

The following skills will help you to implement these strategies in Part C of the Listening Comprehension section of the TOEFL test.

## BEFORE LISTENING

### SKILL 23: ANTICIPATE THE TOPICS

It is very helpful to your overall comprehension if you know what topics to expect in Listening Part C. You should therefore try to anticipate the topics that you will be hearing (as you did in Listening Part B). For example, are the talks about American history, or literature, or some aspect of school life? A helpful strategy is therefore to look briefly at the answers in the test book, before you actually hear the talks on the recording, and try to determine the topics of the talks that you will hear.

**EXERCISE 23:** Look at the answers to the five questions together, and try to anticipate the topic of the talk for those five questions. (Of course, you cannot always determine exactly what the topic is, but you often can get a general idea.) Questions 1 through 5 have been answered for you.

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| 1. (A) During a <i>biology</i> laboratory session. | 4. (A) Room assignments.                            |
| (B) In a biology study group.                      | (B) Exam topics.                                    |
| (C) On the <i>first day of class</i> .             | (C) <i>Reading assignments</i> .                    |
| (D) Just before the final exam.                    | (D) The first lecture.                              |
| 2. (A) Once a week.                                | 5. (A) <i>Exams and lab work</i> .                  |
| (B) Two times a week.                              | (B) Reading and writing assignments.                |
| (C) Three times a week.                            | (C) Class participation and grades on examinations. |
| (D) For fifteen hours.                             | (D) Lecture and laboratory attendance.              |
| 3. (A) To do the first laboratory assignment.      |   |
| (B) To take the first <i>exam</i> .                |   |
| (C) To study the laboratory manual.                |   |
| (D) To read one chapter of the text.               |   |

What is the topic of the talk for questions 1 through 5?

the requirements of a biology class

You can guess this because of the following clues:

- *biology*
- *first day of class*
- *reading assignments*
- *exams*
- *lab work*

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| 6. (A) What caused the Ring of Fire.                      | 9. (A) They are not so violent.              |
| (B) The volcanoes of the Ring of Fire.                    | (B) They are located along the Ring of Fire. |
| (C) Hawaiian volcanoes.                                   | (C) They contain a lot of gas.               |
| (D) Different types of volcanoes.                         | (D) They contain thick lava.                 |
| 7. (A) The Ring of Fire.                                  | 10. (A) A volcano on the Ring of Fire.       |
| (B) The characteristics of volcanoes in the Ring of Fire. | (B) An island in Hawaii.                     |
| (C) The volcanoes of Hawaii.                              | (C) A long, low volcanic mountain.           |
| (D) Mauna Loa.  | (D) An explosive volcano.                    |
| 8. (A) In Hawaii.   |  |
| (B) In the United States.                                 |  |
| (C) Along the Ring of Fire.                               |  |
| (D) Within the Ring of Fire.                              |  |

What is the topic of the talk for questions 6 through 10?

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| 11. (A) An artist.                                | 14. (A) The American History Museum.              |
| (B) A tour guide.                                 | (B) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building. |
| (C) An Indian.                                    | (C) The Washington Museum.                        |
| (D) Orville Wright.                               | (D) The National Air and Space Museum.            |
| 12. (A) Several.                                  | 15. (A) To the White House.                       |
| (B) Sixty thousand.                               | (B) To the Smithsonian.                           |
| (C) Sixteen million.                              | (C) To the mall.                                  |
| (D) Millions and millions.                        | (D) To various other museums.                     |
| 13. (A) The National Air and Space Museum.        |   |
| (B) The Museum of Natural History.                |   |
| (C) The American History Museum.                  |   |
| (D) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building. |   |

What is the topic of the talk for questions 11 through 15?