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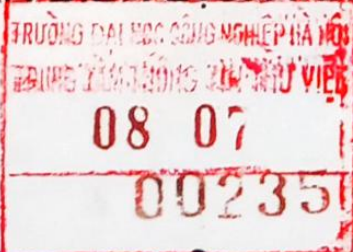
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# PREFACE

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 realistic practice exams. The five tests in this book are accurate and up to date, reflecting the changes in format 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 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.

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And good luck on TOEFL!



# 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) will introduce the computer-based TOEFL in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and selected Asian countries. More countries will be phased in over a three-year period. According to ETS, the computer-based test will completely replace the paper test by 2001. 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.

## HOW ARE THE COMPUTER-BASED TOEFL SCORES CALCULATED?

The computer-based TOEFL will report separate scores for each of the three test sections. The Listening Comprehension will be scored as a CAT. The Structure and Written Expression section will be scored as a CAT and on the basis of the essay. The Reading Comprehension section will be scored as a linear test. The scores



for all three sections will be factored into a scaled total score, just like on the current test.

The range of possible scores on each of the three multiple choice sections is from 0-30. The range for the entire test will be from 0-300. (The range on the paper version is from 200-667).

## TEST-TAKING TIPS FOR THE CAT SECTIONS OF THE COMPUTER- BASED TOEFL

- The purpose of TOEFL Success is to help you prepare for all forms of the test. You will increase your chances of scoring high on the TOEFL by being completely familiar with the content and format you will encounter on test day. The strategies and review sections of this book, as well as the practice tests, provide lots of opportunity to review relevant content. Keep in mind the following test-taking tips, most of which are unique to the CAT format.
- Understand the directions for each question type. Learn the directions for each type of question. The directions in this book are very similar to those on the actual test. Understanding the directions for each question type will save you valuable time on the day of the test.

- Focus on answering the questions at the beginning of sections 1 and 2 correctly. Remember that questions at the beginning of a section affect your score more than questions at the end. Be especially careful in choosing answers to questions in the first half of both the quantitative and verbal sections. Once the computer determines your general ability level with these initial questions, you will be unable to dramatically improve your score, even if you answer most of the questions toward the end correctly.
- In sections 1 and 2 be completely sure of each answer before proceeding. With a CAT, you must answer each question as it is presented. You cannot skip a difficult question and return to it later as you can with a paper test. Nor can you review responses to questions that you have already answered. Therefore, you must be confident about your answer before you confirm it and proceed to the next question. If you are completely stumped by a question, eliminate as many answer choices as you can, select the best answer from the remaining choices, and move on.
- Pace yourself. To finish all sections, you will need to work both quickly and accurately to complete each section within the time constraints. You will still receive a score, even if you do not complete all of the questions in a section.



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