

# OXFORD preparation course for the TOEIC<sup>®</sup> test

## Practice Test 2

### Tapescripts

#### PART 1

Example:

- (A) They're leaving the room.
- (B) They're turning on the machine.
- (C) They're standing near the table.
- (D) They're reading the newspaper.

1. (A) The fly is flying over our heads.  
(B) The flight number has been changed.  
(C) The plane is passing over the buildings.  
(D) The plane has just landed.
2. (A) They're pointing out the window.  
(B) They're examining some work on the table.  
(C) They're sharpening their drafting pencils.  
(D) They're turning on the overhead light.
3. (A) He's writing an article for publication.  
(B) He's reading a newspaper on the train.  
(C) He's combing his hair without a mirror.  
(D) He's delivering a newspaper.
4. (A) The fireman is putting out the flames.  
(B) The customers are reading the menus.  
(C) The waiter is serving the soup.  
(D) The chefs are preparing the meals.
5. (A) The buildings are surrounded by water.  
(B) The bridges cross the river.  
(C) Both ridges are steep and long.  
(D) The boats are lost at sea.
6. (A) The doctor is examining the patient.  
(B) The medicines are being put on the table.  
(C) The tailor is holding her arm.  
(D) The surgeon is listening to music.
7. (A) He's wiring his office.  
(B) He's using the keyboard.  
(C) He's repairing the computer.  
(D) He's making some notes.
8. (A) Only the woman is carrying a briefcase.  
(B) The man in the middle is in shirt sleeves.  
(C) The man on the right is the tallest.  
(D) The woman is walking between the men.

9. (A) The gardener is clearing the branches away from the building.  
(B) The performer is balancing on one foot on a ladder.  
(C) The construction worker is climbing the scaffolding.  
(D) The electrician is raising the light pole in the field.
10. (A) Passengers are boarding the bus.  
(B) Motorcycles are racing down the street.  
(C) All of the cars are in one lane.  
(D) Signs are above the street.

#### PART 2

Example:

Where is the meeting room?

- (A) To meet the new director.
- (B) It's the first room on the right.
- (C) Yes, at two o'clock.

11. What time does the next bus arrive?  
(A) The driver is over there.  
(B) It stops at the corner.  
(C) It runs every fifteen minutes.
12. Why did he cancel his trip?  
(A) Early this morning.  
(B) He always gives good advice.  
(C) He didn't think it was safe.
13. Have you received information about the refund?  
(A) It came yesterday in the mail.  
(B) The receipt shows the amount.  
(C) I'm going to invest the money.
14. What is the latest news on the acquisition?  
(A) I bought that a long time ago.  
(B) Management will make an announcement today.  
(C) I'm ten minutes late.
15. Did you see the new computer model at the show?  
(A) My daughter wants to be a model.  
(B) Yes, I liked it so much that I bought one.  
(C) The show will close in thirty minutes.
16. Where does she live now?  
(A) She needs less time to get to work.  
(B) She leaves in forty-five minutes.  
(C) She moved to the suburbs.

- 17.** I didn't hear your question.  
 (A) I don't know the answer.  
 (B) I asked when the report would be released.  
 (C) I'll eat over here.
- 18.** When will the telephone bill be mailed?  
 (A) You should receive it next week.  
 (B) The account representative will send it.  
 (C) It must include a stamp.
- 19.** Who donated money for the library?  
 (A) An anonymous group raised the funds.  
 (B) The librarians work until 8:00 p.m.  
 (C) There is a 50 cent fee for late books.
- 20.** What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?  
 (A) It was sunny, but windy.  
 (B) The forecaster is coming too.  
 (C) They're predicting a warm day.
- 21.** How many signatures do we need for the contract?  
 (A) Just one, the Chairman's.  
 (B) Each sign costs more than \$100.  
 (C) The contact number is on my desk.
- 22.** Didn't you work with Charles before?  
 (A) No, I don't think we should hire him.  
 (B) No, she's not at work today.  
 (C) No, I worked with his brother.
- 23.** I'd be happy to take you to the airport.  
 (A) That will be half price.  
 (B) Thanks, but I already called a taxi.  
 (C) I just missed my plane.
- 24.** Will the members approve the budget?  
 (A) It won't be easy, but I think they will.  
 (B) The improvements were already made.  
 (C) They have very high salaries.
- 25.** How can I exchange this product?  
 (A) This size is too large.  
 (B) They can help you on the second floor.  
 (C) We don't accept foreign currency.
- 26.** Have you selected a doctor from the health plan?  
 (A) Fortunately, I can use the same physician.  
 (B) I had the flu and missed the meeting.  
 (C) He won over 50% of the vote.
- 27.** Could you tell me how to get to the bus station?  
 (A) It's two blocks from here, just turn right at Main.  
 (B) Bus number 42 goes directly to the airport.  
 (C) I think I can find the way to the station.
- 28.** My assistant told me Joan was fired.  
 (A) She gave her assistant a raise.  
 (B) Over 500 trees were destroyed by fire.  
 (C) That's what everyone says.
- 29.** Have you been to our new technology center?  
 (A) We need high-speed computer chips.  
 (B) I was there last week.  
 (C) Put the new chair in the center of the room.
- 30.** Why was the interest rate changed?  
 (A) We found it very boring.  
 (B) The economy was growing too fast.  
 (C) I ate something interesting.
- 31.** Who do you think will win the award?  
 (A) Both Ben and Jerry deserve it.  
 (B) She won the award last year.  
 (C) They'll pay a full year's salary.
- 32.** Where will they finish their trip?  
 (A) Their last stop is Tokyo.  
 (B) On July 30, she leaves for Cairo.  
 (C) He's in Geneva for a week.
- 33.** How do they transport the diamonds?  
 (A) The port was closed for safety reasons.  
 (B) A box was stolen last year.  
 (C) They are sent by courier.
- 34.** The parts shipment was expected today.  
 (A) Apparently it has been delayed for several days.  
 (B) You can unload it in the back.  
 (C) They leave from the regional port.
- 35.** What time is the staff meeting?  
 (A) After lunch, when everyone has returned.  
 (B) I expect everyone to attend.  
 (C) It should take fifteen minutes.
- 36.** What is the status of the project?  
 (A) The manager has a very important meeting.  
 (B) We're right on schedule.  
 (C) The team likes the assignments.
- 37.** How can they concentrate with all this noise?  
 (A) My nose is very sensitive.  
 (B) The accident didn't affect his hearing.  
 (C) They're used to it.
- 38.** Has she heard about the job?  
 (A) The herd of cows is in the field.  
 (B) Yes, but she doesn't want it.  
 (C) No, I'm not interested in it.
- 39.** Are you going to the seminar?  
 (A) It was very well organized.  
 (B) No, he forgot to register.  
 (C) I should, but I have other plans.
- 40.** He finished writing the report yesterday.  
 (A) The tape was recorded yesterday.  
 (B) No, she doesn't read it.  
 (C) Actually, it was done a week ago.

## PART 3

### Questions 41 through 43 refer to the following conversation.

- Man: You can have my seat. I'm getting off at the next stop.
- Woman: That's nice of you. There are never enough seats on this bus.
- Man: Well, it's more convenient than looking for a parking space.
- Woman: I suppose. I usually drive, but I had car trouble today.
- Man: Really? What kind of trouble?
- Woman: When I went to start the car, I saw it had a flat tire. There was no one to give me a ride, so here I am.

### Questions 44 through 46 refer to the following conversation.

- Woman: Look at the present my sister sent today.
- Man: What was the occasion? Your birthday was in February.
- Woman: It was a thank-you for taking care of her house and pets.
- Man: Oh, that's right. She took a trip to the mountains.
- Woman: Yes, she takes the same trip each September.

### Questions 47 through 49 refer to the following conversation.

- Man: This restaurant looks very nice, but I can't believe how expensive it is.
- Woman: You're right, but you have to admit the food is excellent.
- Man: Yes, but it's costing me a week's salary!
- Woman: Well, let's hurry and order dessert. We have to be at the theater by seven-thirty.
- Man: Relax. Look at your watch. It's only six-fifteen.
- Woman: Yes, but I really don't want to get there late.

### Questions 50 through 52 refer to the following conversation.

- Woman: A group of us are going to buy season tickets to the theater. Are you interested?
- Man: What a shame. I bought some last week.
- Woman: We could try to get seats near yours.
- Man: Sure, that would be great. By the way, when's the first performance?
- Woman: Some time next month. December 15, I think.
- Man: I'll call the theater tomorrow morning to find out.

### Questions 53 through 55 refer to the following conversation.

- Man: We're having a lunch on Monday for Jack and Rachel in the company cafeteria.
- Woman: What's the occasion? Were they promoted?
- Man: On the contrary. They're both leaving the company at the end of the month. They've accepted new jobs.
- Woman: Wow, I can't believe it. They've both worked here over fifteen years.
- Man: I know. We're giving them a huge lunch catered by a local restaurant, and everyone in the office is invited.

### Questions 56 through 58 refer to the following conversation.

- Man: Did the telephone repair person come yet?
- Woman: Not yet. He said he'd come after lunch.
- Man: Didn't you call him last night?
- Woman: Yes, but they always take their time.
- Man: Oh, well. Let's get back to work.

### Questions 59 through 61 refer to the following conversation.

- Woman: We've been waiting here fifteen minutes. How often do the buses come?
- Man: One stops here every twenty minutes.
- Woman: Good. We only have five minutes more to wait, then.
- Man: It's not fun standing here in the cold.
- Woman: I know, but at least it's not a rainy day.

### Questions 62 through 64 refer to the following conversation.

- Man: I don't know what to order. I could eat everything on the menu.
- Woman: Why don't you try the tuna and rice?
- Man: That sounds good. I love fish.
- Woman: And I think I'll have a thick steak. I'm starving.
- Man: Me, too. It's already 9:30. How did we get here so late?

### Questions 65 through 67 refer to the following conversation.

- Woman: Does your agency have any package tours to Hawaii?
- Man: Yes, we have a wonderful seven-day trip for only \$945.
- Woman: Does that price include airfare?
- Man: No, it doesn't. But if you travel before September, I can get you a discount on the plane ticket.

**Questions 68 through 70 refer to the following conversation.**

- Man: Are we leaving home at five or six o'clock?  
Woman: We're leaving at six. The movie starts at seven.  
Man: Good. I hate to be late for a movie. Are we walking?  
Woman: No, it might rain. We'll take the car.  
Man: OK, as long as you can find a place to park.

## PART 4

**Questions 71 through 73 refer to the following speech.**

Good afternoon and welcome to our offices. Before we start our meeting, I thought it would be nice to show you around and introduce you to some of our employees. If you follow me this way, you'll see our Research and Development Department. We just hired twenty new engineers, bringing our total staff to one hundred. This is where your ideas come to life. Our team designs to your specifications and needs.

**Questions 74 through 76 refer to the following announcement.**

Attention passengers, we have several announcements. The City Transit Authority asks you to help us keep our transportation system clean. Eating and drinking are prohibited on trains and in the stations. Newspaper recycling containers are located at all exits for your convenience. Thank you for your attention and assistance. Please make sure you have all your personal belongings with you before exiting the train. If you should lose or forget any items, you can contact our Lost and Found Department at extension 142.

**Questions 77 through 79 refer to the following short talk.**

Welcome to the Park Hotel. It will take just a moment to get your room key. For your security, the key does not have a number on it, so please remember your room number. While you're waiting, let me tell you about what we offer at the hotel. We serve a complimentary, buffet-style breakfast in the lobby from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. Make sure to visit our four-star restaurant, *Jane's*, which is open until 11:00 p.m. The concierge can give you recommendations for local restaurants and historical landmarks. The front desk is open 24 hours if you have any questions.

**Questions 80 through 82 refer to the following announcement.**

Listen carefully for your opportunity to earn extra income. As a new *Visionex* cable subscriber, we're sure that you'll be delighted with our service. Why not spread the good word and earn money? For every person that you refer and who then signs up, we'll pay you \$50. It's that simple. Have your friends and colleagues mention your name when they order their *Visionex* connection and you will receive a check. There are no tricks to the offer. There are no limits. By referring three friends, you could get your entire annual cable bill paid for by us! Imagine, cable, with your favorite programs and movies, for free! This offer runs through the end of the year. Call us for more information.

**Questions 83 through 85 refer to the following report.**

Another hot day is expected for the metropolitan area. The entire state is experiencing warmer than usual temperatures. Yesterday, records were broken downtown and along the coast. The good news is that we should be getting some relief by the end of the week. It will become cloudy and windy. There is a 60% chance of rain on Friday, which will increase to 80% on Saturday. Temperatures should return to their normal level by the weekend. Stay tuned for an update tonight on *FirstFlash* news.

**Questions 86 through 88 refer to the following announcement.**

It fits in the palm of your hand. It weighs less than 200 grams. It provides continuous service for more than fifteen hours. What is it? *Thomasson* is pleased to present our New Max line of cellular phones. We've listened to your suggestions and built a new phone just for you. For a limited time, you can receive the phone for free. Everyone who registers for *Thomasson* Cellular Service in the next sixty days will receive a phone at no charge. You can even select the color! And remember, *Thomasson* is the only company that offers a personal service representative for each of its New Max customers.

**Questions 89 through 91 refer to the following talk.**

The time is 6:30. You're on 92.7. Thanks for tuning in to *It's Your Business*. Today we are talking with Diego Barral. Mr. Barral is the new director of Mexico's Office of Business Development. As you know, Mexico is fast becoming a center of the telecommunications industry, and Mr. Barral's job is to try to attract more high tech business to Mexico. At the end of our discussion, we will be taking phone calls from listeners.

Mr. Barral has had a successful career in the oil industry and in the past has worked for multinational

companies in Venezuela and in the United States. He's been at the Office of Business Development for two months now and already three companies have signed leases in Mexico's new technology district. We're very pleased to have you here with us today, Mr. Barral, and now, let's start with questions from our guest panelists.

**Questions 92 through 94 refer to the following announcement.**

Can I have your attention, please! We have a very special announcement for all of you. As you know, Tara Perkins, our founder and current president, will be leaving at the end of the year. She plans to spend more time with her family, but she will continue to advise and guide us as a board member. While we are very sad to see her go, she is leaving the company in excellent condition. We have exceeded all of our goals for the last five quarters. She's also leaving the company in very good hands. Christian Somers, who has twenty years of experience in the transportation industry, will be stepping in as president on January 1. Until then, he will be working closely with Tara to make sure that we have a smooth transition.

**Questions 95 through 97 refer to the following talk.**

Welcome to Sunshine Tours Hawaiian Wonderland Vacation. We hope you had a pleasant flight. In a minute we'll get on the bus and go to our hotel, where you'll have a chance to rest before lunch. This afternoon we'll head out on our first Hawaiian adventure with a walking tour of the city of Honolulu, and you'll also have a chance to do some shopping. We know you're eager to get to the beach. Don't worry, tomorrow we plan to take you to a spectacular beach, which is just one of many you'll be spending time at during your Hawaiian experience. This evening after dinner we have a fascinating lecture planned for you. Dr Seymour, a renowned biologist, will speak to you about native Hawaiian wildlife. All right, the buses are waiting for us outside, so let's go.

**Questions 98 through 100 refer to the following news report.**

Last Saturday Cranston city Mayor Wilson hosted a group of young people visiting from abroad. The visitors were international students on a study tour of this country. They are mostly political science and economics students and are looking at local political systems in this country. The Mayor and his wife entertained them at the Mayoral Mansion with a luncheon and a concert performed by local musicians. The state governor and head of the Chamber of Commerce were also present to help the mayor entertain his guests. The young visitors will stay in Cranston until next week. Their next stop will be

Chicago and then they plan to head for the west coast. They have been traveling in this country since May and plan to return to their countries at the end of August.