robert Frost contributed to American literature by writing poetry about common people in common situations. Rewrite beginning with Robert Frost's contribution to American literature... The next words will be

- A. was writing poetry about
- B. which was writing poetry about
- C. in which he wrote
- D. was by writing poetry

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 15**

The WNBA has made one notable difference in the way Americans view female athletes: it has created a newfound respect for female athletes on college and high school campuses. Rewrite beginning with By creating Your new sentence

- A. a newfound respect for female athletes on high school and college campuses, the WNBA
- B. a newfound respect for female athletes on high school and college campuses: one notable difference
- C. a newfound respect for female athletes on high school and college campuses, one notable difference
- D. a newfound respect for female athletes on high school and college campuses; there is one notable difference

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 16**

Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, and who was a native Texan.

- A. and who was a native Texan
- B. she was a native Texan
- C. being a native Texan

D. was a native Texan

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 17**

Because of the previous arrangements made with her professor, Carla was allowed extra time on the test, therefore, she was able to manage her test anxiety.

- A. on the test, therefore,
- B. on the test therefore,
- C. on the test; therefore,
- D. on the test, therefore

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 18**

The Gulf Coast of Florida is an ideal family vacation spot and there is something of interest for people of all ages.

- A. vacation spot and there is something
- B. vacation spot where there is something
- C. vacation spot, although there is something
- D. vacation spot something for

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 19**



Surprised by the difficulty of the course, worrying about her grade was what Sierra was doing.

- A. worrying about her grade was what Sierra was doing
- B. Sierra was worrying about her grade
- C. about her grade Sierra was worrying
- D. worrying was what Sierra was doing about her grade

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 20**

The children in day camp have a wide variety of activities from which to choose: arts and crafts, to go boating, or indoor sports.

- A. arts and crafts, to go boating, or indoor sports
- B. to do arts and crafts, go boating, or indoor sports
- C. arts and crafts, boating, or playing indoor sports
- D. arts and crafts, boating, or indoor sports

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 21**

My cousin is a historical tour guide this summer for Jamestown's 400th anniversary tours

- A. cousin is a historical tour guide
- B. cousin, who is a historical tour guide
- C. cousin, a historical tour guide
- D. cousin, who has been a historical tour guide

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 22**

My English literature class was probably my most difficult course and this is because we were required to read twelve novels in six weeks.

- A. My English literature class was probably my most difficult course and this is because we were required to read twelve novels in six weeks.
- B. Because we were required to read twelve novels in six weeks, my English literature class was probably my most difficult course.
- C. My English literature class, in which we were required to read twelve novels in six weeks, was probably my most difficult course.
- D. Being that we had to read twelve novels in six weeks, my English literature class was probably my most difficult course

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 23**

Because of their high sugar content, children are no longer allowed to purchase soft drinks in school cafeterias.

- A. Because of their high sugar content, children are no longer allowed to drink soft drinks in school cafeterias.
- B. Because of their high sugar content, soft drinks are no longer sold to children in school cafeterias.
- C. Because of their high sugar content, school cafeterias are no longer allowed to sell soft drinks to children.
- D. School cafeterias, because of their high sugar content, are no longer allowed to sell soft drinks to children

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

**QUESTION 24**

The founder of the Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Lowe, fully enjoyed life in spite of her hearing loss and chronic back pain.

Rewrite, beginning with  
Fully enjoying life in spite of.....

The next words will be

- A. the founder of the Girl Scouts
- B. the founder of the Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Lowe was
- C. Juliette Gordon Lowe founded
- D. Juliette Gordon Lowe who founded

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 25**

Although history shows that the odds are against the success of any individual drug, newfound progress is an encouraging sign for a drug that many scientists regard as the most promising treatment for Alzheimer's.

Rewrite, beginning with

Newfound progress of a drug that many scientists regard.....

The next words will be

- A. is encouraging even though
- B. even though it is...
- C. as it encourages...
- D. which also encourages...

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 26**

After several investigative articles by the NYTimes, the NCAA is taking a harder stance on the eligibility of non-traditional high school graduates.

Rewrite beginning with

The NCAA is taking a harder stance on...

Your new sentence will include

- A. being that several investigative...
- B. although several investigative...
- C. nevertheless, several investigative...
- D. after several investigative...

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 27**

Selling the family farm he inherited and marrying his childhood sweetheart, Andrew started a new life in Chicago.

Rewrite beginning with

Before starting a new life in...

The next words will be

- A. Andrew, who sold the family farm
- B. before selling the family farm
- C. Andrew sold the family farm
- D. although Andrew sold the family farm

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

#### **QUESTION 28**

The astronaut hurriedly retrieved the microphone he had dropped and began his speech.

Rewrite beginning with

The astronaut began...

Your new sentence will include

- A. after he hurriedly retrieved
- B. when he hurriedly retrieved
- C. as if he hurriedly retrieved
- D. because he hurriedly retrieved

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

### QUESTION 29

Including minor injuries, like a cut or a twisted ankle, safety board data indicates that about 50 people a year suffer from airplane turbulence - related injuries.

Rewrite beginning with  
Safety board data indicates...

The next words will be

- A. injuries, including
- B. injuries. Such as
- C. injuries which are also
- D. injuries also

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

### QUESTION 30

Because of his longstanding reputation with the board of trustees, Jim did not have to make the normally required presentation of his proposal; therefore, the board was accused of failing to follow due process.

Rewrite beginning with  
The board was accused of....

Your new sentence will include

- A. therefore, Jim, with his...
- B. because Jim, with his...
- C. even though Jim, with his...
- D. however, Jim, with his...

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation: