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400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 14 – Anthropology Vocabulary Test

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1. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined part of each sentence.

In many cultures around the world, young boys are circumcised in a traditional ceremony.
A) assimilate **B)** cremation
C) domesticate **D)** folklore
E) ritual

2. It is difficult to tame a bird that was born in the wild.
A) assimilate **B)** cremation
C) domesticate **D)** folklore
E) ritual

3. Based on the oral legends about the fire, researchers estimate that about half of the townspeople died in the blaze.
A) assimilate **B)** cremation
C) domesticate **D)** folklore
E) ritual

4. After the burning of the body, the remaining bits of bone are transferred to a large urn.
A) assimilate **B)** cremation
C) domesticate **D)** folklore
E) ritual

5. Her husband could never fit into her family's way of life.
A) assimilate **B)** cremation
C) domesticate **D)** folklore
E) ritual

6. Find the best word for each definition. Use each word only once.

to harden after death
A) fossilize **B)** relic
C) rite **D)** saga
E) vestige

7. a customary act
A) fossilize **B)** relic
C) rite **D)** saga
E) vestige

8. a memento
A) fossilize **B)** relic
C) rite **D)** saga
E) vestige

9. something remaining from the past
A) fossilize **B)** relic
C) rite **D)** saga
E) vestige

10. a long story
A) fossilize **B)** relic
C) rite **D)** saga
E) vestige

Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned. Answer the questions that follow.

The Aborigines of Australia may have been some of the first people on the planet. Recent discoveries of **relics**, including stone tools, show that humans lived near Penrith, New South Wales, about 47,000 years ago. Australian Aborigines migrated from northern lands by sea, when the water passages were narrower than they are today. This is the first evidence of sea travel by prehistoric humans. The **saga** of this water passing survives in modern-day Aboriginal **folklore**. **To put this in perspective**, remember that 50,000 years ago, humans were nomadic. Early Aborigines did not cultivate crops, and in Australia at the time there were no animals that could be **domesticated**. No one knows how long it took Aboriginal people to reach Australia, but archaeologists are searching through ancient campsites for **vestiges** of their early lifestyle. **Fossilized** remains indicate that these nomadic people not only gathered food from the land, but they also subsisted on meat from large animals that no longer exist today. As part of their hunting tradition, Aborigines **ritually** covered themselves in mud to mask their own scent or for camouflage. Aboriginal society marked the major events of life with rites such as circumcision, marriage, and **cremation**. Older people were revered and cared for as great sources of wisdom. When Westerners arrived in Australia in 1788, the 300,000 Aborigines who lived there were not eager to **assimilate** their ways. In the following years, disease, loss of land, and loss of identity shaped the Aborigines' history perhaps as much as their first prehistoric crossing from the north.

***Bonus Structure* — To put this in perspective** *means "to give some background information."*

11. Which sentence best expresses the essential information in this passage?

A) Australian Aborigines were some of the Earth's first people.

B) White explorers did not respect Aboriginal culture.

C) Australian Aborigines probably migrated from Africa.

D) The organization and functioning of Aboriginal society is mostly unknown.

12. In this passage, the word **ritually** is closest in meaning to _____.

A) regularly **B)** ignorantly

C) superstitiously **D)** dramatically

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