

PTE Reading Practice Test 2

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:

Since the last papal reform, several _____ have been _____ to make the Western calendar more useful or _____. Very few reforms, such as the rather different decimal French Republican and Soviet calendars, had gained official _____, but each was put out of use shortly after its introduction.

1. arguments, essays, assumptions, proposals
2. expected, accomplished, overthrown, offered
3. portable, strict, regular, abnormal
4. accepted, accept, acceptance, accepting

Item 2:

Serving on a jury is normally compulsory for individuals who are _____ for jury service. A jury is _____ to be an impartial panel capable of reaching a verdict. There are often _____ and requirements, including a fluent understanding of the language and the opportunity to test juror's neutrality or otherwise exclude jurors who are perceived as likely to be less than _____ or partial to one side.

1. Qualified, equalled, capable, able
2. Used, intended, likely, failed
3. Steps, stages, procedures, necessities
4. Central, natural, supportive, neutral

Item 3:

A herbal is a book of plants, describing their appearance, their properties and how they may be used for preparing ointments and medicines. The medical use of plants is _____ on fragments of papyrus and clay tablets from ancient Egypt, Samaria and China that date back 5,000 years but document traditions far older still. Over 700 herbal remedies were detailed in the Papyrus Ebers, an Egyptian text written in 1500 BC. Around 65 BC, a Greek physician called Dioscorides wrote a herbal that was _____ into Latin and Arabic. Known as 'De materia medica', it became the most influential work on medicinal plants in both Christian and Islamic worlds until the late 17th century. An illustrated manuscript copy of the text made in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) _____ from the sixth century. The first printed

herbals date from the dawn of European printing in the 1480s. They provided valuable information for apothecaries, whose job it was to make the pills and potions _____ by physicians. In the next century, landmark herbals were produced in England by William Turner, considered to be the father of British botany, and John Gerard, whose illustrations would _____ the floral fabric, wallpaper and tile designs of William Morris four centuries later.

1. Recorded, registered, kept, memorized
2. Moved, translated, interpreted, removed
3. Remains, survives, leaves, suffers
4. determined, instructed, prescribed, pointed
5. stimulate, simulate, wake, inspire

Item 4:

English has been changing throughout its lifetime and it's still changing today. For most of us, these changes are fine as long as they're well and truly in the past. Paradoxically, we can be _____ about word origins and the stories behind the structures we find in our language, but we _____ a queasy distaste for any change that might be happening right under our noses. There are even language critics who are _____ that English is dying, or if not dying at least being progressively _____ through long years of mistreatment.

1. scared, cranky, worried, curious
2. have, with scare, deal, experience
3. satisfied, persuaded, reassured, convinced
4. crippled, lost, disabled, dented

Item 5:

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Friday at 1845 GMT (1445 EDT), reaching orbit 9 minutes later. The rocket lofted an uncrewed _____ of SpaceX's Dragon capsule, which is designed to one-day carry both crew and cargo to orbit. This has been a good day for SpaceX and a _____ development for the US human space flight programme,' said Robyn Ringette of SpaceX in a webcast of the launch. In a teleconference with the media on Thursday, SpaceX's CEO, Paypal co-founder Elon Musk, said he would consider the flight 100 percent successful if it reached _____. ' Even if we prove just that the first stage functions correctly, I'd still say that's a good day for a test,' he said. ' It's a great day if both stages work correctly.' SpaceX hopes to win a NASA _____ to launch astronauts to the International Space Station using the Falcon 9. US government space shuttles, which currently make these trips, are scheduled to _____ for safety reasons at the end of 2010.

1. setup, mockup, setting, base

2. promising, hopefully, rapid, encouraging
3. track, orbit, path, trajectory
4. trust, contract, support, arrangement
5. accelerate, launch, resign, retire

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. But what Darwin rightly recognized is that—panda fans avert your eyes – worm conservation is much more important once we factor in their provision of what we now call “ecosystem services”, which are crucial to human survival.
- B. Not all wildlife is created equal in our eyes.
- C. Take the earthworm, which doesn’t have the widespread appeal of larger, more charismatic animals such as gorillas, tigers or pandas.
- D. Worms are never going to get a strong “cute response” and they won’t ever be the face of a conservation campaign.

Item 2:

- A. Later on, someone invented a new wagon.
- B. With industrial development, steel railway was invented in the year” which then replaced wood railway.
- C. The railway can save time and money.
- D. The railway is a good invention, but there is only a wooden railway in the beginning.

Item 3:

- A. For example...
- B. Students may not know how to achieve high marks in exams.
- C. Actually, you don’t have to write down everything you know.
- D. And then you will have an idea of what you should write.
- E. Before writing, you should figure out what the question is after, and what is not relevant,

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:

Team Lab’s digital mural at the entrance to Tokyo’s Skytree, one of the world’s tallest skyscrapers, is 40 meters long and immensely detailed. But _____ massive this form of digital art becomes — and it’s a form subject to rampant inflation — Inoko’s theories about art are based on more modest and often pre-digital sources. An early devotee of comic books and cartoons (no surprises there), then computer games, he recognized when he started to look at traditional Japanese art that all those forms had something _____: something about the way they captured space. In his discipline of physics, Inoko had been taught that photographic lenses, _____ the conventions of western art, were the logical way of transforming three dimensions into two, conveying the real world onto a flat surface. _____ Japanese traditions employed “a different spatial logic”, as he said in an interview last year with j-collabo.org, that is “uniquely Japanese”.

<i>but</i>	<i>however</i>	<i>along with</i>	<i>in common</i>
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Item 2:

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 rather _____ 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 _____ 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, while a boy could expect to live to 79.3 years. _____ the decade, boys’ life expectancy increased slightly more than girls’ (3.1 compared with 2.1 years). This saw the _____ 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 peoples.

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Item 3:

Since nutrition scientists are constantly making new discoveries, we need to revise our _____ for healthy eating from time to time. However, nutrition is an art as well as a _____. It’s an art because it requires creativity to develop a healthy eating plan for people who differ in their food preferences, beliefs and culture, let alone in their nutritional needs according to their genes and life stage. As we discover more about how our

genes and our environment _____, it's becoming increasingly difficult to provide a single set of dietary recommendations that will be _____ for everyone.

recommendations

interact

science

suitable

Item 4:

It would be reassuring to think that the electorate chooses who to vote for based on the candidates' track records and future policy promises. _____, many of us are swayed simply by the way that politicians look. Consider a 2009 study that asked Swiss students to look at multiple pairs of unfamiliar French political candidates and in each case to select the one who looked most competent. Most of the time, the candidate selected by students _____ looking the most competent was also the one who'd had real life electoral success, the implication being that voters too had been swayed by the candidates' appearance (there's little evidence that appearance and competence actually _____). Unsurprisingly, being attractive also helps win votes, especially in war time (in peacetime, looking trustworthy is more of an advantage). Other research has shown that we're more likely to vote for male and female candidates with deeper voices.

In truth

as

correlate

Sample Answers

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Proposals
2. Offered
3. Regular
4. Acceptance

Item 2:

1. Qualified
2. Intended
3. Procedures
4. Neutral

Item 3:

1. Recorded
2. Translated
3. Survives
4. Prescribed
5. Inspire

Item 4:

1. Curious
2. Experience
3. Convinced
4. Crippled

Item 5:

1. Mockup
2. Promising
3. Orbit
4. Contract
5. Retire

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

Item 1:

BCDA

Item 2:

DCAB

Item 3:

BCEDA

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. However
2. In common
3. Along with
4. But

Item 2:

1. Than
2. Desirable
3. Over
4. Gap

Item 3:

1. Recommendations
2. Science
3. Interact
4. Suitable

Item 4:

1. In truth
2. As
3. Correlate