BARRON'S PRACTICE EXERCISES FOR THE

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Practice Exercises
for the Listening
Comprehension
Section of the TOEFL

In this chapter, you will have an opportunity to practice your ability to understand spoken English. There are three different types of Practice Exercises with special directions for each type. *Note:* The Transcript for the Listening Comprehension Practice Exercises can be found on page 153.

18 EXERCISES 20 QUESTIONS

• Directions: For each problem in the following Practice Exercises, you will hear a short statement. The statements will be spoken just one time. They will not be written out for you, and you must listen carefully in order to understand what the speaker says.

When you hear a statement, read the four sentences in your workbook and decide which one is closest in meaning to the statement that you have heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the problem and mark your answer.

EXERCISE ONE: TEENS AND TENS

- 1. (A) I-19 is a busy highway.
 - (B) 1-90 is the only busy highway.
 - (C) 1-19 is not a busy highway.
 - (D) 1-90 is a busy highway.
- 2. (A) The suitcase is not heavy.
 - (B) The suitcase weighs sixteen pounds too much.
 - (C) The weight of the suitcase is sixty pounds.
 - (D) You will not need to pay extra.
- 3. (A) The new address of the International Office is 70 South Speedway.
 - (B) The International Office used to be located at 70 South Speedway.
 - (C) Seventeen South Speedway is where the International Office has moved.
 - (D) The International Office has always been located at 17 South Speedway.
- 4. (A) A doctoral degree will be awarded to forty students this semester.
 - (B) Fourteen industrial engineers will receive their Ph.D.'s this semester.
 - (C) The Industrial Engineering Department does not award a doctoral degree.
 - (D) This semester fourteen students were enrolled in the Industrial Engineering Department.
- 5. (A) It costs eighteen dollars to go to Washington.
 - (B) Eighty dollars is the price of a ticket to Washington.
 - (C) A ticket to Washington costs eight dollars.
 - (D) One way to go to Washington is to buy a ticket:
- 6. (A) There are fifteen minutes left for this section of the test.
 - (B) It took fifteen minutes to finish this section of the test.
 - (C) In five minutes you must finish this section of the test.
 - (D) You have finished this section of the test in fifty minutes.
- 7. (A) Jane's room is on the fourteenth floor.
 - (B) Jane's room is the first one.
 - (C) Parks Tower has forty floors.
 - (D) Room fourteen is Jane's.

- 8. (A) A telephone call to Miami costs fifty cents after five o'clock.
- (B) Fifty cents is the price of a five-minute call to Miami.
 - (C) After five o'clock a call to Miami costs fifteen cents.
 - (D) Before five o'clock it costs fifteen cents to call Miami.
- 9. (A) This semester one of the English classes will meet in room 70.
 - (B) English classes will all meet in room 170 this semester.
 - (C) Room 117 is the meeting place for all English classes.
 - (D) One English class in room 17 will meet this semester.
- 10. (A) The first fifty problems are assigned.
 - (B) Your homework assignment can be found on page 60.
 - (C) The problems on page 16 are assigned.
 - (D) Page 15 is your first assignment.
- 11. (A) Thirteen degrees was the low temperature today.
 - (A) Infreen degrees was the low temperature to as,
 (B) Today's temperature was thirty degrees lower than it was yesterday.

 - (C) Thirty degrees was today's low temperature.(D) The low temperature today was three degrees.
- 12. (A) Tomorrow morning I need eight copies.
 - (B) I made eighty copies for my meeting.
 - (C) I have eight meetings tomorrow
 - (D) At eight o'clock tomorrow morning I will need eighteen copies.
- (A) Thirty-one is the rate of exchange.
 (B) Thirty-to-one is the rate of exchange.
 (C) Thirteen-to-one is the rate of exchange.
 (C) Three-to-one is the rate of exchange.
- (A) A size large in this style would be a forty.
 (B) There are fourteen styles in size large.
 (C) There is a large selection in size forty.
 (D) In this style a size large is a fourteen.
- 15. (A) Channel three carries CBS news.
 - (B) Channel six carries CBS news.
 - (C) Channel thirteen carries CBS news.
 - (C) Channel thirty carries CBS news:
- 16. (A) There are ninety answers in the textbooks.
 - (B) All of the answers are on page 9.
 - (B) All of the answers are on page 9.(C) The textbooks have only nineteen pages.(D) Page 90 has the answers on it.
- 17. (A) The package requires eighty cents postage.
 - (B) It will cost eighteen cents to mail the package.

 - (C) This package needs eight stamps.
 (D) One more eight-cent stamp is needed to mail this package. Capital and partiages

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- **18.** (A) The flight at gate two is number fourteen.
 - (B) The flight to Dallas is number forty-two.
 - (C) The flight now boarding is number forty.
 - (D) The flight at gate two is new.
- 19. (A) The score achieved by half of the students tested was 450.
 - (B) Eighty-five percent of the students passed the examination.
 - (C) More than 415 points was the score that half of the students received.
 - (D) A score of 450 or more was achieved by 15 percent of the students tested.
- 20. (A) John will have his fortieth birthday in November.
 - (B) On November fourteenth John will celebrate his birthday.
 - (C) John is twelve years old now.
 - (D) John's birthday is on November thirtieth.

EXERCISE TWO: COMPUTATIONS

- 1. (A) The dresses will cost \$16.
 - (B) The dresses will cost \$30.
 - (C) The dresses will cost \$120.
 - (D) The dresses will cost \$60.
- 2. (A) The bus left at 8:45 A.M.
 - (B) The bus left at 8:40 A.M.
 - (C) The bus left at 8:35 P.M.
 - (D) The bus left at 8:30 P.M.
- 3. (A) City College has 260 students now.
 - (B) In 1960 City College had 520 students.
 - (C) In 1960 City College had 1040 students.
 - (D) City College was founded in 1960.
- 4. (A) The store opens at 9:00 A.M.
 - (B) Miss Smith arrives at 9:30 A.M.
 - (C) Miss Smith arrives at 10:00 A.M.
 - (D) The store opens at 10:30 A.M.
- 5. (A) The speaker's salary is \$250.
 - (B) The speaker's salary is \$750.
 - (C) The speaker's salary is \$500.
 - (D) The speaker's salary is \$125.
- 6. (A) The plane left at 11:30 A.M.
 - (B) The plane left at 12:00 noon.
 - (C) The plane left at 12:30 P.M.
 - (D) The plane left at 1:00 P.M.
- 7. (A) The stadium has room for 100,000 people.
 - (B) 7,500 people attended last night's game.
 - (C) 25,000 people attended last night's game.
 - (D). There were 50,000 people at the game last night.
 - (A) Sandy saved \$165 when she bought the camera.
 - (B) Sandy paid too much for the camera.
 - (C) Sandy spent \$200 for the camera.
 - (D) Sandy paid \$45 less than the regular price for the camera.
- 9. (A) Jane types half as fast as Judy.
 - (B) Judy types as fast as Jane.
 - (C) Both Jane and Judy type eighty words a minute.
 - (D) Jane is a faster typist than Judy.
- 10. (A) One end table costs \$85.
 - (B) Each end table costs \$75.
 - (C) A pair of end tables cost \$170.
 - (D) A pair of end tables cost \$300.

- 11. (A) Bill gets to class at eight o'clock.
 - (B) Bill does not have a class in the morning.
 - (C) Bill gets to class at eight-fifteen.
 - (D) Bill gets to class fifteen minutes before it begins.
- 12. (A) We sold forty tickets.
 - We expected to sell twenty tickets. (B)
 - (C) We expected to sell eighty tickets.
 - We sold eighty tickets (D)
- (A) Dr. Jones's taxi arrived at the airport on time.
 - (B) Dr. Jones arrived at the airport at 11:30.
 - (C). Dr. Jones's plane left at 11:00.
 - (D) Dr. Jones's plane left at 10:30.
- 14. (A) Mr. Black must leave his house at 9:00.
 - (B) Mr. Black must be at work at 8:30.
 - (C) Mr. Black must spend an hour driving to work.
 - (D) Mr. Black must spend a half-hour driving to work.
- 15. (A) Alice did not give the teller enough.
 - (B) The teller charged Alice to cash her check.(C) Alice was ten dollars short

 - (D) The teller was shorter than Alice.
- 16. (A) I watched for ten minutes.
 - (B) It was 9:30 when I set my watch.
 - (C) The time is 9:20.
 - (D) . I set my watch ahead thirty minutes.
- 17. (A) We should make a double recipe.
 - (B) We should make half a recipe.
 - (C) We should make ten recipes.
 - (D) We should make twenty recipes.
- 18. (A) Bob and Carole live half a mile from State University.
 - (B) Bob and Carole walk one mile from married student housing to State University.
 - (C) Bob and Carole live one mile from State University in married student housing.
 - (D) Bob and Carole take the bus one mile to State University.
- 19. (A) John arrived for the twelve o'clock meal.
 - (B) John was too late to eat.
 - (C) John did not plan to arrive at noon.
 - (D) John arrived at two o'clock.
- (A) A used book is \$6 cheaper than a new book.
 - (B) A used book costs \$2.50.
 - (C) Mary saved \$3.50.
 - (D) A new book costs \$8.50.

EXERCISE THREE: REFERENCE

- 1. (A) Jeff and Nancy are happily married.
 - (B) Jeff is happy that he married Nancy.
 - (C) Nancy's family likes Jeff.
 - (D) Jeff's family approved of his marrying Nancy.
- 2. (A) Mr. Johnson and his son are going into business together.
 - (B) Mr. Johnson's son and his nephew are in business together.
 - (C) Mr. Johnson's nephew owns a business.
 - (D) Mr. Johnson hopes that he and his nephew will go into business together.
- 3. (A) Ann wants us to meet her.
 - (B) We met Ann at the bus station.
 - (C) Ann wants to meet us at the bus station.
 - (D) Ann met us at the bus station.
- 4. (A) She bought him a suit.
 - (B) He bought himself a suit.
 - (C) He bought her a suit.
 - (D) She bought herself a suit.
- 5. (A) The speaker does not remember Ellen's last name.
 - (B) Ellen does not remember her teacher's last name.
 - (C) The speaker does not remember the teacher's last name.
 - (D) The teacher does not remember Ellen's last name.
- **6.** (A) Pat went to the party with John.
 - (B) John was invited to Pat's party.
 - (C) John would not go to the party.
 - (D) Pat did not go to the party.
- 7. (A) Nancy has Paul's scarf on.
 - (B) Nancy is wearing a knit scarf.
 - (C) Paul has a knit scarf.
 - (D) Paul never wears the knit scarf that Nancy made him.
- 8. (A) It is Tom's birthday.
 - (B) Tom's roommate sent him a card.
 - (C) Tom's roommate wished him a happy birthday.
 - (D) Tom wished his roommate a happy birthday.
- 9. (A) Bill's sister graduated.
 - (B) Bill was very proud when he graduated.
 - (C) Bill was very proud of his sister.
 - (D) When Bill graduated, his sister was very proud of him.
- 10. (A) James went to work while his mother stayed home.
 - (B) James's mother works at home.
 - (C) When James got home from work, his mother was there.
 - (D) James's mother was at work when he got home.

- 11. (A) Charles's uncle was at the party last night.
 - (B) We introduced Mary to Uncle Charles last night at the party.
 - (C) Mary met us at Uncle Charles's party.
 - (D) Last night we were introduced to Charles, Mary's uncle.
- 12. (A) Bob criticized his father's plans for a new office building.
 - (B) Bob was unhappy when his father criticized his plans for a new office building.
 - (C) Bob and his father criticized the plans for a new office building.
 - (D) Bob's father criticized him in his new office.
- 13. (A) William was the woman's grandson.
 - (B) Mrs. Williams's lawyer was the beneficiary.
 - (C) Mrs. Williams was named in her lawyer's will.
 - (D) The lawyer wrote the will for Mrs. Williams.
- 14. (A) Larry washed his brother's car.
 - (B) Larry's brother washed the car.
 - (C) Larry took the car to his brother's car wash.
 - (D) Larry and his brother went to the car wash.
- 15. (A) Paul's wife would like him to finish his education.
 - (B) Paul's wife would like to finish her education.
 - (C) Paul would like to finish his education.
 - (D) Paul would like his wife to finish her education.
- 16. (A) Mrs. Ayers is Dr. Smith's secretary.
 - (B) Mrs. Ayers could not keep her appointment with Dr. Smith.
 - (C) Dr. Smith instructed his secretary that she should cancel all of his appointments for the day.
 - (D) Mrs. Ayers's secretary canceled her appointment.
- 17. (A) Alice studies at The University of Toledo.
 - (B) Alice and her friends study at The University of Toledo.
 - (C) Alice plans to transfer because none of her friends study at The University of Toledo.
 - (D) Alice plans to study at The University of Toledo with her friends.
- 18. (A) Professor Baker gives the lecture every day.
 - (B) Professor Baker would like to have a graduate assistant to give the lectures.
 - (C) Professor Baker's graduate assistant was asked to give today's lecture.
 - (D) Professor Baker's graduate assistant asked him how to give today's lecture.
- 19. (A) Mary called Bill.
 - (B) Mary answered Bill's call.
 - (C) Bill answered Mary's call.
 - (D) Mary did not telephone Bill.
- **20.** (A) Sally gave a bicycle to her sister.
 - (B) Sally let her sister use her bicycle.
 - (C) Sally's sister lent her a bicycle.
 - (D) Sally borrowed a bicycle for her sister. .

EXERCISE FOUR: NEGATIVES

- 1. (A) She does not have many friends.
 - (B) It is hard for her to have friends.
 - (C) She tries hard to have friends.
 - (D) It is hard for her friends to have any.
- 2. (A) Only one student is without insurance.
 - (B) All students have insurance.
 - (C) None of the students have insurance.
 - (D) Some of the students have insurance.
- 3. (A) Business was better before.
 - (B) Business is better now than ever before.
 - (C) Business was never good:
 - (D) Business is never slow.
- 4. (A) The tour was worth the time but not the money.
 - (B) The tour was not worth the time or the money.
 - (C) The tour was worth both the time and the money.
 - (D) The tour was not worth the time.
- 5. (A) Tom is not as nice to his sister as she is to him.
 - (B) Tom is nicer to his sister than most brothers are to their sisters.
 - (C) Tom has a nicer sister than many brothers do.
 - (D) Tom's sister is not nice to him.
- 6. (A) The students saw more snow before.
 - (B) The students had never seen snow before.
 - (C) This was the first time that the students had seen such a lot of snow.
 - (D) Before the students saw the snow there had been much more.
- 7. (A) It is very dangerous to practice driving at the shopping center.
 - (B) Some places are better to practice driving than the shopping center.
 - (C) It is better not to practice driving at the shopping center.
 - (D) The shopping center is the best place to practice driving.
- 8. (A) Nancy does not like to sleep late.
 - (B) Nancy likes nothing.
 - (C) Nancy likes to sleep late.
 - (D) Nancy does not like anything.
- 9. (A) Mary likes to be unfriendly.
 - (B) Mary waved when she saw you.
 - (C) Mary did not wave because she did not see you.
 - (D) You should have waved at Mary.
- 10. (A) The young man had some unusual problems.
 - (B) The problem was common for young men.
 - (C) It is not common for young men to leave home.
 - (D) It was a problem for him when he left home.

- 11. (A) Professor Ayers speaks Arabic.
 - (B) Professor Ayers speaks Farsi.
 - (C) Professor Ayers speaks Arabic and Farsi.
 - (D) Professor Ayers does not speak Arabic and Farsi.
- 12. (A) Bob is a friend of Jane's family.
 - (B) Bob's family does not know Jane.
 - (C) Bob does not know Jane's friend.
 - (D) Bob and Jane's family have never met.
- 13. (A) There is doubt.
 - (B) There is no doubt.
 - (C) It is there.
 - (D) There isn't any.
- 14. (A) The machine cannot be used.
 - (B) The machine is used less.
 - (C) The machine is used to make xerox copies.
 - (D) The machine has been copied.
- 15. (A) The first apartment was more comfortable.
 - (B) The new apartment was more comfortable.
 - (C) Neither the first apartment nor the new one was comfortable.
 - (D) Both apartments were very comfortable.
- 16. (A) English 190 is not difficult.
 - (B) I hardly know anything about English 190.
 - (C) Other courses are as difficult as English 190.
 - (D) English 190 is the most difficult course.
- 17. (A) Betty had some extra work.
 - (B) Betty does not have a job.
 - (C) Betty is not required to work extra hours.
 - (D) Betty does not need to work.
- 18. (A) He is always fair.
 - (B) His students treat him unfairly.
 - (C) He took his students to the fair.
 - (D) He is a fairly good teacher.
- 19. (A) I will buy a Ford.
 - (B) I am right to buy a car now.
 - (C) I do not have enough money for a car.
 - (D) I have bought a new car.
- 20. (A) He tried hard to eat the dessert.
 - (B) The dessert was too hard.
 - (C) John never eats dessert.
 - (D) He ate the dessert with difficulty.

EXERCISE FIVE: COMPARATIVES

- (A) There are more successful restaurants in the United States than any other small business.
 - (B) The restaurant is a new successful business in the United States.
 - (C) We have fewer successful restaurants in the United States now. .
 - (D) The United States has more successful restaurants now than other countries do.
- 2. (A) There was plenty of time to get there.
 - (B) We needed more time to get there.
 - (C) We had to get there in time.
 - (D) We had a good time when we got there.
- 3. (A) The new students are not homesick.
 - (B) The new students used to be homesick, but they are not homesick now.
 - (C) The new students have not been here very long.
 - (D) Since I have been here longer than the new students, I am not homesick.
- 4. (A) Kathy can see better than Ann.
 - (B) Kathy is prettier than Ann.
 - (C) Kathy has a better room than Ann.
 - (D) Kathy is a better roommate than Ann.
- 5. (A) I think that the University is far away.
 - (B) The University is nearer than I thought.
 - (C) I think that I will go to the University.
 - (D) The University is not as near as I thought.
- 6. (A) Bill should exercise more.
 - (B) Bill gets more exercise than he used to.
 - (C) Bill should not exercise so much.
 - (D) Exercise should help Bill lose weight.
- 7. (A) Ellen does not like her husband.
 - (B) Ellen and her husband are alike.
 - (C) Tom does not like Ellen's husband.
 - (D) Ellen and Tom are very different.
- 8. (A) Ann likes neither cold weather nor hot weather.
 - (B) Ann likes hot weather better than cold weather.
 - (C) Ann likes hot weather just as much as cold weather.
 - (D) Ann likes cold weather better than hot weather.
- 9. (A) We have not lived here long, and neither have the Smiths.
 - (B) We have lived here longer than the Smiths.
 - (C) The Smiths have not lived here very long.
 - (D) The Smiths have lived here longer than we have.
- 10. (A) Aspirin is good for colds but not for flu.
 - (B) Anything is good for a cold.
 - (C) Aspirin is not good for colds and flu.
 - (D) One of the best remedies for colds and flu is aspirin.

- 11. (A) I thought that writing this term paper would be a big job.
 - (B) I thought that I would write this term paper, but it was too big a job.
 - (C) Writing this term paper is easier than I thought it would be.
 - (D) Writing this term paper is not as easy as I thought it would be.
- 12. (A) I imagined that she would learn English quickly.
 - (B) She has not been able to learn English very quickly.
 - (C) I imagined that she would learn English more slowly than she did.
 - (D) She learned English more quickly than I did.
- 13. (A) I like jogging because it is more fun.
 - (B) I like to play tennis more than I like to jog.
 - (C) Playing tennis is better for you than jogging according to some people.
 - (D) In my opinion people should jog and play tennis.
- 14. (A) Both Jeff and Tom were surprised.
 - (B) Neither Jeff nor I was surprised.
 - (C) Jeff was more surprised than I was.
 - (D) Tom surprised us.
- 15. (A) Government statistics show that it is not likely for older people to get married.
 - (B) Older people like getting married.
 - (C) People who get married young have a greater probability of getting a divorce.
 - (D) Divorces are more common among older people who have gotten married.
- 16. (A) A steak dinner is more expensive than other dinners.
 - (B) A steak dinner at City Steak House is cheaper than at most restaurants.
 - (C) City Steak House has expensive dinners.
 - (D) Most restaurants have steak dinners.
- 17. (A) Bill gets better grades on exams because he studies harder.
 - (B) John's exams are harder than Bill's.
 - (C) Bill does not study as hard as John.
 - (D) John studies harder and gets better grades.
- 18. (A) Larry's son does not like him.
 - (B) Larry and his son look very different.
 - (C) Larry's son resembles him.
 - (D) Larry and his son are alike.
- 19. (A) Betty would rather rent an apartment than live at home.
 - (B) Betty likes neither living at home nor renting an apartment.
 - (C) Betty likes living at home.
 - (D) Betty's parents want her to live at home instead of renting an apartment.
- 20. (A) Mrs. Smith has traveled less than her husband has.
 - (B) Mrs. Smith always travels with her husband.
 - (C) Mrs. Smith's husband does not travel very far.
 - (D) Neither Mrs. Smith nor her husband travel very much any more.

EXERCISE SIX: CONDITIONALS

- 1. (A) John weighs less now that he is playing tennis all of the time.
 - (B) John wants to play tennis often.
 - (C) John knows the way to play tennis.
 - (D) John spends too much money on playing tennis.
- **2.** (A) Mary got better grades when she studied.
 - (B) Mary is getting better grades by studying.
 - (C) Mary will get better grades.
 - (D) Mary did not get better grades because she did not study.
- 3. (A) The project was not approved because the budget was high.
 - (B) The project was approved in spite of the budget.
 - (C) The budget for the project was approved.
 - (D) The project was approved without a budget.
- 4. (A) We did not send a telegram because we did not need to get in touch with them.
 - (B) We could not send a telegram although we needed to get in touch with them.
 - (C) We sent a telegram to get in touch with them.
 - (D) Since they needed to get in touch with us, they sent a telegram.
- 5. (A) You will need a smaller size in this style.
 - (B) You will need a size six in this style.
 - (C) This style runs a little smaller than usual.
 - (D) Your usual size is a size seven.
- 6. (A) We got good seats although we were late.
 - (B) We did not get good seats because we were late.
 - (C) We were too late to get good seats.
 - (D) We got good seats because we arrived on time.
- 7. (A) She did not go with him because he did not ask her.
 - (B) She went with him although he did not ask her.
 - (C) He asked her to go with him.
 - (D) She asked him to go with her.
- 8. (A) Fur coats should be cared for properly to last.
 - (B) The woman does not care for fur coats.
 - (C) A good fur coat does not need much care.
 - (D) She lost her fur coat years ago.
- **9.** (A) It is usually easy to get up early.
 - (B) It is easier to get up early if you have an alarm clock.
 - (C) It is hard to get up early.
 - (D) Even with an alarm clock it may be difficult to get up early.
- 10. (A) We were sorry that Mr. Williams didn't teach the class.
 - (B) We enjoyed attending Mr. Williams's class.
 - (C) It was better that Mr. Williams did not teach the class.
 - (D) The woman believes that Mr. Williams is not a good teacher.