
TOEIC BLANC

> SCRIPTS AUDIO

Part 1

1. > (A) The man is wearing a wig.
> (B) The man is bald.
> (C) The man is bored.
> (D) The suit is bold-colored.
2. > (A) They are watching the dishes.
> (B) They are washing the dishes.
> (C) The dishes are all white.
> (D) The dishwasher is closed.
3. > (A) She is working alone.
> (B) She is walking by herself.
> (C) She is walking by a dock.
> (D) She is wearing a cap.
4. > (A) They are gathering mushrooms.
> (B) They are gathered in the living-room.
> (C) They are picking up some flowers.
> (D) She is wearing the basket.
5. > (A) There are three sparrows by a pond.
> (B) The basin is full of fish.
> (C) There are three gifts on the floor.
> (D) There are geese in the farmyard.
6. > (A) The man is a baron.
> (B) The bar is open.
> (C) The land is barren.
> (D) The barn's roof is brown.

Part 2

7. What are the stakes if he changes his mind?

- > (A) The end of our current system.
- > (B) It's underdone.
- > (C) Don't worry, it's mine.

8. Where do you live?

- > (A) In the eastern suburb.
- > (B) I'm leaving to New York.
- > (C) I lived in San Francisco.

9. You should have talked to him.

- > (A) He would not have listened to me.
- > (B) He will listen to me.
- > (C) She would have avoided the topic.

10. Did you visit their site?

- > (A) She is out of sight.
- > (B) It's too far way.
- > (C) No, its' my website.

11. What gorgeous flowers! Thank you!

- > (A) They are called "squids".
- > (B) They are the perfect incarnations.
- > (C) I remember you loved carnations.

12. Did you put lobster into your soup?

- > (A) No, I put trout.
- > (B) It's my favorite dessert.
- > (C) I will prepare another one.

13. Where are the Brussels sprouts?

- > (A) In the fridge.
- > (B) In Mr. Darcy's files.
- > (C) In the choir.

14. When will you go to the gym?

- > (A) They drank gin.
- > (B) I worked out as usual.
- > (C) I'll go there this afternoon.

15. Did you eventually go skiing?

- > (A) My skin is very thin.
- > (B) No, the snow was too thin.

> (C) Not for the moment.

16. Did you read Steve Marshall's review?

- > (A) I viewed them already.
- > (B) The review of the music was awesome.
- > (C) It's a nice view.

17. Did you vote?

- > (A) The ballots will surprise you.
- > (B) Yes, I'm a strong advocate of democracy.
- > (C) She did this morning.

18. Do you want some dessert?

- > (A) I would love some donuts.
- > (B) There is sand all over my shoes.
- > (C) I'm not thirsty.

19. The TV is out of order.

- > (A) She didn't place the order yet.
- > (B) I can fix it if you want
- > (C) The repairer came yesterday.

20. I don't like being idle.

- > (A) Me neither.
- > (B) My idol is the best.
- > (C) Bees don't sting.

21. I wish I had come with you to the Caribbean.

- > (A) You will definitely enjoy it.
- > (B) You would have loved it.
- > (C) Don't carry heavy things.

22. What do you think about this campaign?

- > (A) The colza fields are dazzling.
- > (B) The sink is leaking.
- > (C) The slogan should be changed.

23. The seam is not right.

- > (A) Let me talk to the seamstress.
- > (B) He didn't seem to.
- > (C) Let me write it.

24. What is your current occupation?

- > (A) The engine needs to be changed.
- > (B) I work as an engineer at Simtek.
- > (C) We've been very busy.

25. What is your favorite vegetable?
- > (A) Zucchini.
 - > (B) Whiting.
 - > (C) Veal.
26. What time is your train leaving?
- > (A) At noon.
 - > (B) On Platform 17.
 - > (C) To Sheffield.
27. There are a few typos in the minutes.
- > (A) What type of watch do you have?
 - > (B) I'll call you in a second.
 - > (C) I'll make the corrections.
28. Is this item on sale?
- > (A) Unfortunately it is sold out.
 - > (B) There is too much wind.
 - > (C) I don't like sailing.
29. What did the unionists say?
- > (A) I should have organized a strike.
 - > (B) They want to negotiate with the CEO directly.
 - > (C) He agrees on a few points.
30. Did you read your horoscope?
- > (A) Yes, it ought to be a great day for me.
 - > (B) I couldn't find my stethoscope.
 - > (C) It's too large a scope.
31. The crops won't be very generous this year.
- > (A) I can let you twenty dollars if you want.
 - > (B) The police never showed up.
 - > (C) It did not rain enough.

Part 3

Questions 32 to 34 refer to the following conversation:

Man: Hi Jane, happy New Year!

Woman: Happy New Year, Jack! Where have you been for your vacation?

Man: We were in Thailand.

Woman: How nice! Where were you exactly?

Man: In Phuket. We wanted to benefit from warm weather, relax on a beautiful beach and see exotic places.

Woman: Well, I am sure you enjoyed it all, didn't you?

Man: We did! We celebrated Christmas Eve in a resort by the sea. The kids went hysterical when they saw Santa Claus with all his gifts and we were charmed by the kindness of Thai people.

Woman: Do they speak English well?

Man: Some do, actually. And if they don't, gestures are a very good way to communicate!

Questions 35 to 37 refer to the following conversation:

Woman: Hi John, I put some cookies that I put in the cupboard next to the fridge and you can help yourself if you want some. The kids can have one or two but no more because they left the table at 2.

Man: What about dinner?

Woman: They will have beef and noodles. Everything is in the fridge. You'll just have to reheat it in the microwave. If you could make them eat before 7.30, that would be perfect.

Man: Sure. What time will they have to go to bed?

Woman: 9pm at the latest. Lucy has a test tomorrow and she needs a good night sleep. We should be back before midnight.

Man: All right. Enjoy your show.

Woman: Thank you.

Questions 38 to 40 refer to the following conversation:

Man: Diana, can you please call my dentist for an appointment today? I have a terrible toothache.

Woman: Of course but I'm not sure there will be any availability. The last time I called, there was no available slot before one week.

Man: I know but this time, it's an emergency. It hurts so much that I had to cancel my meeting with Peter and Natalie.

Woman: Alright. I will use all my talent for persuasion.

Questions 41 to 43 refer to the following conversation:

Woman: Hi Peter, I have a flight tomorrow at 11am. Do you think you could drive me to the airport?

Man: Where are you going?

Woman: To Hong Kong. I have to meet our suppliers for our new project.

Man: Great! So that means that you must be there two hours prior to departure.

Woman: Three hours in fact.

Man: The thing is that I've organized a meeting at 8.30 with our marketing team. Why don't you ask Paul? He won't mind; he loves driving.

Questions 44 to 46 refer to the following conversation:

Man: What kind of dishes do you offer?

Woman: At *Sandy's*, we prepare all kinds of dishes: salads and pasta for those who are vegetarian; beef stews and pies, roasts and skewers, seafood platters, and also desserts such as home-made ice creams, carrot cakes, cheesecakes and fruit salads. Our chef buys the food from local producers, which enables us to reduce the costs and have excellent fresh food.

Man: That's nice. What are the opening hours?

Woman: On Mondays and Saturdays from 12 to 12 and on Sundays from 11 to 11. Sundays are famous for their brunches!

Questions 47 to 49 refer to the following conversation:

Man: Mary, has Frank called?

Woman: No he hasn't but you received a phone call from Mr. Donaldson. He said to call him back as soon as possible.

Man: Did he say what it was about?

Woman: He was not very precise but he said that there was a production issue at the plant.

Man: Okay. After I finish my conversation with Mr. Donaldson, can you call Frank? He was supposed to come this morning but he did not show up.

Woman: Sure.

Questions 50 to 52 refer to the following conversation:

Man: Good afternoon, madam, Can I help you?

Woman: Yes, I bought this telephone in your store and it does not work anymore.

Man: How long did you buy it?

Woman: Three years ago.

Man: Can I have a look?

Woman: Sure.

Man: The two batteries are actually empty. We need to replace them. They are nine dollars each.

Woman: Okay, can you do it?

Man: With pleasure.

Questions 53 to 55 refer to the following conversation:

Woman: Are these your clothes for the party?

Man: Yes. It is a costume party!... Don't you remember?

Woman: No! Jane never told me that! She said we were to dress up in black and white!

Man: That was her idea at first but she changed her mind.

Woman: Well, I was probably not with you when she talked about it. And the thing is I have nothing to wear!

Man: Well I'm sure your Moroccan outfit can do.

Woman: Do you think so?

Man: I'm positive.

Questions 56 to 58 refer to the following conversation:

Man: Excuse me. I'm looking for a book but I can't remember its title.

Woman: Is it a novel or an essay?

Man: It's a novel. The plot takes place in a zoo and the main characters are a bear, a goat and an owl that are all the metaphors of actual political characters. I watched *My Beautiful Reading* last night and the author was so witty that he convinced me to buy it.

Woman: Oh yes. It's *The Farm* by Edward Morris. You can find it in Aisle B.

Questions 59 to 61 refer to the following conversation:

Woman: You look exhausted! What's going on?

Man: I've just come back from our Delhi branch. I was there for a week. The plane was five hours late and not only did we miss our connecting flight in Frankfurt, but the next flight from Frankfurt to London was full so we took a plane from Frankfurt to Prague and then another one from Prague to London. I arrived this morning at 7.

Woman: That's crazy! You should have stayed home to have some rest.

Man: Well I wanted to but I have this very important meeting with the managing director.

Woman: Oh yes, that's right. He is in the meeting room.

Questions 62 to 64 refer to the following conversation:

Woman 1: Natchez Catering, may I help you?

Man: Hi, my wife and I would like to organize a housewarming party next month.

Woman: Sure. What style of food would you like?

Man: We would love the barbecue menu that you are offering, especially the veggie burgers, the hot dogs, the barbecue grilled chicken and the vegetable skewers.

Woman: Excellent choice. How many people will be there?

Man: We will be around forty...

Woman 2: Actually you can add ten more; we have invited our neighbors, don't you remember?

Man: That's right.

Woman 1: Perfect! Just give me your email and I will send you a quote.

Woman 2: It's stevenson@gmail.com

Questions 65 to 67 refer to the following conversation:

Woman: How did you find Harry's presentation?

Man: I think it was exactly what we needed! We had no clue of how to deal with our technical problems and he explained everything so clearly that I'm sure John will know what measures to take.

Woman: Do you really think so? I think he was so difficult to follow!

Man: It's probably because you never heard about steam turbine.

Questions 68 to 70 refer to the following conversation:

- Man: Good morning, madam. I'm looking for a tuxedo for my daughter's graduation. I want something both elegant and original.
- Woman: Sure. We have a great selection on the second floor with great offers but until the 10th only. When is the ceremony?
- Man: It's in a fortnight.
- Woman: The sales will be over by then but if you purchase the tuxedo before Saturday, you will benefit from a 20% discount. Do you want me to accompany you?
- Man: Yes, please.

Part 4

Questions 71-73 refer to the following monologue.

Let me tell you about my life here... I must say I am very lucky... I came down to see my brother while I was studying here and I really got a feel for it. My younger sister is leaving school this year and hopefully she'll be coming down here too. I live at Starfield, 376 acres of land and a perfect location for a student to live. It's highly secure, very friendly. It's got an internet café and there's going to be a gym there soon. It's got 24-hour security and also, all controlled by cameras. It's definitely one of the best places to start your university life. I am a senior resident. Senior residents are usually final year or Master's level students who are a link between the students and the University. We give advice to students, it's very confidential and we have been trained to help students with any sort of problem.

Questions 74 to 76 refer to the following talk:

Conceived in a close dialogue with the building and its architect Josh McGuire, this temporary site-specific work by Karen Klein is articulated over the emblematic glass sails of the building. These twenty panels are covered with colored filters set out in a staggered pattern and themselves punctuated, at equal distances, by alternating white and clear stripes. The eight centimeter stripe is the ubiquitous signature of Klein's work since the mid-1970s, while color is another fundamental element of her vocabulary. The fifteen colors used here were chosen from the manufacturer's range and in accordance with availability. Inside or outside, from the terraces or in the spaces, projections and reflections appear and disappear and change and shift constantly, following the weather, the time of day and the season. With a minimal gesture, the artist radically transforms the building, and to maximum effect, renewing our way of looking at its architecture and instigating a new approach. Without beginning or end, with no privileged viewpoint, this "Observatory of Light" is a work that is experienced freely, in keeping with each visitor's desire.

Questions 77-79 refer to the following talk.

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Archeology Museum of Sherwood. As we will soon understand throughout this visit, health is a reflection of a complex balance between an individual and the environment. Humans are key actors in their own surroundings. Changes in lifestyle lead to modifications in the wellbeing of a population, triggering either the deterioration or amelioration of health conditions. How have societies managed health throughout history and on all continents? Health management by the group is eminently cultural: the same pathology does not make the same patient, depending on the time and the place. Scientific discoveries must be contextualized in order to understand how a society and individuals protect themselves against physical and biological harm. Archeology, with its approach to past material cultures, informs us about these questions. Archeo-anthropological studies make it possible to identify and document treatments, the management of disabilities or certain activities and living conditions. They inform us about the health of an individual, and more broadly a population, and they teach us about lifestyles and their evolution. The archeology of health sheds particular light on past societies and, along with other scientific disciplines, refers us to issues that are still pertinent.

Questions 80-82 refer to the following talk.

Welcome to our private fashion show. As you can see, all of our clothes is made out of precious fabrics: velvet, silk, satin, and linen. All the embroideries are hand-made and our designer who spent a few years in Asia has been influenced by the patterns and shapes you can find there. The Mao collar, the kimono and the sarong are examples of this influence but also the flowery designs and the tiny patterns. We have thirty seamstresses who work for us and sewing machines are not allowed in our workshops. That's why all our models are unique and probably so successful. Mixing modernity and tradition, our brand

is now sold in sixty different countries and each year, five new boutiques are opened. Last year, we opened two shops in the United States, one in Germany, one in Mexico and one in Taiwan. This year, we are going to open a second store in Paris, two in Rome, one in Saint Petersburg and one in Tokyo. Now, do you have any question?-

Questions 83-85 refer to the following news item.

Advertisement can be entertaining to watch thanks to its creativity and the information it conveys. However, it is also insidious for people's emotional well-being and devastating for the environment. In fact, ecological issues and climate change are more the outcome of over-consumption and the incommensurate use of resources than overpopulation. Paradoxically, it is people who consume the most who place the most demand on natural resources and cause the most important destruction, and it is marketing that helps to create desires to drive excessive consumption. Admen have learned how to persuade people that nonmaterial happiness can be gained through material possessions, and tying material goods to nonmaterial desires makes sure people are never pleased with what they have. Now, we must recognize that shopping can be a distraction from the things we really want in life, things that really make us happy.

Questions 86 to 88 refer to the following weather forecast:

Hi everyone, a weakened cold front will sag south and move over the islands pushing clouds over much of the state. Hawaii Island could see fewer clouds and showers throughout the day. There could be a slight increase in passing showers mainly for windward and mauka spots and linger through Tuesday. Trades will be breezy again, reaching double digits through the afternoon. Surfs will be on the rise increasing to warning levels today. Waves of 10-20' by mid-morning for North shores, 30-40' by the evening, 8-15' early for West shores, then 20-30'. East shores will have waves of 2-4' with 1-3' surf for South shores. A small craft advisory is up for all Hawaii offshore waters.

Questions 89 to 91 refer to the following introduction:

Thank you for enrolling in first aid training. As you probably know, the times of the course will normally run from 10.30am to 5.30pm but the finishing times may vary depending on the number of questions you have. The course is run on a continuous assessment basis with responsibility for checking competency in both theory and practice being the preserve of the course tutor. I am happy to see you have come with your own pen and notepad. You may need them if you want to take notes. I can also see that ladies are wearing trousers, which is appropriate clothing for our practical sessions. We do provide tea and coffee both in the morning and afternoon. For meals, there are many places close by where either cold or hot snacks/meals can be obtained, including facilities such as cafes in the Byram Arcade. Now, let's start with the first section in your booklet.

Questions 92 to 94 refer to the following news item:

Coaching is a powerful and enabling tool for development and performance. It is one of the key arrows in the learning and talent development quiver and is well regarded by many people in organizations at all levels. Coaching helps raise performance and align people and their goals to the organization, cements learning and skills and is a powerful agent for culture change and agility. Coaching is becoming a 'must have' for organizations and part of normal management practice. However, it has an 'Achilles' heel' in that evaluation of coaching is largely neglected. Only 36% of respondents to our Learning and Talent Development survey report evaluating coaching, with the majority who do any evaluation not going beyond the reactions or 'happy sheet' level. We believe that if this evaluation gap persists, coaching will come under threat since learning and talent development professionals still cannot demonstrate its impact. When every item and line of expenditure is being acutely scrutinized, as in the current climate, that need is even more urgent.

Questions 95 to 97 refer to the following information:

Dear visitors, hurry down to the luxury department stores on the Seventeenth Street and Park Avenue. During the Christmas holidays, the windows are wonderful sights to behold. At The Big Store, Christmas is going to be extra cold, much to the liking of the polar bear family! Don't miss the giant Christmas tree under the dome, along with the big wheel and the cable cars. At The Five Fountains, enjoy sweet treats and gifts given by Santa Claus in person. The Big Bazar has a cozy feel with warm log fires. As for The Great Market, it's cloaked in white with snowflakes drifting beneath the glass roof, before turning into little sliding figures in the windows.

Questions 98 to 100 refer to the following talk:

Fortunately, fast food doesn't have to be unhealthy and this is what we prove at our restaurant every day. Our customers can either choose a freshly squeezed juice from the menu or pick which fruits and vegetables they want to include. This one, for example, has apple, carrot, and orange.

For the vegetable noodles, onion, mushrooms and some crunchy peppers and carrots are sautéed with garlic and ginger. The veg is then mixed with soy and Hon Dashi sauce, and some tasty egg noodles.

Our thick wholesome tomato soup is made fresh daily from a roux sauce. The tomatoes give it the flavor, the onions add depth and the carrots bring the vibrant color. Cooked for at least two hours and then strained, our chef adds a pinch of herbs and a dash of fresh cream.

Last but not least, if you are tired, you can grab a fresh cup of coffee made with organic coffee beans.