

(Vocabulary Review)

Part 7

1. Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, e-mails, and instant messages. Each text or set of texts is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question.

2. Part 7 Format

- This part of the TOEIC® test consists of two kinds of reading passages.
- Single Passage: one reading passage, followed by 2 to 4 questions. There are usually 10 single reading passages with a total of 29 questions.
- Multiple Passage: a set of two to three related readings, always followed by 5 questions. There are 2 sets of double passages and 3 sets of triple passages with a total of 25 questions.
- There are four answer choices for each question.

3. Part 7 Question Types

The questions can be divided into five main groups:

A. Gist

A gist question is about the main topic or purpose of a passage. It is often the first question asked. Its purpose is to test your overall understanding of the passage.

Here are a few examples:

- What is the main purpose of the notice?
- Why did Ms. Greene send the e-mail?

B. Detail

Detail questions ask about specific information mentioned in the passage. They are the most common Part 7 questions.

- By what date should the bill be paid?
- What advantage of the product is mentioned?
- What is stated about the First Hotel?
- Where will the meeting be held?

C. NOT questions

They are detail questions in the negative form. They ask about elements which are not mentioned in the passage(s). For these questions you must read all the four answer choices carefully, which is time consuming!

- What information is NOT included on the website?
- What is NOT mentioned about Ms. Greene?

D. Inference

These questions ask about things that are not directly stated in the passage(s). In order to find the right answer, you need to make inferences, i.e. draw conclusions from the details provided. These questions usually ask about consequences, hypothetical results, possibilities, future actions or reactions. They can refer to people's emotions or feelings. They often contain the adverbs 'probably', 'likely' or the verbs 'imply', 'infer', 'suggest'.

- What is implied about the First Hotel?
- What is suggested about Ms. Greene?
- What can be inferred about Dr. Simpson?
- Why was the director surprised?

E. Vocabulary

These questions ask you to determine the meaning of a word or phrase in the context of a passage. Their goal is to measure the extent of your vocabulary.

- In the notice, the word "run" in paragraph 2, line 3, is closest in meaning to . . .

4. Part 7 Strategies

Part 7 is the longest part of the TOEIC® test. It's also the last part, so you may be getting tired. But stay focused! Try to allot one minute per question on average in order to finish this part completely within the time frame. This part requires not only a solid knowledge of grammar and vocabulary but also good time management skills.

1. First, read the short introductory sentence that precedes each passage.
2. Skim the passage (allow yourself 15 seconds to do this). Read the passage quickly to identify its main idea, context and organization. This will help you to answer any gist questions.
3. Next, read the questions about the passage. No need to read the answer choices at this time.
By going straight to the questions, you will be able to get a general idea of the passage(s) and identify the type of information required.
4. Then you need to scan the passage to look for specific details or key words. Your goal is not to read the entire passage. Focus on the information needed to answer the questions only.
5. Answer all the questions. If you are unsure of the answer, eliminate answer choices that are clearly wrong, and then guess. If you find yourself running out of time, mark your answer sheet with your "wild guess" letter. Do not leave any questions unanswered.

5. Part 7 Example

Questions 153 - 154 refer to the following advertisement.

Mervin's Plaice

45 Marine Parade
Eastbourne, England
Telephone: 01323-444-7209

Website: www.mervinsplaiceeastbourne.co.uk

Eastbourne's tastiest fish 'n' chips!

- Traditional English fish 'n' chips
- Wide range of pies
- Vegetarian food available
- Kids' menu
- Chilled soft drinks
- Eat-in or take-out

Opening hours: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM Monday to Friday; 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM on weekends

153. What type of business is Mervin's Plaice?
- (A) A café
 - (B) A delivery service
 - (C) A restaurant
 - (D) A disco
154. What information is NOT given in the advertisement?
- (A) The opening hours of the business
 - (B) What kinds of food are available
 - (C) Where the business is located
 - (D) The prices of the dishes

1. Part 4 Question Types

Part 4 questions usually ask for information in the same order as it is presented in the talk. They can be divided into three basic categories. (These are essentially the same categories as in Part 3).

A. Gist

These questions require you to have an overall understanding of the talk. E.g. Who most likely is the speaker? Where does this talk probably take place? Who is the intended audience? What is the speaker mainly discussing? What is the purpose of the announcement?

B. Detail

These questions ask about specific points mentioned in the talk. E.g. What does the speaker say about the weather in London? What service does the company provide? What problem does the speaker mention? What are the listeners asked to do?

C. Inference

These questions ask about things that are not stated directly by the speaker. Although some Gist questions require you to make an inference (such as the one that asks about where the talk takes place), Gist questions focus on the larger picture. Inference questions deal with details about the speaker or the situation. E.g. What will probably be served after the announcement? Why is the speaker pleased? What will the speaker probably do next?

2. PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. What type of business is SHS?
 - (A) A telephone-answering service
 - (B) A supermarket
 - (C) A home shopping retailer
 - (D) A shipping company
2. What award has the company won for the last ten years?
 - (A) The National Shipping Award
 - (B) The Australian Home Shopping Award
 - (C) The Home Shopping Retailer Award
 - (D) The National Home Shopping Award
3. Why would a caller hear the message?
 - (A) All lines are currently busy.
 - (B) The company is currently closed.
 - (C) The telephone number has changed.
 - (D) The business has moved to a new location.

3. DICTATION

1. Please print your name in capitals.
2. Always read the before signing any contract.
3. We must proceed
4. Mr. Chang a trading company in Hong Kong.
5. We are fully to Equal Opportunity policies.

4. HOMEWORK (Vocab)

1. The magazine relies heavily on advertising revenue.
2. We have received a number of complaints regarding noise from the construction site.
3. The unemployment rate is predicted to fall to 4 % by the end of the year.
4. The software is designed to prevent outsiders from accessing your network.
5. The company initiated a management training program for small businesses.