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PREFACE

If you are planning to take TOEFL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language*), you are not alone. Over three quarters of a million people signed up to take the test last year, and the number keeps growing. For almost all nonnative speakers of English who plan to study in either undergraduate or graduate programs at universities or colleges in North America, an acceptable score on the exam is a necessity. Moreover, many schools are raising the minimal TOEFL scores required for admission. However, preparing for this important test can be a difficult, frustrating experience.

One of the best ways to ensure success on TOEFL is to take practice exams. The five tests in this book are accurate and up to date, reflecting the changes in format of the paper-based test (PBT) that ETS instituted in 1995. They are designed to duplicate actual exams in terms of format, content, and level of difficulty. They cover all the types of items that commonly appear on actual exams. All items have been carefully pretested.

This book is designed to supplement Peterson's *TOEFL CBT Success*, which offers an in-depth, point-by-point preparation program for the test. However, the book can also be used by itself.

This book includes the following features:

- A question-and-answer section that supplies the background information you need to understand the format of the test, to register for the exam, and to interpret your scores
- Twelve key strategies that help you maximize your scores on TOEFL
- Four tests in the standard 140-item format (Practice Tests 1, 2, 4, and 5) and one test in the long 210-item format (Practice Test 3)
- Highly realistic test items that look like and "feel like" items on actual tests
- Ten key strategies that help you do your best on the TWE
- Four Practice TWE essay tests
- Scoring guides for the Practice Tests and TWE exams
- Tapescripts for all the Listening Comprehension sections
- Answer keys, including explanatory answers for the Written Expression and Reading Comprehension parts

USING THE TESTS

- In order to complete the Listening Comprehension part of these tests, you will need to purchase the cassette tapes.
- Read over the sections titled "Questions and Answers About TOEFL" and "Twelve Keys to High Scores on TOEFL" before taking the Practice Tests.
- Take each test in its entirety rather than section by section.
- If you need to take an actual TWE, take one of the practice TWEs just before taking Practice Tests 1, 2, 4, and 5.
- Time yourself carefully during Sections 2 and 3. Do not go ahead to the next section even if you finish early. Do not give yourself extra time even if you haven't finished the section.
- Sit at a desk or table, not in an easy chair or on a sofa, and work away from distractions such as a television or a stereo.
- Mark your answers on the answer sheets rather than in the book.
- After completing the test, mark incorrect answers but do not write in the corrections. Instead, go back and answer these questions a second time.
- If you have time, take the entire test over again on another answer sheet. (You may want to make photocopies of the answer sheets in the back of the book before you begin.)
- Use the scoring charts in the back of this book to calculate your scores for each Practice Test.
- Keep track of your scores in the Personal Score Record in the Scoring section of this book.

If you have any comments or questions about this book or the TOEFL test, I'd like to hear from you. Please contact me in care of the publisher:

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And good luck on TOEFL!

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WHAT IS COMPUTER-BASED TOEFL?

At the time of this writing (spring 1998), the TOEFL was available throughout the world as a paper-and-pencil test. Starting in July 1998, however, Educational Testing Service (ETS) introduced the computer-based TOEFL in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and selected Asian countries. Some parts of the TOEFL will be a linear computerized test, which is scored the same way as a paper test. Other parts of the TOEFL will be a computer-adaptive test (CAT).

WHAT IS A COMPUTER-ADAPTIVE TEST?

A computer-adaptive test (CAT) is—as the title says—adaptive. That means that each time you answer a question the computer adjusts to your responses when determining which question to present next. For example, the first question will be of moderate difficulty. If you answer it correctly, the next question will be more difficult. If you answer it incorrectly, the next question will be easier. The computer will continue presenting questions based on your responses, with the goal of determining your ability level.

It is very important to understand that questions at the beginning of a section affect your score more than those at the end. That's because the early questions are used to determine your general ability level. Once the computer determines your general ability level, it presents questions to identify your specific ability level. As you progress farther into a section, it will be difficult to raise your score very much, even if you answer most items correctly. That's because the later questions affect your score less, as they are used to pinpoint your exact score once the computer has identified your general ability level. Therefore, take as much time as you can afford to answer the early questions correctly. Your score on each section is based on

the number of questions you answer correctly, as well as the difficulty level of those questions.

You need only minimal computer skills to take the computer-based TOEFL. You will have plenty of time at the test center to work through a tutorial that allows you to practice such activities as answering questions, using the mouse, using the word processor (which you will need for your essay responses), and accessing the help function.

The computer-based tests will be given at designated universities, bi-national institutes, ETS field offices, and Sylvan Technology Centers all over the world. Once the computer-based test has been phased in, you will no longer have the option of taking the paper-based test. Keep in mind that the computer-based test will be more expensive than the paper-based test. In North America, it will initially cost US\$80 and outside of North America, it will cost US\$100.

WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS WILL BE ON THE COMPUTER-BASED TOEFL?

Like the paper test, the computer-based TOEFL will have three sections:

1. Listening Comprehension (40-60 minutes, 30-50 questions, CAT)
2. Structure and Written Expression (15-20 minutes, 20-25 questions, CAT)
3. Reading Comprehension (70-90 minutes, 44-60 questions, linear)

Some questions will be similar to those on the paper test while others will be very different. The Listening and Reading Comprehension questions will include new question types that are designed specifically for the computer. An essay will also be included that can be handwritten or typed on the computer.

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