

PTE Reading Practice Test 10

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Look at the text below with blanks. Choose the appropriate word from the provided lists for each blank.

Item 1:

To learn the speech of alchemy, an early form of chemistry in which people attempted to turn metals into gold, it helps to think back to a time when there was no _____: no atomic number or weight, no periodic chart no list of elements to the alchemists the _____ was not made of leptons, bosons, gluons, and quarks. Instead it was made of substances, and one substance- say, walnut oil-could be just as _____ as another-say, silver-even though modern _____ would say one is heterogeneous and the other homogeneous. Without knowledge of atomic structures, how would it be _____ to tell elements from compounds?

1. biology, science, technology, history
2. universe, universal, worldwide, world
3. all, completed, pure, wholesome
4. affidavit, law, scientists, medicine
5. proper, necessary, impossible, possible

Item 2:

Charles Darwin knew intuitively that tropical forests were places of _____ intricacy and energy. He and his cohort of scientific naturalists were _____ by the beauty of the Neotropics, where they collected tens of thousands of _____ new to science. But they couldn't have guessed at the complete contents of the rainforest, and they had no idea of its _____ to humankind.

1. colossal, various, tremendous, overwhelming
2. vadmired, influenced, awed, appreciated
3. specialities, species, spices, specifications
4. value, profit, price, power

Item 3:

The last tourists may have been leaving the valley of the kings on the west bank in Luxor but the area in front of the tomb of Tutankhamun remained far from deserted. Instead of the _____ usually descends on the area in-the evening it was a hive of activity. TV crews' trailed masses of equipment, journalists milled and photographers held their cameras at

the ready. The reason? For the first time since Howard Carter _____ the tomb in 1922 the mummy of Tutankhamun was being prepared for public display. Inside the subterranean burial chamber Egypt's archaeology supreme Zahi Hawass, accompanied by four Egyptologists, two restorers and three workmen, were slowly lifting the mummy from the golden sarcophagus where it has rested -- mostly undisturbed -- for more than 3,000 years. The body was then placed on a wooden stretcher and _____ to its new home, a high - tech, climate- controlled plexi-glass showcase located in the outer chamber of the tomb where, covered in linen with only the face and feet exposed, it now greets visitors.

1. tranquility, kindness, beauty, peace
2. discovered, founded, showed, invented
3. commuted, transported, moved, convey

Item 4:

Life expectancy at birth is one of the most widely used and internationally recognized indicators of population health. It focuses on the length of life _____ than its quality, and provides a useful summary of the general health of the population. While an indicator describing how long Australians live that simultaneously takes into account quality of life would be a desirable summary measure of progress in the area, currently no such measure exists, and this is why life expectancy at birth is used as the main progress Indicator here. During the decade 1999 to 2009, life expectancy at birth improved for both sexes. A girl born in 2009 could expect to reach 83.9 years of age, _____ a boy could expect to live to 79. 3 years Over the decade, boys' life expectancy increased _____ more than girls' (3.1 compared with 2.1 years.) This saw the gap between the sexes' life expectancy decrease by one year to 4.6 years. In the longer term, increases in life expectancy also occurred over most of the 20th century. Unfortunately, life expectancy isn't shared across the whole population though, being lower in Tasmania and the northern territory, and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander. An exhibit that brings together for the first _____ landscapes painted by French impressionist Pierre Auguste Renoir comes to the national gallery of Canada this June. The gallery in Ottawa worked with the National Gallery of London and the Philadelphia Museum of Art to _____ together the collection of 60 Renoir _____ from 45 public and private collections.

1. rather, other, more, less
2. as, however, nonetheless, while
3. slightly, marginally, significantly, tremendously
4. age, date, time, year
5. push, pull, put, pour
6. paints, creation, paintings, impasto

Item 5:

Dogs make great _____ because both man and man's best friend use analogous brain regions to process the voices. Researchers collected almost 200 sound samples, including human and canine vocalizations, as well _____ noise silence. They played these clips to 22 people and 11 dogs while the subjects' brains were _____ MRI scans. Human brains tuned in most to vocal sounds. Dog brains were the most sensitive environmental noises. But they still had a Latin common. A _____ brain area reacted to the vocalizations, a different to cheery sounds like _____ reaction to unhappy noises. The study is in the journal Current Biology.

1. shillalas, listeners, temptresses, heterosexuals
2. sickle, credential, environmental, committal
3. chalking, gloating, crossing, undergoing
4. functional, refundable, expendable, caterwaul
5. hangnail, laughter, latter, filibuster

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

The text boxes in the left panel have been placed in a random order. Restore the original order by marking it in the correct order.

Item 1:

- A. In other media- newspapers, magazines, newspaper supplements, billboard and radio, food advertising expenditures rank near the top.
- B. Food manufactures spend more on advertising than any other manufacturing group and the nation's grocery stores rank first among all retailers
- C. Foods are overwhelmingly the most advertised group of all consumer products in the U.S.
- D. Food products lead in expenditures for network and spot television advertisements, discount coupons, trading stamps, contests, and other forms of premium advertising.

Item 2:

- A. On television, in a series of debates with opponent Richard Nixon, he appeared able, articulate and energetic.
- B. In his first inaugural address he concluded with an eloquent plea; "Ask not what your country can do for you— ask what you can do for your country."
- C. John F. Kennedy, Democratic victor in the election of 1960, was 43. The youngest man ever to win the presidency.
- D. In the campaign, he spoke of moving aggressively into the new decade, for 'the New Frontier is here whether we seek it or not'.

Item 3:

- A. He has a fanatical devotion to detail.
- B. Mr D Gautama's personality sets him apart from the rest.
- C. Nothing is too small for his attention.
- D. This is what makes him a different guy.

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

In the text below some words are missing. Pick words from the box below to the appropriate place in the text.

Item 1:

Bhutan is the last standing Buddhist Kingdom in the World and, until recently, has _____ much of their culture since the 17th century by avoiding globalization and staying isolated from the world Internet, television, and western dress were banned from the country up until ten years ago. But over the past ten years globalization has begun to change in Bhutan, but things remain _____ balanced.

Bhutan is the only country in the world that has a 'GNH' . You may think GNH is just another _____ based term with no real-life application, but it refers to "Gross National Happiness." The process of measuring GNH began when Bhutan opened to globalization. It measures people's quality of life, and makes sure that "material and spiritual development happen together." Bhutan has done an amazing Job of finding this balance. Bhutan has continually been (ranked) as the happiest country in all of Asia, and the eighth Happiest Country in the world according to Business Week. In 2007, Bhutan had the second fastest growing GDP in the world, at the same time as _____ its environment and cultural identity.

Bhutan is the only Buddhist Kingdom in the world; Mahayana Buddhism is the _____ religion of Bhutan. Over two thirds of the people are Buddhist, and Buddhism is _____ by the government both _____ and economically. The government gives _____ to Buddhist monasteries, shrines, monks and other Buddhist programs.

<i>Maintaining</i>	<i>Subsidies</i>	<i>Preserved</i>	<i>Politically</i>
<i>Statistically</i>	<i>Official</i>	<i>Perfectly</i>	<i>Supported</i>

Item 2:

Australia is a dynamic multicultural society, viewed by many as the world's most desirable place to live. Here Frank Welsh traces Australia's intriguing and varied history to _____ how this society _____, from its ancient Aborigine tribes and earliest British convict _____ to today's modern nation - one that _____ strong links with its colonial past but is _____ independent and diverse.

Settlements

Increasingly

Examine

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Retains

Item 3:

Agrarian parties are political parties chiefly representing the interests of peasants or, more broadly, the rural sector of society. The extent to which they are important, or _____ they even exist, depends mainly _____ two factors.

on

whether

Item 4:

Research has suggested that major stresses in our lives are life _____, for example, moving house, marriage or relationship breakdown. Work-related factors, _____ unemployment and boredom, are also common _____ of stress. Differences in personality may also _____ a part.

including

changes

play

causes

Sample Answers

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Item 1:

1. Science
2. Universe
3. Pure
4. Scientists
5. Possible

Item 2:

1. Tremendous
2. Awed
3. Species
4. Value

Item 3:

1. Tranquility
2. Discovered
3. Transported

Item 4:

1. Rather
2. While
3. Slightly
4. Time
5. Pull
6. Paintings

Item 5:

1. Listeners
2. Environmental
3. Undergoing
4. Functional
5. Dedicated
6. Laughter

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

Item 1:

CDAB

Item 2:

CBAD

Item 3:

BACD

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Preserved
2. Perfectly
3. Statistically
4. Maintaining
5. Official
6. Supported
7. Politically
8. Subsidies

Item 2:

1. Examine
2. Emerged
3. Settlements
4. Retains
5. Increasingly

Item 3:

1. Whether
2. On

Item 4:

1. Changes
2. Including
3. Causes

4. Play