

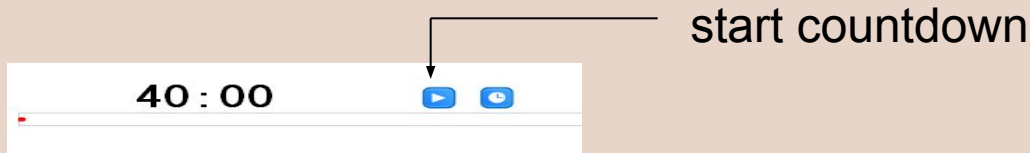
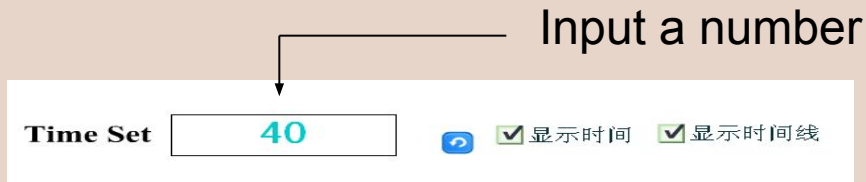
# Toefl iBT Practice Test TPO 16 Reading Section 1

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According to paragraph 1, why has trade been so important throughout the history of the Middle East?

- The rare and valuable metals and stones found in Middle Eastern deserts have always been in high demand in surrounding areas.
- Growing conditions throughout the Middle East are generally poor, forcing Middle Eastern people to depend on imported grain.
- Many useful and decorative raw materials cannot be found naturally in the Middle East but are available from neighboring regions.
- Frequent travel, due to limited water supplies in the Middle East, created many opportunities for trade with neighboring societies.

Paragraph 1 is marked with ◆



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The word **repudiate** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- respect
- reject
- review
- revise

According to paragraph 2, how did Middle Eastern shop owners treat their workers?

- Workers were ranked according to their skill level, with the most-experienced artisans becoming partial owners of the shop.
- Shop owners treated different workers differently depending on how much the workers had in common with their masters.
- Workers were bound to their masters by unbreakable contracts that strictly defined the terms of their partnership.
- The shop owner worked alongside the workers and often considered them partners and members of the family.

Paragraph 2 is marked with ◆

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The author includes the information that "surplus was not a result of domestic craft production but resulted primarily from international trading" in order to

- support the claim that the mode of production made possible by the craft guilds was very good for trade
- contrast the economic base of the city government with that of the tribal confederacies
- provide a reason why the government allowed the guilds to be self-controlled
- suggest that the government was missing out on a valuable opportunity to tax the guilds

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According to paragraph 3, all of the following are true of the Middle Eastern craft guilds EXCEPT:

- The guilds were created to support workers and to uphold principles of high-quality craft production.
- Each guild was very large and included members from a broad geographic area.
- The leaders of the guilds were chosen by popular vote.
- All guild members were treated as equals.

Paragraph 3 is marked with ◆





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The word **consensus** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- authority
- responsibility
- custom
- agreement



According to paragraph 4, which of the following was NOT necessary for success in the mercantile economy?

- Good business sense
- Reliable associates
- Family wealth
- Constant effort

Paragraph 4 is marked with ◆

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Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- Tribespeople were comfortable forming personal relationships with merchants, who, like them, were bound by their promises to one another.
- Because trade was not formally regulated, merchants were careful about whom they trusted and often conducted business with people they knew personally.
- While trade among merchants relied somewhat on regulation, among tribespeople trade was based on personal relationships and careful character evaluation.
- Because tribespeople were bound only by their promises to one another, personal relationships were formed only after careful weighing of character.



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The word **ethic** in the passage is closest in meaning to

- set of moral principles
- division of labor
- economic system
- test of character



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According to paragraph 4, what choice did Middle Eastern merchants and artisans have that many other people have not had?

- ) If they were unhappy in the mercantile environment, they could draw on personal connections to find a different kind of work.
- They were allowed to assert their opinions without having to listen to aristocratic professions of moral superiority.
- Following the example of the pastoralists, they could demand, and receive, better working conditions.
- If they didn't like their environment, they could move somewhere else.

Paragraph 4 is marked with ◆

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The word **intrinsicall**y in the passage is closest in meaning to

- fundamentally
- surprisingly
- consequently
- particularly



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In paragraph 5, why does the author mention the new trade route opened up by Vasco da Gama's fifteenth-century voyage around Africa?

- To provide evidence that European seafarers took every opportunity to bypass Middle Eastern merchants
- To present an instance in which Middle Eastern states lost money and power because of their reliance on long-distance trade
- To argue this new route became necessary when European seafarers wanted to avoid Middle Eastern states whose central power had begun to erode
- To explain how da Gama helped European traders avoid the dangerous predators prowling the areas surrounding Middle Eastern cities

Paragraph 5 is marked with ◆

Look at the four squares [■] that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

**For one thing, it created a demand for finished goods to be sold both locally and abroad.**

Where would the sentence best fit?

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- 2
- 3
- 4





**Directions:** An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting the THREE answer choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. Some sentences do not belong in the summary because they express ideas that are not presented in the passage or are minor ideas in the passage. This question is worth 2 points.

To review passage. Click **View Text**

**Since ancient times, reliance on trade has shaped the culture and organizational structure of Middle Eastern societies.**

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### Answer Choices

Persian and Arabian merchants traveled great distances to sell their finished goods at the marketplaces of ancient Sumeria.

Revenue from trade was unevenly distributed, causing Middle Eastern societies to be characterized by growing distinctions in wealth and power.

Qualities that were valued in the mercantile economy included individualism, hard work, loyalty, and the willingness to take risks.

As production increased, centralized control over production also increased, leading in turn to more-centralized control over fellowship and worship.

Crafts were produced by skilled artisans working in close, egalitarian relationships with their masters and other fellow guild members.

The stability of Middle Eastern governments was threatened by their lack of control over international trade patterns and over their own peripheral territories.



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