

PTE Reading Practice Test 5

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:

An _____ type of diamond may have come to Earth from outer space, scientists say. Called carbonado or "black" diamonds, the _____ stones are found in Brazil and the Central African Republic. They are _____ for being the color of charcoal and full of frothy bubbles. The diamonds, which can _____ at more than 3,600 carats, can also have a face that looks like melted glass. Because of their _____ appearance, the diamonds are _____ as gemstones. But they do have industrial applications and were used in the drill bits that helped dig the Panama Canal. Now a team led by Stephen Haggerty of Florida International University in Miami has presented a new study _____ that the odd stones were brought to Earth by an asteroid billions of years ago. The findings were published online in the journal *Astrophysical Journal Letters* on December 20. The scientists exposed polished pieces of carbonado to extremely intense infrared light. The test revealed the presence of many hydrogen-carbon bonds, indicating that the diamonds probably formed in a hydrogen-rich environment—such as that found in space. The diamonds also showed strong _____ to tiny Nano diamonds, which are frequently found in meteorites. "They're not identical," Haggerty said, "but they're very _____." Astrophysicists, he added, have developed theories predicting that Nano diamonds form easily in the titanic stellar explosions called supernovas, which scatter debris through interstellar space. The deposits in the Central African Republic and Brazil, he said, _____ come from the impact of a diamond-rich asteroid billions of years ago, when South America and Africa were joined.

1. Eccentric, exotic, weird, terrific
2. Mysterious, surprised, miracle, common
3. Common, ugly, abnormal, unusual
4. Count, weigh, value, weight
5. Pretty, mysterious, common, odd
6. Perfect, unsuitable, remarkable, suitable
7. Proving, suggesting, imposing, declaring
8. Similarities, connections, differences, relationship
9. Different, similar, related, identical
10. Probably, definitely absolutely, usually

Item 2:

There were twenty-six freshmen _____ in English at Beijing Language Institute in the class of 1983. I was assigned to Group Two with another eleven boys and girls who had _____ from big cities in China. I was _____ that language study required smallness so that we would each get more attention from the skillful teachers. The better the school, the smaller the class. I realized that my classmates were ready all _____ in English, simple sentences tossed out to each other in their red-faced introductions and carefree chatting. Their intonations were curving and dramatic and their pronunciation refined and accurate. But as I stretched to catch the drips and drops of their humming dialogue, I couldn't _____ it all, only that it was English. Those words now flying before me sounded a little familiar. I had read them and tried to speak them, but I had never heard them _____ back to me in such a speedy, fluent manner. My big plan of _____ the city folks was thawing before my eyes.

1. Majoring, considering, taking, studying
2. Derived, come, originated, emerged
3. Told, informed, announced, instructed
4. Speaking, saying, talking, expressing
5. Accept, master, understand, figure
6. Have spoken, spoke, speaking, spoken
7. Beating, conquering, failing, supporting

Item 3:

Drive down any highway, and you'll see a proliferation of chain restaurants—most likely, if you travel long and far enough you'll see McDonald's golden arches as well as signs for Burger King, Hardee's, and Wendy's the "big four" of burgers. Despite its name, Burger King has fallen short of _____ the burger crown, unable to surpass market leader McDonald's No. 1 sales status. Always the bridesmaid and never the bride, Burger King remains No. 2. Worse yet, Burger King has experienced a six-year 22 percent decline in customer traffic, with its overall quality rating dropping while ratings for the other three _____ have increased. The decline has been _____ to inconsistent product quality and poor customer service. Although the chain tends to throw advertising dollars at the problem, an understanding of Integrated Marketing Communication theory would suggest that internal management problems (nineteen CEOs in fifty years) need to be _____ before a unified, long-term strategy can be put in place. The _____ of _____ in brand image and messages, at all levels of communication, has become a basic tenet of IMC theory and practice. The person who takes the customer's order must communicate the same message as Burger King's famous tagline, "Have it your way," or the customer will just buzz up the highway to a chain restaurant that seems more consistent and, therefore, more _____.

1. Claiming, winning, getting, filing
2. Participants, contestants, contenders, members

3. Dedicated, attributed, contributed, due
4. Rectified, realized, recognized, ratified
5. Importance, principal, significant, result
6. Quality, service, consistency, management
7. Available, reputable, quality, reliable

Item 4:

The first section of the book covers new modes of assessment. In Chapter 1, Kimbell (Goldsmith College, London) responds to _____ of design programs as formalistic and conventional, stating that a focus on risk-taking rather than hard work in design innovation is equally problematic. His research contains three parts that include preliminary exploration of design innovation qualities, investigation of resulting classroom practices, and development of evidence-based assessment. The assessment he describes is presented in the form of a structured worksheet, which includes a collaborative _____ and digital photographs, in story format. Such a device encourages stimulating ideas, but does not recognize students as design _____. The assessment sheet includes holistic impressions as well as details about "having, growing, and proving" ideas. _____ judgments are evident in terms such as "wow" and "yawn" and reward the quality and quantity of ideas with the term, "sparkiness", which fittingly is a pun as the model project was to design light bulb packaging. In addition, the assessment focuses on the process of optimizing or complexity control as well as proving ideas with thoughtful criticism and not just generation of novel ideas. The definitions for qualities such as "technical" and "aesthetic" pertaining to users, are too narrow and ill defined. The author provides _____ of the project, its features and structures, students' notes and judgments, and their sketches and photographs of finished light bulb packages, in the Appendix.

1. Praise, results, criticisms, compliments
2. Line, element, factor, figure
3. Makers, leaders, students, innovators
4. Colloquial, formal, traditional, subjective
5. Results, examples, themes, ideas

Item 5:

HERIOT-WATT University in Edinburgh has become the first in Europe to offer an MBA in Arabic. Arab students will be able to sign up to study at a _____ for the business courses in their own language. The Edinburgh Business School _____ the project at a reception in Cairo on Saturday. It is hoped the course will improve links between the university and the Arab business world. A university spokeswoman said: "The Arabic MBA will _____ the profile of Heriot-Watt University and the Edinburgh Business School among businesses in the Arabic speaking world and will create a strong network of graduates in the _____." The first _____ of students is expected later this year. Professor Keith Lumsden, director of Edinburgh Business School, said: "Arabic is a major global language and

the Arab world is a center for business and industrial development. We are proud to work with Arab International Education to _____ the demands of the region."

1. Distance, discount, distribution, level
2. Announced, convinced, declared, suggested
3. Raise, rise, bring, strengthen
4. Local, region, place, size
5. Enroll, group, intake, season
6. meet, increase the reputation, improve the economy, promote the language

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. It is not as simple as it appears.
- B. Motivation practices and theories are difficult subjects relying on several disciplines.
- C. The job of a manager in the workplace is to get things done through employees.
- D. To do this, the manager should be able to motivate his/her employees.

Item 2:

- A. Yet it threw off the older medium crisis, removing at a stroke the painting's unique capacity to bear witness.
- B. How these two medinas leapfrogged through the Victorian age, defining themselves against one another, is the subject of Tate Britain's exhibition Painting with Light.
- C. Photography, from its appearance in 1839, looked to painting for fundamental models of depiction.
- D. Dependence, rivalry, envy, emulation: painting and photography, like members of a dysfunctional yet inseparable family, just cannot cast off lineages of influence and appropriation.

Item 3:

- A. Back in 2008 a small company in San Francisco called Airbnb had a dream.
- B. Fast Forward to 2016 and the big, successful Airbnb is considered a mainstay of what we now call "the sharing economy".
- C. People with spare bedrooms would welcome strangers into their homes and share restaurant recommendations with them for a small fee.
- D. It is also the business that defines the mentality of the millennial generation.

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:

One of the characteristics of 'good' information identified earlier was that it should be 'balanced'. In an _____ world, 'objective' or 'balanced' information would present all the evidence for and against, and leave you to weigh this up and draw _____. In the real world, however, we recognize that all information presents a position of interest, although this may not necessarily be intentional. Objectivity may therefore be an unachievable ideal. This means that the onus is on you as the reader and user of the information to develop a _____ awareness of the positions represented in what you read, and to take _____ of this when you interpret the information. In some cases, authors may _____ express a particular viewpoint – this is perfectly valid as long as they are open about the perspective they represent. Hidden bias, whether or not it is _____, can be misleading.

deliberate

explicitly

account

critical

conclusions

ideal

Item 2:

The Alpine Newt is native to much of central, continental Europe and _____ up the coasts of northeast France through to Holland but it does not _____ to have been native to the British Isles. As its name _____ it can be found in montane habitats up to 2,500 meters in _____ but it can also be abundant in lowlands, and it will use a _____ of water-bodies including both shallow and deep ponds and slow flowing streams (Griffiths, 1995).

suggests

appear

variety

altitude

occurs

Item 3:

To _____ as a conservancy, a committee must define the conservancy's boundary, elect a representative conservancy committee, negotiate a legal constitution, prove the committee's ability to manage funds, and produce an acceptable plan for _____ distribution of wildlife-related benefits. Once approved, registered conservancies acquire the _____ to a sustainable wildlife quota, set by the ministry.

qualify

rights

equitable

Item 4:

Academic writing is an _____ of logic that is the product of thinking. This _____ that the writing that you produce is a _____ of your intellectual abilities. It puts into words your knowledge and your conceptual understanding and shows _____ of your ability to think critically.

reflection

evidence

expression

means

Sample Answers

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Exotic
2. Mysterious
3. Unusual
4. Weigh
5. Odd
6. Unsuitable
7. Suggesting
8. Similarities
9. Similar
10. Probably

Item 2:

1. Majoring
2. Come
3. Told
4. Talking
5. Understand
6. Spoken
7. Beating

Item 3:

1. Claiming
2. Contenders
3. Attributed
4. Rectified
5. Importance
6. Consistency
7. Reliable

Item 4:

1. Criticism
2. Element
3. Innovators
4. Colloquial

5. Examples

Item 5:

1. Distance
2. Announced
3. Raise
4. Region
5. Intake
6. Meet

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

Item 1:

CDAB

Item 2:

DCAB

Item 3:

ACBD

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Ideal
2. Conclusions
3. Critical
4. Account
5. Explicitly
6. Deliberate

Item 2:

1. Occurs
2. Appear
3. Suggests
4. Altitude
5. Variety

Item 3:

1. Qualify
2. Equitable
3. Rights

Item 4:

1. Expression
2. Means
3. Reflection
4. Evidence