

TOEFL PRACTICE PAPER

Passage adapted from *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (1813)

"If you will thank me,' he replied, 'let it be for yourself alone. That the wish of giving happiness to you might add force to the other inducements which led me on, I shall not attempt to deny. But your family owe me nothing. Much as I respect them, I believe I thought only of you."

Elizabeth was too much embarrassed to say a word. After a short pause, her companion added, 'you are too generous to trifle with me. If your feelings are still what they were last April, tell me so at once. My affections and wishes are unchanged; but one word from you will silence me on this subject for ever.'

Elizabeth, feeling all the more than common awkwardness and anxiety of his situation, now forced herself to speak; and immediately, though not very fluently, gave him to understand that her sentiments had undergone so material a change since the period to which he alluded, as to make her receive with gratitude and pleasure his present assurances. The happiness which this reply produced was such as he had probably never felt before, and he expressed himself on the occasion as sensibly and as warmly as a man violently in love can be supposed to do. Had Elizabeth been able to encounter his eyes, she might have seen how well the expression of heartfelt delight diffused over his face became him; but, though she could not look, she could listen, and he told her of feelings which, in proving of what importance she was to him, made his affection every moment more valuable.

They walked on, without knowing in what direction. There was too much to be thought, and felt, and said, for attention to any other objects. ..."

1. The word bolded and underlined word inducements most nearly means _____.

beauties

causes

people

excitements

2. In the passage above, the bolded and underlined phrase "trifle with" most nearly means _____.

lie to

ignore

toy with

anger

3. In the passage above, the bolded and underlined word "sentiments" most nearly means _____.

feelings

family members

appearance

marriage prospects

4. In the above passage, the bolded and underlined word "alluded" most nearly means

pointed

originated

believed

referred

5. In the passage above, the bolded and underlined word "encounter" most nearly means _____.

get a glimpse of

avoid

find

meet

6. In the passage above, the word "diffused" most nearly means _____.

thrown

spread

hidden

speckled

8. How does the first speaker feel about Elizabeth's family?

He esteems them

He disregards them completely

He prefers his own family

He despises them

9. From the above passage, we can infer that _____.

Elizabeth is unhappy with how things have turned out

the couple will soon break up

the first speaker wants Elizabeth for her money

the couple will be married

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Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an object of some interest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her without admiration at the ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to criticize. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself and his friends that she had hardly a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. To this discovery succeeded some others equally mortifying. Though he had detected with a critical eye more than one failure of perfect symmetry in her form, he was forced to acknowledge her figure to be light and pleasing; and in spite of his asserting that her manners were not those of the fashionable world, he was caught by their easy playfulness. Of this she was perfectly unaware;--to her he was only the man who made himself agreeable nowhere, and who had not thought her handsome enough to dance with.

10. In the passage above, the word "rendered" most nearly means _____.

hidden

given

made

prevented

11. In the above passage, the word "mortifying" most nearly means _____.

deadly

flattering

embarrassing

terrifying

12. In the passage above, the word "scarcely" most nearly means _____.

select

unwillingly

select

barely

select

abundantly

select

enthusiastically