*TOEFL ITP®* Test

1. At the start of the meeting everybody was very quiet and reserved but he told a few jokes to \_\_\_\_\_\_. A) across the board B) break the ice C) broke the news D) back to the drawing board

2. He’s not very quick on the uptake, it takes him quite a while to \_\_\_\_\_\_ new ideas.

A) on to a good thing B) take on board C) bullish D) breathing down

3. We’re going to have to reduce budgets in every single department. There will be \_\_\_\_\_\_ cuts.

A) back to the drawing board B) brief C) on to a good thing D) across the board

4. My boss never gives me any freedom. She’s always \_\_\_\_\_\_ my neck.

A) broke the news B) brief C) breathing down D) back to the drawing board

5. We need a name for our new brand. The best thing is to get a few people together and try to \_\_\_\_\_\_ a name.

A) brief B) on to a good thing C) brainstorm the news D) bullish

6. I’m very happy with our sales prospects for the next year. I’m feeling really \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) bullish B) back to the drawing board C) broke the news D) on to a good thing

7. We would have liked to have looked at that but that wasn’t part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ you set us.

A) brief B) on to a good thing C) back to the drawing board D) breathing down

8. I’ve heard all about it. Sally \_\_\_\_\_\_ to me.

A) brainstorm B) on to a good thing C) back to the drawing board D) broke the news

9. I’m well aware that this is potentially a good new product and that we are probably \_\_\_\_\_\_ with it.

A) on to a good thing B) back to the drawing board C) brainstorm D) breathing down

10. I guess this market study shows that nobody wants to buy our product. It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

A) back to the drawing board B) brainstorm C) breathing down D) across the board

**Traffic Lights**

The first traffic signal was invented by a railway signaling engineer. It was installed (1)\_\_ the Houses of Parliament in 1868. It (2)\_\_ like any railway signal of the time, and was operated by gas. (3)\_\_, it exploded and killed a policeman, and the accident (4)\_\_ further development until cars became common. (5)\_\_ traffic lights are an American invention. Red-green (6)\_\_ were installed in Cleveland in 1914. Three-color signals, operated (7)\_\_ hand from a tower in the (8)\_\_ of the street, were installed in New York in 1918. The (9)\_\_ lights of this type to (10)\_\_ in Britain were in London, on the junction between St. James’s Street and Piccadilly, in 1925. Automatic signals were installed (11)\_\_ year later. In the past, traffic lights were (12)\_\_. In New York, some lights had a statue on top. In Los Angeles the lights did not just (13)\_\_ silently, but would ring bells to (14)\_\_ the sleeping motorists of the 1930s. These are gone and have been (15)\_\_ by standard models which are universally adopted.

1. A) outside B) out C) out of D) outdoors

2. A) resembled B) looked C) showed D) seemed

3. A) However B) Therefore C) Although D) Despite

4. A) forbade B) disappointed C) avoided D) discouraged

5. A) New B) Recent C) Modern D) Late

6. A) methods B) ways C) systems D) means

7. A) by B) with C) through D) in

8. A) middle B) heart C) focus D) halfway

9. A) original B) primary C) first D) early

10. A) show B) appear C) happen D) become

11. A) a B) in the C) in a D) the

12. A) various B) particular C) rare D) special

13. A) change B) alter C) vary D) move

14. A) rise B) raise C) wake D) get up

15. A) reproduced B) replaced C) removed D) remained