Estimating Scores for Mini-Tests Tests

NOTE: The formulas for calculating actual scores for any given form of the iBT are known only to the Educational Testing Service (ETS), the issuer of official TOEFL® scores. Any "score" given for a practice mini-test is only an estimate that shows the general level a student might approach if a real score were issued.

The following method can be used for calculating scores on the mini-practice tests in *The Michigan Guide to Teaching EAP Skills for the TOEFL iBT.*

Mini-Practice Test 1 (pp. 146 – 158)

To calculate approximate reading and listening scores

1. Check answers in the practice test answer key (p. 158)

2. Compute a raw score.

   Reading

   ․ For a correct answer to each of the 10 multiple-choice questions, 1 point.

   ․ For the Prose Summary on p. 150, 2 points if all three answers are chosen correctly, 1 point if only two correct, 0 points if fewer than two correct.

   Total possible in reading section: 12

   Listening

   ․ For a correct answer to each of the 7 multiple-choice questions, 1 point.

Total possible in listening section: 7

3) Divide each raw score by the total possible (12 in reading, 7 in listening) to get a percentage for that section.

4) Use the following table to estimate a section score out of 30.

Reading	
Percentage	Score
100	30
92	26
83	23
75	19
67	16
58	13
50	9
42	5
33	3
25	2
17	1
9	0

Listening	
Percentage	Score
100	30
86	23
71	17
57	12
43	7
28	4
14	1

Remember that this table is meant only as a rough guide and does not give official scores.

Writing and Speaking Scores

A student can get an approximate score only if his or her writing and speaking answers are rated by proficient speakers of English who know how to use the rating criteria. The appropriate criteria can be found in *The Michigan Guide to English for Academic Success and Better TOEFL® Test Scores (MGEAS)* as follows

Mini-Practice Test Question	Type of Task	Rating Criteria from MGEAS Found on
Speaking question 1	Independent speaking	p. 192
Speaking question 2	Integrated speaking	p. 196
Writing task	Independent writing	p. 140

These criteria can be used to place each writing sample on a scale of 0 (little or no relevant response) to 5 (highly effective) and each spoken answer on a scale of 0 to 4.

To calculate a converted speaking score:

1. Add the score for each speaking task to get a raw score out of 8.

2. Use the speaking conversion table (below) to convert this raw score to a score on a 30-point scale.

To calculate a converted writing score:

1. If two raters have scored a piece of writing, average their scores (add and divide by 2). If only one rater has scored the paper, that rater's score stands.

2. Add the score for the independent writing task and the score for the integrated writing task to get a raw score out of 10.

3. Use the writing conversion table (below) to convert this raw score to a score on a 30-point scale. (Note: Do not just multiply the raw score by 3.)

Conversion Scale: Speaking

raw score	converted score
8	30
7	24
6	18
5	12
4	6
3	2
2	1
1	0
0	0

Conversion Scale: Writing

raw score	converted score
10	30
9.5	29
9.0	28
8.5	27

8.0	26
7.5	24
7.0	22
6.5	21
6.0	20
5.5	18
5.0	17
4.5	16
4.0	14
3.5	12
3.0	11
2.5	10
2.0	8
1.5	7
1.0	6
0.5	4
0	0

Calculating an approximate score for the entire practice test:

Simply add the four approximate converted scores—reading, listening, writing, and speaking—together to get a score out of 120.

Mini-Practice Test 2 (pp. 159-175)

To calculate approximate reading and listening scores

1. Check answers in the practice test answer key (p. 175)

2. Compute a raw score.

   Reading

   . For a correct answer to each of the 5 multiple-choice questions, 1 point.

   . For the Prose Summary on p. 162, 2 points if all three answers are chosen correctly, 1 point if only two correct, 0 points if fewer than two correct.

   Total possible in reading section: 7

   Listening

   . For a correct answer to each of the 8 questions, 1 point. Note that in Question 5, all items in the table must be correct.

   Total possible in listening section: 8

3. Divide each raw score by the total possible (7 in reading, 8 in listening) to get a percentage for that section

4. Use the following table to estimate a section score out of 30.

Reading	
Percentage	Score
100	30
86	23
71	17
57	12
43	7
28	4
14	1
0	9

Listening	
Percentage	Score
100	30
88	25
75	19
63	14
50	10
38	6
25	4
13	1
0	0

Remember that these tables are meant only as a rough guide and do not yield official scores.

Speaking and Writing Scores

A student can get an approximate score only if his or speaking and writing responses are rated by proficient speakers of English who know how to use the rating criteria. The appropriate criteria can be found in *The Michigan Guide to English for Academic Success and Better TOEFL® Test Scores (MGEAS)* as follows:

Mini-Practice Test Question	Type of Task	Rating Criteria for MGEAS Found on
Speaking question 1	Independent speaking	p. 192
Speaking question 2	Integrated speaking	p. 196
Speaking question 3	Integrated speaking	p. 196
Writing task	Integrated writing	p. 160

These criteria can be used to place each writing sample on a scale of 0 (little or no relevant response) to 5 (highly effective) and each spoken answer on a scale of 0 to 4.

To calculate a converted speaking score:

1. Add the score for each speaking task to get a raw score out of 12.

2. Use the speaking conversion table (below) to convert this raw score to a score on a 30-point scale.

To calculate a converted writing score:

1. If two raters have scored the piece of writing, average their scores (add and divide by 2). If only one rater has scored the paper, that rater's score stands.

2. Use the writing conversion table (below) to convert this raw score to a score on a 30-point scale. (<u>Note:</u> Do not just multiply the raw score by 6.)

Conversion Scale: Speaking

raw score	converted score
12	30
11	26
10	23
9	19
8	16
7	13
6	9
5	5
4	3
3	2
1	0
0	0

Conversion Scale: Writing

raw score	converted score
5.0	30
4.5	27
4.0	23
3.5	20
3.0	16
2.5	12

2.0	**9**
1.5	**6**
1.0	**3**
0.5	**1**
0.0	**0**

Calculating an approximate score for the entire practice test:

Simply add the four approximate converted scores—reading, listening, writing, and speaking—together to get a score out of 120.