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About the TOEIC Bridge Test

WHAT IS THE TOEIC® BRIDGE TEST?

The TOEIC® Bridge test is an English proficiency test for people whose native language is not English. It was developed for beginning level to lower-intermediate level learners of English. Test takers may be students of English or people who need to use English for work or travel. The TOEIC Bridge test provides a reliable and valid indication of learners' English abilities.

"TOEIC" stands for the "Test of English for International Communication." The TOEIC test is also a proficiency test for people whose native language is not English, but it tests proficiency at all levels—from beginning to advanced.

The TOEIC Bridge test is different from the TOEIC test. The TOEIC Bridge test was developed especially for beginning to lower-intermediate learners of English, so the TOEIC Bridge test is not as difficult as the TOEIC test.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

The TOEIC Bridge test is a paper-and-pencil, multiple-choice test with 100 questions. It will take you about one hour to finish. The test is divided into two main sections:

- ▶ **Listening Comprehension Section:** There are 50 listening comprehension questions. There are three parts to this section. In this section, you will hear recorded statements, questions, short conversations, and short talks in English. You will answer questions based on what you hear. This section will take you about 25 minutes.
 - Part I: Photographs (15 questions)
 - Part II: Question-Response (20 questions)
 - Part III: Short Conversations and Short Talks (15 questions)
- ▶ **Reading Section:** There are 50 reading questions. There are two parts to this section. In this section, you will read single sentences as well as texts. You will then answer questions based on what you read. This section will take you 35 minutes.
 - Part IV: Incomplete Sentences (30 questions)
 - Part V: Reading Comprehension (20 questions)

When you take the TOEIC Bridge test, you will get a test book and a separate answer sheet. You will answer the test questions on the answer sheet by marking one of the circles—(A), (B), (C), or (D)—with a pencil. You will also need to answer some background questions on the answer sheet before you begin the test. (See pages 25–28 for a sample answer sheet and background questionnaire.)

WHO TAKES THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

- ▶ students who are learning English and are at a beginning to lower-intermediate level,
- ▶ learners of English who are taking commercial English language courses, and
- ▶ people who need to know some English for work, travel, or other purposes.

Here are some of the people who have used the TOEIC Bridge test:



“A particularly interesting aspect of using the TOEIC Bridge test with young learners is that it measures their ability to use and understand language in a variety of contexts, both inside and outside the classroom.”

◀ *Leif French, Professor*



“The TOEIC Bridge test offers an excellent opportunity for our students to test their listening and reading skills. Students are also provided with a formal, documented score which is useful when they apply for jobs or enter job training programs.”

Petronella Beran, Language Class Administrator ▶

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

The TOEIC Bridge test is a fair and objective measure of English proficiency—for beginning level to lower-intermediate level learners. You can take the TOEIC Bridge test to

- ▶ check your current level of English proficiency,
- ▶ keep track of your progress in English, and
- ▶ set goals for learning English.

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I TAKE THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

Schools, corporations, and other organizations usually arrange TOEIC Bridge testing for their students or employees. If testing has not been arranged by your organization, please contact your local TOEIC representative to find out when and where you can take the test.

Your local TOEIC representative is responsible for both the TOEIC Bridge test and the TOEIC test, so please tell the representative that you would like to know about the TOEIC Bridge test.

HOW MUCH DOES THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST COST?

TOEIC Bridge prices are different in different parts of the world. To find out about prices in your area, contact your local TOEIC representative.

WHAT ARE THE CONTEXTS OF THE TEST QUESTIONS?

These are some examples of the settings and situations you may find in TOEIC Bridge test items:

- ▶ **Activities:** hobbies, sports, daily routines, free-time activities
- ▶ **Dining out:** lunches, dinners, restaurants, reservations
- ▶ **Entertainment:** cinema, theater, music, art exhibitions, museums, sports, games
- ▶ **Family and friends:** family members, activities with friends, invitations, pets
- ▶ **General business:** sales, conferences, training, bills, banking, appointments, advertising
- ▶ **General ideas:** feelings, likes and dislikes, small talk, general courtesy
- ▶ **Health:** doctors, dentists, clinics, hospitals, general health and healthcare
- ▶ **Housing:** apartments, houses, farms, buying and renting, repairs
- ▶ **Offices:** letters, memos, telephones, fax and e-mail messages, office equipment and furniture, office procedures, office small talk
- ▶ **News:** weather forecasts, news programs, newspapers
- ▶ **School:** classes, classrooms, subjects, teachers, students, books, homework
- ▶ **Shopping:** groceries, clothes, purchases
- ▶ **Travel:** directions, trains, airplanes, taxis, buses, ships, ferries, tickets, schedules, station and airport announcements, car rentals, hotels, reservations

Preparing to take the TOEIC Bridge Test

GETTING READY FOR THE TEST

The TOEIC Bridge test is a test of general English proficiency. It measures your ability to understand written and spoken English. Improvement in proficiency may take time. It requires practice and study.

Here are some things you can do to get ready for the TOEIC Bridge test:

- ▶ Become familiar with the test format and the answer sheet. It will then be easier to pay attention to the test questions on the day of the test. Review the test directions and the sample questions on pages 7–21 and the sample answer sheet on pages 25–26.
- ▶ Practice your English as much as you can. Reading, watching TV and videos, listening to tapes, taking an English course, and speaking with friends and colleagues are some of the ways to practice English.

DURING THE TEST

- ▶ Work quickly and carefully.
- ▶ Do not spend too much time on any one question.
- ▶ Mark your answer on your answer sheet and not in your test book.
- ▶ Mark only one answer for each question.
- ▶ Answer every question to the best of your ability.
- ▶ Pay attention to the time. Remember that during the Reading section, you will have only 35 minutes. If you don't know the answer to a question, you can go back to it later.

You may not use note paper. You will receive credit only for answers that you mark on the answer sheet. Your score will be based on the number of questions you answered correctly. If you mark more than one answer, the answers will be counted as wrong, even if one of the answers you marked is correct.

SAMPLE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST QUESTIONS

With 100 questions, the TOEIC Bridge test measures a range of English proficiency at the beginning to lower-intermediate levels. The following sample questions will give you an idea of the types of questions you will see in the TOEIC Bridge test.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The following general directions are from the test book. After the general directions, there are specific directions for each part of the test, along with sample questions for each of the parts. To check your answers with the sample questions, see the answer key on page 22.

This is a test of how well you can use the English language. The total time for the test is about one hour. The test is divided into five parts.

You should answer every question. Your score will be based on the number of questions that you answer correctly. Do not mark your answers in this test book. You must put all of your answers on the separate answer sheet.

When you answer a question, fill in the answer space corresponding to the letter of your choice. Fill in the space as in the example below.

Mr. Jones ----- to his accountant yesterday.

- (A) talk
- (B) talking
- (C) talked
- (D) to talk

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

The sentence should read, "Mr. Jones talked to his accountant yesterday." Therefore, you should choose answer (C). Notice how this has been done in the example given.

Mark only one answer for each question. To change an answer, completely erase your old answer and then mark your new answer on the answer sheet. Mark the answer sheet carefully so that the test-scoring machine can record your test score accurately.

Section 1: Listening Comprehension

This is the listening section of the test. There are three parts to this section.

PART I: PHOTOGRAPHS

Directions: You will see a picture in your test book and you will hear four short statements.

Look at the picture in your test book and choose the statement that best describes what you see in the picture. Then mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Look at the example on the next page and listen to the four statements.

EXAMPLE

You will see:



You will hear:

- (A) The boys are laughing.
- (B) The boys are reading.
- (C) The boys are fighting.
- (D) The boys are painting.

Sample Answer

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

Statement (B), "The boys are reading," best describes what you see in the picture. Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Question 1

You will see:

1.



You will hear:

1. Look at the picture marked number 1 in your test book.
 - (A) These are houses.
 - (B) These are farms.
 - (C) These are cows.
 - (D) These are horses.

Question 2

You will see:

2.



You will hear:

2. Look at the picture marked number 2 in your test book.
- (A) He's driving a truck.
 - (B) He's opening the door.
 - (C) He's washing a car.
 - (D) He's cleaning the carpet.

PART II: QUESTION-RESPONSE

Directions: Now, you will hear a question or statement followed by three responses. Choose the best response to each question or statement.

EXAMPLE

Now listen to a sample question.

You will hear:

Good morning, John. How are you?

You will also hear:

- (A) I am fine, thank you.
- (B) I am in the living room.
- (C) My name is John.

Sample Answer

- (A) (B) (C)

The best response to the question "How are you?" is choice (A), "I am fine, thank you." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

SAMPLE QUESTIONS**Question 1**

You will hear:

(Man B) What are you doing after dinner?

- (Man A)
- (A) A large pizza.
 - (B) On the table.
 - (C) Studying.

Question 2

- You will hear:*
- (Man) When does this train leave?
(Woman) (A) At 2:05.
(B) A ticket.
(C) The next stop.

Question 3

- You will hear:*
- (Woman) Mary doesn't wear glasses, does she?
(Man) (A) The class is in Room 4.
(B) No, she doesn't need them.
(C) No, it's made of plastic.

Question 4

- You will hear:*
- (Man A) Did you see that history program on TV last night?
(Man B) (A) No, I was busy.
(B) Maybe I'll meet him tomorrow.
(C) Yes, there was.

PART III: SHORT CONVERSATIONS AND SHORT TALKS

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear short talks or conversations.

In your test book, you will read a question followed by four answers. Choose the best answer to each question and mark it on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE (SHORT CONVERSATIONS)

You will hear:

- (Man) Do you have any children, Mrs. Wilson?
(Woman) Yes, we have a boy who's three and a girl who's six.
(Man) They must keep you very busy.

You will read:

How many children do the Wilsons have?

- (A) Two.
(B) Three.
(C) Five.
(D) Six.

Sample Answer



The best answer to the question is choice (A), "Two." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

EXAMPLE (SHORT TALKS)

You will hear: (Man) I'm sorry, but all passengers must get off the bus here. The driver says there's a problem with the motor. Another bus will be here to pick us up in half an hour so we can continue our trip.

You will read: What is the problem?

- (A) There are too many passengers.
- (B) The bus is having engine trouble.
- (C) There is a lot of traffic.
- (D) The bus took the wrong road.

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

The best answer to the question is choice (B), "The bus is having engine trouble." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

SAMPLE QUESTIONS**Question 1**

You will hear: (Woman) Your attention, please. The area in front of the terminal is for picking up passengers only. Cars left there will be removed.

- You will read:*
1. Where is the announcement being heard?
 - (A) In a restaurant.
 - (B) In a supermarket.
 - (C) At a doctor's office.
 - (D) At an airport.

Question 2

You will hear:

(Man) Have you seen my keys?
(Woman) No, have you lost them?
(Man) Yes, I can't find them anywhere.

You will read:

2. What is the man's problem?

(A) He has lost his keys.
(B) He doesn't have a job.
(C) He can't find his car.
(D) He has nothing to wear.

Question 3

You will hear:

(Man) The Central City Furniture Store is having a big clearance sale. Every bed, sofa, table and chair is reduced in price. But please hurry, because the sale ends on Friday.

You will read:

3. What is on sale?

(A) Food.
(B) Furniture.
(C) A store.
(D) A house.

Question 4

You will hear:

(Man A) I think we'd better get a taxi, don't you?
(Man B) Yes, the show starts soon, and we don't have time to wait for the bus.
(Man A) Let's go to the taxi stand by the station.

You will read:

4. How will they get to the show?

(A) By bus.
(B) By train.
(C) On foot.
(D) By taxi.

Section 2: Reading

This is the reading section of the test. There are two parts to this section.

PART IV: INCOMPLETE SENTENCES

Directions: This part of the test has incomplete sentences. There are four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D), under each sentence. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Then mark your answer on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE

Please turn off your computer at the ----- of the day.

- (A) ends
- (B) ending
- (C) end
- (D) ended

Sample Answer

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

The sentence should read, "Please turn off your computer at the end of the day." Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Maurice is one ----- my best friends.
(A) in
(B) of
(C) from
(D) with
2. The teacher asked Naomi to ----- on the lights.
(A) raise
(B) give
(C) reach
(D) turn
3. André and Juan are planning to take a ----- to Greece this summer.
(A) way
(B) distance
(C) travel
(D) trip
4. Kate visited the art gallery with ----- sister.
(A) her
(B) she
(C) hers
(D) she's
5. Dr. Smith was ----- happy to hear the news.
(A) special
(B) much
(C) very
(D) over

Part V: Reading Comprehension

Directions: The questions in this part of the test are based on reading materials such as notices, letters, forms, and advertisements. Choose the one best answer, (A), (B), (C), or (D), to each question. Then mark your answer on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE



What will happen on June 5?

- (A) The workers will take a day off.
- (B) The cafeteria will open.
- (C) The prices will go down.
- (D) The school will close.

Sample Answer

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

The notice says that the cafeteria is closed and will open again on June 5. Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

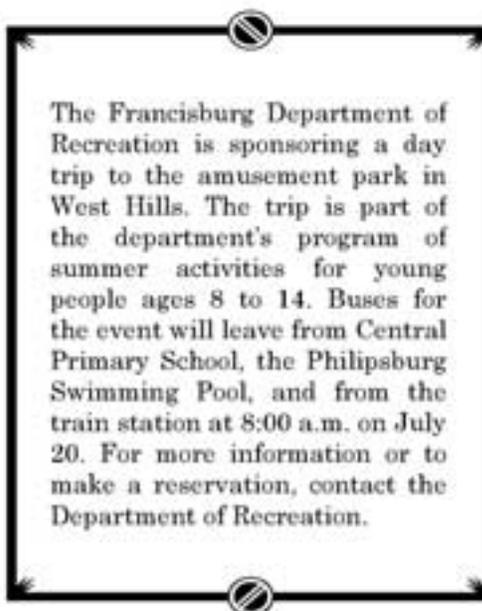
Questions 1–2 refer to the following advertisement.

Job Openings

Part-time jobs available at Margate Hotel near shopping center. Kitchen staff, waiters, bellhops, drivers needed. Wages range from £8 to £10 per hour. For further information, call the assistant manager at 555-0174.

1. What is the advertisement for?
 - (A) Hotel employment
 - (B) Training courses
 - (C) Restaurant food
 - (D) Hotel rooms
2. What should you do to get more details?
 - (A) Pay £8
 - (B) Talk to the kitchen staff
 - (C) Telephone the assistant manager
 - (D) Write to the newspaper

Questions 3–4 refer to the following notice.



3. What event is being announced?
- (A) A swimming competition
 - (B) A visit to an amusement park
 - (C) An annual school picnic
 - (D) An opening ceremony at the trainstation
4. What is the purpose of the event?
- (A) To provide an outing for children
 - (B) To raise money for new recreation facilities
 - (C) To teach children how to swim
 - (D) To ride the new inter-city train

Answer key**Part I**

- 1. D
- 2. C

Part II

- 1. C
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. A

Part III

- 1. D
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. D

Part IV

- 1. B
- 2. D
- 3. D
- 4. A
- 5. C

Part V

- 1. A
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. A

ABOUT THE TOEIC BRIDGE ANSWER SHEET AND BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

On pages 25–26, you will see an example of the answer sheet used for the TOEIC Bridge test. You will mark your answers to the TOEIC Bridge test on the second page of the answer sheet in the boxes labeled “Listening Section” and “Reading Section.” To mark an answer, you should find the number on the answer sheet that matches the number of the test question. Then fill in the space that matches the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Before the test begins, the TOEIC Bridge test administrator will ask you to fill in your answer sheet.

**NAME AND
ACCENT MARKS**

In the first box on the first page of your answer sheet, you will fill in your name. You will see that the top half of the “Name” box contains accent marks. If you have any accent marks in your name, you should fill out this section.

**COUNTRY AND
LANGUAGE CODES**

In the third and fourth boxes on the first page of your answer sheet, you will fill in your native country code and your native language code. Your test administrator will give you the codes for your country and language on the day of the test.

**GROUP CODE AND
CUSTOM CODES**

The fifth box on the first page of your answer sheet asks for a “Group Code.” On the second page, in Box 12, you will see “Custom 1,” “Custom 2,” and “Custom 3.” It will not always be necessary for you to fill in these boxes. If it is necessary, your test administrator will give you the codes on the day of the test.

**BACKGROUND
QUESTIONNAIRE**

On the second page of your answer sheet, you will see Box 11, “Questionnaire Responses.” In this box, you will be asked to answer questions about your education, work, and English language experience. Your responses to these questions are confidential and will not affect your test scores. You are asked these questions so that TOEIC Service International may learn more about factors that affect test scores and improvement in English.

You will see an example of the TOEIC Bridge background questionnaire on pages 27–28.

Before the actual test begins, if you have any questions about the answer sheet or TOEIC Bridge background questionnaire, please ask your test administrator.

 <p>TOEIC Bridge Background Questionnaire</p>	<p>1. Which of the following best describes what you do now?</p> <p>A. I am employed (full-time or part-time) B. I am a student (not employed) C. Other</p> <p>2. Please choose the highest level of education listed below that you have completed.</p> <p>A. Elementary school B. Junior high school C. High school D. Technical/Vocational school E. Some college/University F. University (undergraduate) G. Graduate school</p> <p>3. How old are you?</p> <p>A. Under 15 B. 15–19 C. 20–24 D. 25–29 E. 30 or older</p> <p>4. For how many years did you study English in school and university?</p> <p>A. Less than 1 year B. 1–2 years C. 2–5 years D. 5–10 years E. More than 10 years</p>	<p><i>How important is each of the following English skills for you at school or work? (Choose one answer for each skill.)</i></p> <p>5. Listening</p> <p>A. Important B. Somewhat important C. Not important</p> <p>6. Reading</p> <p>A. Important B. Somewhat important C. Not important</p> <p>7. Speaking</p> <p>A. Important B. Somewhat important C. Not important</p> <p>8. Writing</p> <p>A. Important B. Somewhat important C. Not important</p> <p>9. Before today, how many times have you taken the TOEIC Bridge test?</p> <p>A. Never B. One time C. Two times D. Three times E. Four or more times</p> <p>(IF YOU ARE A STUDENT OR UNEMPLOYED, PLEASE STOP HERE.)</p> <p>(IF YOU ARE EMPLOYED, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE NEXT PAGE.)</p>
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TOEIC Bridge Background Questionnaire
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10. Which one of the following categories best applies to your job?

- A. Executive, Administrative, Managerial
- B. Professional, Technical, and Scientific
- C. Marketing and Sales
- D. Administrative support and Clerical
- E. Service
- F. Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
- G. Construction trades
- H. Production
- I. Transportation and Material moving
- J. Handlers, Helpers, and Laborers (Unskilled Labor)
- K. Armed Forces

11. What is your level in your company?

- A. Non-managerial/non-supervisory
- B. Supervisory
- C. Managerial

12. About how many years have you been with your company?

- A. Less than 2 years
- B. 2–5 years
- C. 5–10 years
- D. More than 10 years

13. About how much of your time at work do you spend using English?

- A. 0 to 10%
- B. 11 to 20%
- C. 21 to 50%
- D. 51 to 100%

IF I HAVE A DISABILITY, CAN I STILL TAKE THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

If you need special testing arrangements because of a disability, please contact your local TOEIC representative office. You should discuss your needs at least two weeks before the test date. Your representative will make every effort to meet your needs. There is no additional cost for special arrangements.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION AT THE TESTING SITE?

Yes, photo identification is required. Identification must be current (not expired), and it must show both your signature and a recent photograph. Proper identification includes a passport, driver's license, national ID, or military ID.

CAN I TAKE MATERIALS INTO THE TESTING ROOM?

These items are not allowed in the testing room: books, dictionaries, papers, notes, rulers, calculators, watch alarms, mobile phones, listening devices, recording or photographic equipment, highlighters, or aids of any kind. Also, remember that scratch paper is not allowed, and notes may not be made on the test books. You may be asked to leave the testing room, or your scores may be canceled, if you do not follow these rules.

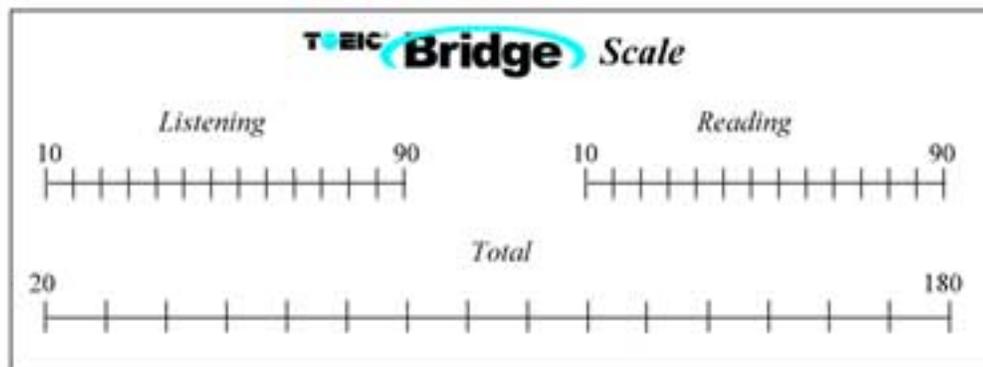
Your TOEIC Bridge Test Scores

WHAT SCORE DO I NEED TO “PASS” THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST?

The TOEIC Bridge test is not a test you can “pass” or “fail.” The TOEIC Bridge test measures different levels of English ability or proficiency. It helps learners set goals and measure their progress as their English improves.

HOW IS THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST SCORED?

Scores are based on the number of correct answers. There is no penalty for wrong answers. The number of correct answers for each section (Listening Comprehension and Reading) will be converted to a scaled score. The range of the scale is 10 to 90 for each section. Adding your section scores together gives you your total TOEIC Bridge scaled score. Your total score will range from 20 to 180.



WHAT ARE SUBSCORES?

In addition to Listening and Reading scores and total scores, you will receive TOEIC Bridge subscores, which will give you more information about your performance on the test.

Your performance on different parts of the test may give you an idea of your strengths and limitations in language areas. For example, your score on one part of the test may indicate how well you know English grammar. Your score on another part may tell you about your understanding of vocabulary.

When you take the TOEIC Bridge test, your scores on different parts of the test—subscores—are compared to the scores of other people who took the same test as you did. Subscore ratings are 1, 2, or 3, with 3 being the highest rating. You will receive a subscore in each of the following areas:

- ▶ **Functions:** This subscore shows how well you can understand what a speaker or writer is trying to do with the language. Examples of functions include offering, requesting, telling the time, giving instructions, and asking for instructions.
- ▶ **Listening Strategies:** This subscore shows how well you use techniques to get information from a spoken text. Examples of these strategies include listening for stressed syllables, guessing meaning from context, listening for required information, and hearing differences between similar sounds.
- ▶ **Reading Strategies:** This subscore shows how well you use techniques to get information from a written text. Examples include skimming, scanning, reading for required information, identifying the purpose and/or main idea of a text, making inferences, and understanding the relationships between different parts of a text.
- ▶ **Vocabulary:** This subscore shows how well you understand short phrases or words in context. Areas tested include likes and dislikes, recreation and hobbies, and understanding the relationships between parts of a text.
- ▶ **Grammar:** This subscore shows how well you understand the meaning and use of grammatical forms.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY SCORES?

If you take the test through your sponsoring organization, your sponsor will receive your score report and will inform you of the results. If you take the test independently, you will receive your score report directly.

IF I TAKE ANOTHER VERSION OF THE TOEIC BRIDGE TEST, WILL I RECEIVE THE SAME SCORES?

If you take another version of the TOEIC Bridge test, your scores will probably be slightly different from the scores you received the first time. The TOEIC Bridge test is highly reliable, but no test is perfectly consistent. If you took several versions of the test within a short period of time, you would receive a number of scores that are close to an average value known as your “true” score. Two-thirds of the time, your total score would be within six points of your true score.

HOW LONG WILL MY SCORES BE VALID?

Your scores are valid as long as your level of English proficiency remains the same. Your proficiency can, however, improve or decline over time. For this reason, a more recent score is more likely to be a valid indication of your English proficiency. The TOEIC Bridge Program recommends that you retake the TOEIC Bridge test if more than two years have passed since you last took it.

HOW LONG WILL MY SCORES BE KEPT ON RECORD?

Your scores are kept indefinitely. You or your school or employer can request a summary at any time. If you do not wish to have your scores kept on record indefinitely, please contact your local representative.

ARE MY SCORES CONFIDENTIAL?

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