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本書は、グローバル化が加速する現代社会で必要とされる知識と教養を、英語を通じて学ぶことを目指しています。本書で取り上げる文化、環境、ビジネス、文学、教育、グローバリズム等のテーマは、国内外での実際の英語コミュニケーションに頻繁に登場し、その場で自分の意見が言えなければ恥ずかしさすら感じてしまう重要な内容です。幸いにも本書を手にした皆さんには、国際社会の舞台に立つための「予行演習」において、国際人としての知識と教養の基礎をしっかりと習得していただきたいと思います。

また書名が示す通り、本書は、企業での就職・昇進から大学の英語学習や大学院入試まで幅広く活用されている TOEIC テストに準じた形式を取ることで、英語を学ぶ大学生のニーズにも配慮しています。一方で、本書は単なる「テスト対策」にならないように様々な工夫を凝らしています。中でも、

- ・好奇心をそそる写真
- ・バラエティに富んだエクササイズ
- ・臨場感あふれるリスニング演習

は、皆さんの学習意欲をさらに一層高めてくれるでしょう。

また、Discussion を設けることにより、これまで日本人学習者の弱点とされてきた英語で「書く」、「話す」、そして「考える」能力の向上も可能にしています。

本書の本文および演習問題は、全て書き下ろしのオリジナルな英語で書かれています。英文は、本物の英語力を身に付けたいという学習者の視点に立って、執筆者および編集者が議論と校正を重ねて作成しました。多少難しいと感じられる部分もあるかもしれませんが、リスニングおよび本文の前に設けられた語彙演習と Notes が、皆さんの理解を助けてくれるはずです。本書を通じて、国際人に不可欠な英語力を身に付けていただければこの上ない喜びです。

本書の作成に当たっては、多くの方の助言・協力を頂きました。特にジム・クヌーセン氏には英文作成だけでなく内容面に関する全面的にご協力いただきました。また南雲堂の加藤敦氏および原島亮氏には、企画から編集まですべてにわたりお世話いただきました。この場を借りて心より御礼申し上げます。

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# PREFACE

TOEIC Test: Advantage aims to give you the knowledge and EFL skills you need to play an active role in today's increasingly globalized world. To this end, we have selected a broad range of lesson topics--the environment, business, culture, science, literature, and education, to name just a few. To become a truly international person, it is essential that you have a solid understanding of today's most important concepts and issues. We are confident that this book is the answer to this need.

But that's not all. As the title suggests, TOEIC Test: Advantage follows the format of one of the most commonly used international English proficiency tests. Thus, as the title also tells you, this book will be of great advantage in preparing you to take the TOEIC test.

Here are some of the book's other special features:

- stimulating photograph activity like that found on the TOEIC
- a variety of effective, high-interest warm-up and comprehension exercises
- listening dialogues set in real-life academic and social settings
- original essays written in clear, correct, accessible, natural English
- effective vocabulary-building drills and explanatory notes
- discussion section gives practice in writing, speaking, and thinking in English

To reiterate: We believe that TOEIC Test: Advantage will be of immense benefit in giving you the information and ideas as well as the language skills and communication confidence you need not only to "ace" the TOEIC, but also to become an important player on the international stage.

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# LESSON 1

## TRAVELING ABROAD

**A TAKE A LOOK:** Look at the two photographs below. Circle the things in the box that you can see in the photographs.

square      buildings      trees      commerce      expense  
leaves      horses      paintings      bench      coffee berries  
hat      clouds      purpose

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**B PHOTOGRAPHS:** For each photograph, you will hear four statements. Circle the letter of the statement that best describes the photograph.

1.



(A) (B) (C) (D)

2.



(A) (B) (C) (D)

**C PICTURE TASK:** Rearrange the words in the parentheses to make full sentences. Then, in the brackets, write the number of the photograph the sentence refers to.

1. We can now (coffee beans, buy, finest, from, the, around) the world online.

\_\_\_\_\_

[   ]

2. Tourists love to visit the old cities of Europe to look at and (assets, of, take, architectural, pictures, their).

\_\_\_\_\_

[   ]

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**CONVERSATIONS:** Listen to the two conversations. Then choose the correct answer to each question below.

**CONVERSATION 1:**

1. What has Amy just come back from?
  - (A) Working at her part-time job.
  - (B) Her trip to Europe.
  - (C) Her art and design seminar.
  - (D) An appointment with a female friend.
  
2. What is Amy studying at university?
  - (A) Travel and tourism.
  - (B) The Swedish language.
  - (C) Art and design.
  - (D) The natural sciences.
  
3. How does Hiromi react to Amy's suggestion that they travel together next time?
  - (A) She is reluctant about going along.
  - (B) She thinks it's a great idea.
  - (C) She tells Amy she'll think it over.
  - (D) She tells Amy that she can't afford to go.

**CONVERSATION 2:**

1. What is the purpose of John's trip to Indonesia?
  - (A) He's going on business.
  - (B) He's taking a vacation.
  - (C) He's going to do some sightseeing.
  - (D) He's going to stay there permanently.
  
2. What does John say is a famous Indonesian product?
  - (A) Spices
  - (B) Sugar
  - (C) Coffee
  - (D) Fruit
  
3. What does Anna suggest John should do?
  - (A) He should be in Japakarta at least for a month.
  - (B) He should buy some coffee beans while he is in Indonesia.
  - (C) He should also go to Brazil and Africa to purchase coffee beans.
  - (D) He should master the pronunciation of the names of the Indonesian coffee beans.



**E** **READING COMPREHENSION:** Follow the instructions for each part below.

**Part 1: Key Words:** Match the underlined word or phrase in each sentence below with one of the definitions that follow. Write the letter of the definition on the line in front of the sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The old cathedral is well maintained because it is part of our national heritage.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ This year's rice harvest is especially abundant in the southern region of the country.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ What is the unit of currency in Indonesia called?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Since the first Earth Day, more and more people have become aware of the need for protecting the natural environment.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Female students now account for a much larger percentage in our university's science departments.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Globalization is the phenomenon whereby the world is becoming smaller and more interconnected.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Short sentences using simple words is a characteristic of much of Ernest Hemingway's writing.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Hubble Space Telescope boasts technologies on the cutting edge of space engineering.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Almost every critic has strongly recommended the director's new film.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ It would take a real expert to distinguish this forgery from the original.

- a. a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen
- b. latest or most advanced
- c. tell apart; recognize as different
- d. typical of a person, place, or thing
- e. the unit of money used in a country
- f. suggest or advise
- g. the surroundings in which all living things exist
- h. valued things that have been passed down from the past; legacy
- i. make up or consist of
- j. area; district; neighborhood

**Part 2: Reading:** Read this travel brochure and then choose the best answer to each question that follows.

### **Tips for Traveling in Sweden—Land of a Rich Natural Heritage**

#### **1. Basic Information:**

Geographically, Sweden belongs to the region of Northern Europe called Scandinavia. Sweden is on the east side of the Scandinavian **Peninsula**, which it shares with Norway. Its capital is Stockholm. In 1995, Sweden joined the European Union, or EU, although it still uses its own currency, the Swedish Krona (SKE). Sweden is a country blessed with a rich natural environment and an abundance of natural resources. Forests cover some 53 percent of the national land area, mountains account for 11 percent, and rivers nine percent. The country's natural beauty attracts millions of tourists from all over the world, making nature tourism one of the country's most important industries.

#### **2. Lapland 1—Land of the Northern Lights:**

One of the most popular tourist activities in Sweden is a visit to the country's far north, a region known as Lapland, to take in the famous light phenomenon, the Northern Lights, or *aurora borealis*. These are bands of colored light, usually green, that can be seen in the sky at night in Lapland's extreme northern **latitudes**. The lights themselves appear throughout the year, but it is only in the dark skies of winter that visitors can enjoy them. In ancient times, these mysterious lights gave rise to all sorts of **myths** and **legends** to try to explain them.

#### **3. Lapland 2—Land of the Midnight Sun:**

Another activity at the top of the wish list for many travelers to Sweden is the 4 Midnight Sun. This is a characteristic of areas inside the **Arctic Circle**, where the sun sets near the horizon so that in the middle of summer, there is almost constant daylight and it becomes difficult to distinguish day and night. During this **remarkable** season, we recommend that visitors go hiking in the mountains of Lapland. The mystical aspects of this unique and untouched landscape at this time offer visitors a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

#### **4. Stockholm—A Cool, Urban World:**

Strikingly different from the calm, natural beauty of the north, Stockholm has a modern **atmosphere** and provides travelers with many wonderful attractions of its own. The city is over 700 years old, having been **established** as a **commercial** center in the Middle Ages. Today, it is a major international metropolis, home to some 70 art and science museums. The city has earned a reputation as a place on the cutting edge of design, fashion, art, film, and music. And last but by no means least: Stockholm is a **gastronomic** heaven. It offers a wide variety of food and drink that will make your trip even more fabulous, even more unforgettable.

◀NOTES▶ **geographically**—having to do with the physical features of the earth **peninsula**—a piece of land surrounded by three sides by water **latitudes**—imaginary lines dividing the earth into regions, measured in degrees of distance from the equator **myth**—a story that explains the early history of a people or a natural event **legend**—a traditional story from old times that may or may not be true **Arctic Circle**—the region around the North Pole **remarkable**—unusual or surprising in a way that makes people take notice **atmosphere**—the mood of a place; ambience **establish**—to start or create a system, organization, etc.; set up **commercial**—having to do with trade and business **gastronomic**—having to do with good food and eating

1. Which of these is true about Sweden?
  - (A) Sweden has already used up most of its natural resources.
  - (B) Sweden makes up all of the Scandinavian Peninsula.
  - (C) Sweden uses the Krona because it has still not joined the EU.
  - (D) Nature tourism is a thriving industry in Sweden.
  
2. Which of these makes up the largest portion of Sweden's land area?
  - (A) Mountains.
  - (B) Farmland.
  - (C) Forests.
  - (D) Lakes and rivers.
  
3. Which of these is correct about the Northern Lights?
  - (A) They are best enjoyed in winter.
  - (B) They are only a myth that started in ancient times.
  - (C) They can only be seen from inside the Arctic Circle.
  - (D) They appear in summer only.
  
4. Of these statements, which is NOT mentioned about the Midnight Sun?
  - (A) It is a popular tourist attraction.
  - (B) It is a natural phenomenon characteristic of the Arctic Circle.
  - (C) It means that the sun sets twice a day during the summer.
  - (D) It is a natural feature of Sweden that is well worth taking in.
  
5. Which statement is correct about Stockholm?
  - (A) It is a world leader in electronics manufacturing.
  - (B) It is quite a young city historically speaking.
  - (C) Its food and drink choices are rather limited.
  - (D) It has many modern cultural attractions.

**Part 3: Discussion:** Talk these questions over with your classmates.

Would you like to travel abroad? Where would you like to go? What would you like to do when you got there?