ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

400 Must Have Words for the TOEFL LESSON 7 – Computers Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Choose the most likely meaning of the word part that is shared within each set of words.

circulate, circumnavigate, circuit

The root *circ / circum* probably means _____.

✓ **A) around**
The root **circ / circum** means **around**. To **circulate** is to move around, to **circumnavigate** is to sail around (e.g. the world), and a **circuit** is a path that goes around and returns to its start.

2. **innovative, novel, renovate**

The root *nov* probably means _____.
✓ **C) new**
The root **nov** means **new**. Something **innovative** or **novel** is new and original, and to **renovate** a building is to make it like new again. Not **old**, which is the opposite meaning.

3. **installation, implement, imprison**

The prefix *in- / im-* probably means _____.
✓ **C) in**
The prefix **in- / im-** here means **in** or **into**. An **installation** puts something in place, to **implement** is to put a plan into action, and to **imprison** is to put someone in prison. (**im-** is used before b, m and p.) Not **out**, which is the opposite.

4. **Choose the word that best completes each sentence.**

Please make sure this information _____ throughout the office quickly.
✓ **A) circulates**
To **circulate** means to pass from person to person or place to place: **The memo circulated around the office.** Information spreads **throughout the office**, so **circulates** fits. Not **derives**, which means to come from a source (**derive from**) and does not describe spreading.

5. The _____ of the new telephones took three days.
✓ **A) installation**
Installation is the act of putting equipment in place and making it ready to use, so the **installation of the new telephones** fits. Not **simulation**, which is an imitation of a real process, e.g. a flight simulation.

6. In order to stay on schedule, we need to complete this project as _____ as possible.
✓ **A) expeditiously**
Expeditiously means quickly and efficiently. The clue is **to stay on schedule**, so the project must be finished fast. Not **innovatively**, which means in a new and creative way and has nothing to do with speed.

7. The smuggler moved cautiously through the airport to avoid _____.
✓ **A) detection**
Detection means being noticed or discovered. A smuggler moves **cautiously** because he wants to **avoid detection**, a common collocation. Not **maintenance**, which means keeping something in good working condition.

8. Years of neglect had caused the building's water pipes to _____.
✓ **A) corrode**
To **corrode** means to be slowly damaged or worn away, especially metal by rust or chemicals. **Years of neglect** would make old water pipes **corrode**. Not **implement**, which means to put a plan or system into action.

9. **Which sentence best expresses the essential information of this passage?**
✓ **D) Smaller companies may benefit from hiring occasional technical support.**
The passage explains that smaller companies cannot pay for full-time in-house help, that self-trained staff often fail with bigger problems, and that **many small companies choose to employ a freelance technical assistant** on an **as-needed basis**. So the main idea is that small companies may benefit from occasional technical support. Not the option about larger companies: the passage says they keep **in-house** staff, not freelancers. Not the one about self-trained staff being as effective: the passage says they **often cannot solve bigger problems**.

10. The article implies that the question "*How do I cut and paste a file?*" is _____.
✓ **A) too basic to require professional attention**
The last sentence says freelancers can **escape the workplace before being asked** this question. Earlier the passage calls such questions **basic user questions** that take up staff time. So the question is seen as **too basic** to need a trained professional. Not **appropriate for a freelancer to address**, because the freelancer leaves precisely to avoid answering it.