

# - TOEFL® iBT – Test-Taking Strategies -

## Course Overview:

The TOEFL® (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is designed to measure the skills and to evaluate the ability of an individual to use and understand Standard American English at a college level. Many American and English-speaking colleges and universities require non-native speakers of English to get a certain score on this test before they are admitted into their actual academic programs. The TOEFL® is administered worldwide by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Since 1964 the test has been taken by nearly 20 million students and gone through various changes in the way it is administered. The most recent format is the TOEFL® iBT. For the first time, the test includes a speaking section where the individual has to use his verbal skills to demonstrate his ability to speak about a topic or respond to questions in English within a given time frame. Another major change is that instead of the usual single essay in the last section of the test, the test taker now has to present two.

At *Prime Institute International*, we have a carefully-developed program that will enable our students to get the score they need. The **12-week 180-hour concentrated course** will cover all four sections of the new TOEFL® iBT, Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing. Throughout the course, there will be diagnostic tests and numerous mini-tests to emphasize strengths and identify weaknesses. Individuals are placed in small classes to get the most attention from our professional instructors and to learn from each others' experiences. Every section of the test will be supported by practice sessions on the computer and followed by review exercises. At the end of the course, students will have gained the necessary knowledge and confidence to apply their skills to the real test with much greater results.

Note that because we are an official TOEFL® iBT test center, students can actually attend the 12-week course and take the real test in the same computer lab right here at *Prime Institute International*.

## Course Content:

Our main text book is Longman's *Preparation Course for the TOEFL® Test – Next Generation iBT* (with CD-ROM and Answer Key). You can purchase the book at *Prime Institute International* for \$48.00 or order it online (ISBN 0-13-193290-X). In addition to the text book, we provide exercise material for each section on our computers. Throughout the course, the students are presented with extra grammar exercises to reinforce their reading, speaking, and writing skills.

## Course Syllabus:

**Session 1 (Weeks 1-4):** Three of the four sections are going to be covered in the first session, Reading, Listening, and Speaking. These will be followed by Mini-Tests 1, 2, and 3, and the study of Appendix C, **Error Correction**.

- Description of the TOEFL test-strategies, explanation of the scoring system, examination of the material.
- Assessment of grammar knowledge, overview of necessary grammar points
- Reading: Pre-Test, Skills 1-4, Practice (Book and CD-ROM), Review
- Listening: Pre-Test, Skills 1, 2, Review
- Speaking: Pre-Test, Skills 1-4, Review
- Mini-Tests 1, 2, and 3 in Book and on CD-ROM, Review
- Appendix C, Error Correction

**Session 2 (Weeks 5-8):** In Session 2, all four sections of the test, Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing, will be covered. These will be followed by Mini-Tests 4 and 5. This session will also present the first of the two complete tests. Appendix A is going to focus on **Cohesion** in the flow of sentences.

- Reading: Skills 5-8, Practice (Book and CD-ROM), Review
- Listening: Skills 3 and 4, Review
- Speaking: Skills 5-12, Review
- Writing: Pre-Test and Skills 1-7
- Mini-Tests 4 and 5 in Book and on CD-ROM, Review
- Complete Test 1
- Appendix A, Cohesion

**Session 3 (Weeks 9-12):** In Session 3, again all four sections of the test, Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing, will be covered. These will be followed by Mini-Tests 6, 7, and 8. This session will also present the second (last) complete test. Appendix B is going to focus on **Sentence Structure**.

- Reading: Skills 9 and 10, Post-Test (Book and CD-ROM), Review
- Listening: Skills 5 and 6, Post-Test, Review
- Speaking: Skills 13-18, Post-Test, Review
- Writing: Skills 8-14, Post-Test, Review
- Mini-Tests 6, 7, and 8 in Book and on CD-ROM, Review
- Complete Test 2
- Appendix B, Sentence Structure

## ESL & TOEFL Programs Tuition

### ESL

| Course   | Days            | Schedule           | Hours /Week | Duration (per Course) | Tuition (per Course) |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Survival English A<br>Survival English B<br>Dynamic English A<br>Dynamic English B                                     | Mon<br>-<br>Thu | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | 10 Hours    | 6 Weeks per course    | \$620 per course     |
|  |                 | 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM |             |                       |                      |
|  |                 |                    |             |                       |                      |
|  | Fri - Sat       | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |             |                       |                      |
| Grammar Power A<br>Grammar Power B<br>Reading Techniques<br>Writing Techniques<br>Idioms in Action<br>Listening Master | Mon<br>-<br>Thu | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | 10 Hours    | 8 weeks per course    | \$825 per course     |
|  |                 | 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM |             |                       |                      |
|  |                 | 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  |             |                       |                      |
|  | Fri - Sat       | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |             |                       |                      |

\* Tuition includes cost of books and materials.

## Advanced ESL

| Course                             | Days            | Schedule           | Hours/<br>Week | Duration<br>(per Course) | Tuition<br>(per Course) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Advanced Reading                   | Mon<br>-<br>Thu | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | 10 Hours       | 8 Weeks per<br>course    | \$825 per course        |
| Understanding<br>American Culture  |                 |                    |                |                          |                         |
| Verbal Communication<br>and Speech |                 | 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM |                |                          |                         |
| Advanced Grammar I                 |                 |                    |                |                          |                         |
| Advanced Grammar II                |                 | 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  |                |                          |                         |
| Complex Idiomatic<br>English       | Fri - Sat       | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |                |                          |                         |
| Superior Vocabulary                |                 |                    |                |                          |                         |
| Expert Writing                     |                 |                    |                |                          |                         |

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## TOEFL® iBT

| Course                           | Days            | Schedule           | Hours/<br>Week | Duration<br>(per Course) | Tuition<br>(per Course) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skill-Building<br>(Intermediate) | Mon<br>-<br>Thu | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | 10 Hours       | 8 Weeks per<br>course    | \$900 per course        |
|                                  |                 | 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM |                |                          |                         |
|                                  |                 | 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  |                |                          |                         |
| Skill-Building<br>(Advanced)     | Fri - Sat       | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |                |                          |                         |
| TOEFL® iBT<br>Preparation        | Mon<br>-<br>Thu | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 12 Hours       | 12 Weeks                 | \$1,900                 |
|                                  |                 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  |                |                          |                         |

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## ESL & TOEFL Programs Schedule

### ESL and Advanced ESL:

#### WeekdayClasses

|                    | Monday                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--------------------|--|---------|-----------|----------|
| 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | <b>Morning Session I (Session I)</b>   |         |           |          |
| 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM | <b>Morning Session II (Session II)</b> |         |           |          |
|                    |  |         |           |          |
| 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  | <b>Evening Session (Session III)</b>   |         |           |          |

#### Weekend Class

|                   | Friday                              | Saturday |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | <b>Weekend Session (Session IV)</b> |          |

## TOEFL iBT:

### TOEFL Skill-Building WeekdayClasses

|                    | Monday                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--------------------|--|---------|-----------|----------|
| 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | <b>Morning Session I (Session I)</b>   |         |           |          |
| 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM | <b>Morning Session II (Session II)</b> |         |           |          |
|                    |  |         |           |          |
| 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  | <b>Evening Session (Session III)</b>   |         |           |          |

### Weekend Class

|                   | Friday                              | Saturday |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | <b>Weekend Session (Session IV)</b> |          |

### TOEFL iBT Preparation

|                    | Monday                              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | <b>Morning Session (Session I)</b>  |         |           |          |
|                    |                                     |         |           |          |
| 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  | <b>Evening Session (Session II)</b> |         |           |          |