




TOEFL iBT Listening Idioms Test 21

Instructions: Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.



ID	Questions
1 	pat oneself on the back <input type="radio"/> congratulate oneself <input type="radio"/> come home or go to bed very late <input type="radio"/> take on too much responsibility, bite off more than one can chew <input type="radio"/> stop the operation of an appliance, for example, shut off
2 	pick out <input type="radio"/> choose, select <input type="radio"/> experience somewhat difficult or primitive conditions <input type="radio"/> independent <input type="radio"/> eliminate, no longer consider as a factor
3 	pick up <input type="radio"/> permanently, forever <input type="radio"/> (1) take something from a surface for example, a floor <input type="radio"/> wait <input type="radio"/> after reconsidering
4 	pick up the tab for <input type="radio"/> someone not in his or her normal surroundings <input type="radio"/> not disturb <input type="radio"/> pay for <input type="radio"/> someone not in his or her normal surroundings
5 	the picture of <input type="radio"/> become a habit, become customary <input type="radio"/> substitute for <input type="radio"/> a perfect example of something <input type="radio"/> eliminate, stamp out
6 	play it by ear <input type="radio"/> become friendly especially at a first meeting <input type="radio"/> do something without a definite plan <input type="radio"/> depend on, count on, rely on <input type="radio"/> something very simple and easy to do
7 	play it safe <input type="radio"/> come home or go to bed very late <input type="radio"/> gradually, steadily but not quickly <input type="radio"/> choose a cautious plan

	() delay, postpone
8 	point out () enroll for a class, for example () (1) leave a hotel (2) take material from a library, for example () indicate () come home or go to bed very late
9 	a pretty penny () speak to someone as if he or she were a child, patronize () in trouble () a lot of money () (1) exercise (2) bring to a successful conclusion, solve
10 	pull one's leg () consecutively, without a break days on end, for example () interrupt () do something without a definite plan () joke with someone, make up a story

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Answer Sheet:

Question	A	B	C	D
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Keys:

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. C
10. D

